



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st December, 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in
Bridgerule Village Hall**

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. K. James

Councillors: Cllrs, J. Medland, J. McDougall, P. Haydon, S. Sharp, G. Abbott, Seymour-Smith, K. Davey, A. Johnston and J. Giles

In Attendance: Parish Clerk

633. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr. Parsons and PCSO Bray had sent apologies

634. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

635. PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

636. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bray had sent apologies.

637. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Parsons had sent apologies.

638. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November, 2011 had previously been circulated. Cllr. James proposed the Minutes be approved. Cllr. Davey seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

639. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

640. ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were presented for payment:

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL - INVOICES PAID IN DECEMBER 2011							-
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE							-
Date	Pay To	Voucher	Gross	Net	VAT	Reason	
21.12.11	Short & Abbott	463	£64.20	£53.50	£10.70	Chains etc. for new swing seat	
21.12.11	M. Fenner	464	£156.43	£156.43		Salary	
21.12.11	Wakeham Asbestos Consultancy Ltd	465	£420.00	£350.00	£70.00	Asbestos report - Village Hall Grant	
TOTAL			£640.63	£559.93	£80.70		
Bank Accounts							
<u>Current Account</u>			<u>Reserve Account</u>				
Balance at 19 October		5,482.13					£4,998.35

			0.5	Interest June 11
457		£156.43	0.5	Interest Sept 11
458		£500.00		
460		£29.77		
		<u>£686.20</u>		
			£4,999.35	At 19 October - £185.67 P. Plan
Balance at 19 November		4795.93	£4,813.18	Available to Council as Reserves

Cllr. McDougall proposed the payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Seymour-Smith and unanimously agreed. (Vote 10 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

641. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. ABBOTT RE. PURCHASING LAND TO EXTEND THE PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL PITCH AND AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. JAMES RE. THE EXTENSION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVER BANK WALK.

Cllr. Abbott reported that he continues to pursue possible funding opportunities. Cllr. James again confirmed that until the land involving the river bank walk is sold this 'project' cannot proceed

642. PLANNING

No applications had been received.

The Clerk brought to Cllrs'. attention the following permissions and refusal:

Permissions

1/0453/2011/FUL Retrospective application for change of roof from hip to gable
Poppins
Jewells Cross
Bridgerule

1/0971/2011/FUL Alteration and extension to include addition of first floor and double
Linthan garage
Bridgerule

1/0035/2011/FULM Proposed solar voltaic park and associated buildings Revised site
Land at Bradford
Manor Farm
Pyworthy

Refusals

1/0743/2011/FUL Erection of dwelling
Site at Canal Rise
Bridgerule

643. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk confirmed that she had reported flooding in the proximity of Mr. K. Chilton's property, caused by recent work by DCC Highways. Cllr. Giles asked the Clerk to report a damaged sign, indicating road narrowing, outside the Short & Abbot business. Cllr. Haydon asked the Clerk to report a 30mph sign on the road from Jewells Cross down to Littlebridge Meadows which needs attention. The Clerk will report these to DCC Highways. The Clerk had forwarded the 'phone number of Mr. M. Newcombe, DCC Highways, to Cllr. James (see Item 625 Council Minutes 16th November, 2011) to enable a meeting to be arranged.

644. EMERGENCY PLANNING.

The Clerk asked Cllr. Sharp if the salt gritter was now in the possession of Bridgerule Parish Council. He confirmed that it was. The Clerk will therefore organise the necessary addition to the insurance

premium. Cllr. Sharp also confirmed that he now had the services of two volunteers and that he would receive a text message if bad weather, necessitating the use of the gritter, was forecast.

645. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Seymour-Smith gave a brief report. A meeting of the Hall Committee had taken place and the adoption of the 'small charity constitution' was discussed; portions of the guttering had been replaced and a cctv investigation of the drains had taken place, showing a blockage. This will need further investigation.

646. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received – 16 November – 20 December 2011

1. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
2. Holsworthy Motor Club – event in February 2012
3. TDC – electoral register
4. CAB – thank you for grant
5. Cllr. S-Smith – info. re. invoices
6. DCC – monthly newsletter
7. Village Green – winter edition
8. DCC – part night lighting (**forwarded to Cllrs**)
9. Cllr. S-Smith – Agenda item re. Hall
10. **DCC – night lighting 2 – (forwarded to Cllrs)**
11. J. Wood – Hls Motor Club Trial – route & confirmation (**circ. to Cllrs**)
12. Cllr. S-Smith – various queries re. vat and hall invoices
13. Rural Services – weekly newsletter
14. DALC – notification on possible limiting precepts (does not affect Town/Parish Councils yet)
15. **DCC- copy of e-mail to Cllr. Parsons after Clerk's query regarding invoice for salt spreader**

Highlighted items brought to Cllrs' attention.

Correspondence Sent – 17 November – 21 December 2011

1. CAB – grant cheque
2. TDC – Planning decisions (copies in file)
3. **S. Phillips – Highways dissatisfaction with damage to roads/subsequent 'repairs'**
4. TDC – Precept for 2012/2013 (copy in file)
5. R. Glover – cheque re. grass cutting invoice
6. Holsworthy Motor Club – clarification of route
7. **Wakeham Asbestos – chasing invoice – survey at Hall**
8. **Wakeham Asbestos – requesting VAT no (not on invoice)**
9. Cllr. S-Smith reply to queries re. VAT etc.
10. **Wakeham Asbestos – further chase pointing out illegal not to have VAT on invoice if registered**
11. **Cllr. Parsons – re. invoice for salt spreader**

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647. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. James reported that he had attended a MCTi (Market and Coastal Towns Initiative) meeting at which the involvement of local parish councils, looking at assistance being given to projects which would benefit the parishes and surrounding areas. He gave a brief explanation of the historic background of the MCTi.

648. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk explained that the Council would now be using a 'logo' designed by Rose Hitchings on its letterhead and other stationery. The 'logo' is also being used by the Parish Hall Committee.

649. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr. McDougall reported that Mr. K. Chilton had asked that the use of defibrillators by local authorities be brought to the attention of the Council.

Cllr. McDougall also asked if the Council intended to do anything about the three properties behind the Village Shop. Cllr. James reported that he believed the owner may be putting the properties on the market. A short discussion took place regarding the purchase of property (which Bridgerule Parish Council would be unable to finance) and the Housing Property Trust purchasing and renting.

650. CLOSE

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signature Date