

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B.Carson in the chair and Cllrs. I Couper, G.Rosevear and N.Stanesby. C.Cllr R.Hosking, D.Cllr L.Ward and PC Jane Gerrard (acting Neighbourhood Beat Manager – Kingsbridge) attended for part of the meeting. Twenty three residents were also present.

1 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS;

Three people had applied to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council and after having met up with the existing councillors, it was proposed by Cllr. Carson, seconded by Cllr Rosevear that Mrs Sharon Smith, Mrs Beth Huntley and Mrs Cathy Case be co-opted to the Parish Council. Having signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, they took their seats.

2 POLICE REPORT

2 PC Jane Gerrard (Acting Beat Manager) stated that there have been two crimes reported since May 2015 – both opportunist thefts. One theft was inside the golf club and the other, from a vehicle parked in the car park. She then reported on an Anti-Social Behaviour Order which has been served on a person known locally as the "swan man". He is permitted to park his car at the Bigbury end of the tidal road but only to access his boat – not to remain in his vehicle. Maps were available of the area along the River Avon/Tidal Road to which the order relates. She will make a report to Bigbury News for inclusion in the October issue. PC Gerrard then left the meeting as she was on duty.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: nil

4 MINUTES OF JULY MEETING were approved and were signed accordingly.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Transport: The F7 Scheme is discontinuing in September. A person in Challaborough who runs a taxi service had reported that he is willing to run a taxi twice a week to Kingsbridge or the local area with the fare depending on the number of persons taken. C.Cllr Hosking would be reporting on the matter later in the meeting.

5.2 (July minutes 6.5) Overgrowth at Seafront, Marine Drive, BoS: A letter had been sent to the owners requesting that it be cut back to within their boundary. The letter was returned so the clerk had sent a further letter. A response was received from the owners stating that they had been down and had endeavoured to cut some of the overgrowth back.

5.3 (July 6.6) Folly Hill speed restriction signs. A letter had been sent to DCC Highways asking about signs in an effort to cut speed especially down Folly Hill, but DCC had responded that vehicle-activated signs are expensive to buy so their use is restricted to sites where there is a history of speed-related accidents and it is difficult to support providing either a temporary or permanent sign at this time.

5.4 (July 6.8) Roadside property advertisements: Following the enquiry regarding the large placards advertising the new wooden-style properties at Challaborough, DCC had referred the problem to SHDC Street Scene office.

5.5 (July 6.9) Bigbury Village sign: DCC had been asked for a replacement but the clerk had stressed that residents wanted the replacement to be metal and not the modern plastic signs. Highways had stated they hoped to be able to comply but if not they would try to repair the sign.

5.6 (July 10.1); Large vehicles using tidal road – paperwork submitted to the parish council listing registration numbers of heavy goods vehicles had been forwarded to DCC.

5.7 (July 10.2) Warren Road/Cleveland Drive, Bos: Land Registry had been contacted requesting information appertaining to the un-adopted section at the western end of Cleveland Drive but no response had been received to date.

5.8 (Historic) Post Office had written stating they still had been unsuccessful in finding alternative premises for a post office in Bigbury on Sea.

6.0 OPEN SESSION

6.1 A resident stated that in a village he lived in previously, random speed checks had been carried out and he wondered if it would be worth considering for Folly Hill.

6.2 Resident B asked D.Cllr Ward if anything has been decided on land at St. Ann's Chapel bordering the Ringmore road. Cllr Ward reported that she would find out a time frame but understood that work is still in process.

6.3 Resident C reported that dumper trucks serving the former Westridge site in the upper section of Warren Road are travelling down at a dangerously fast speed – this was confirmed by other Bigbury on Sea residents. The clerk was instructed to report the matter to the police.

6.4 Resident D offered to cut back the overgrowth at Seafront if the owners gave him permission and if someone had a suitable vehicle to remove the resultant cut-back. Cllr Carson offered the use of his pick-up truck if permission was given for the work to be done.

7.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.0 Cllr Lindsey Ward reported that devolution had been a major topic of conversation at most levels in discussions amongst county councillors, district councillors, unitary authorities, national park authorities. A Letter of Intent had been sent to the Government. She thanked everybody who had attended the Development Management Committee when the application for Seafront, Marine Drive had been discussed which had resulted in District Councillors voting against the application by 7 votes to 1.

7.1 The clerk reported that she had received a complaint forwarded by Kingsbridge Town Council from a visitor itemising a list of complaints following her visit to the public toilets in the BoS car park. The clerk had inspected the toilets herself and found the complaints completely justified and had immediately phoned SHDC and spoken to Cathy Aubertin who said she would try to get someone down to them that afternoon.

8.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

8.0 D.Cllr Lindsey Ward stated that formation of a Neighbourhood Plan would take anything between eighteen months to three years and it needs to be based on hard evidence and careful thought how to collect the evidence. Minutes have to be taken of any meetings and there has to be a Parish Council representative on the Steering Group and work carried out under Terms of Reference. The Group reports to the Parish Council who votes on the key decisions. The Plan can cover either the whole parish or part of the parish and the group would have a Links Planner. Any decision to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan would need to be sanctioned by the Parish Council and it has to be realised there is a great deal of work involved in producing such a plan. Once completed and approved by the Parish Council, it would then be submitted to the District Council. A bid would have to be made to obtain money to fund the project. After submission, the plan is considered by an Inspector who has to determine the evidence.

Cllr Ward then answered questions from councillors and residents present. It was agreed to place an item in Bigbury News to see whether there was much interest from residents. It was agreed to arrange a special meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan and to request the presence of an officer. The Chairman thanked Cllr Lindsey for her input and for answering the questions put to her.

9.0 PLANNING *All planning applications for Bigbury Parish have an 05 prefix*

9.1 0769/15/F: Mr P Stevenson, Bayview, Clematon Hill, BoS: demolition of bungalow and replace with house - councillors had met on site and had no objections to the application provided existing Development Framework Plan policies are upheld.

9.2 1716/15/F: Modbury Developments: land adj. Holywell Stores: Construction of 2 houses. No objections

- 9.3 1717/15/F: Mr & Mrs Franklin: Follyfoot, Challaborough: conversion of existing garage to holiday let and new attached garage – no objections.
- 9.4 1739/15/LB: Mrs Destro: Abbots Ash, Combe: Listed Building consent for removal and replacement of barn roof: No objections.
- 9.5 1741/15/F: Mr and Mrs Spencer; The Willows, Parker Rd, BoS. Loft conversion; No objections
- 9.6 1809/15/F: Mr P Fish: Challonscombe, Combe: erection of agricultural building to cover existing loafing and feeding area for cattle: no objections.
- 9.7 1856/15/F: Mr Daemi: Sanderling, Clematon Hill, BoS: provide deck out to boundary line to reinstate the original extent of garden: no objections
- 9.8 1229/15/F: Mr & Mrs Yin: report of Dev.Control Meeting which was attended by 21 residents. Cllr Carson had spoken on the Parish Council’s view, a resident had made a presentation on behalf of residents of Bigbury on Sea opposing the application. It was reported that 7 District Councillors opposed the application, one abstention and the Committee Chairman had voted in favour. Residents expressed their appreciation to a planning architectural adviser resident in St Ann’s Chapel for his considerable help in supplying a realistic impression of the houses and their impact on the street scene. D Cllr Ward stated that it was a good thing that the presentations showed what would be acceptable to the community.
- 10.0 C.CLLR R.HOSKING had joined the meeting during the above and gave the following report: A Statement of Intent has been sent to the Government from DCC, Somerset the Unitary Councils and the National Parks asking for further powers. With the abandonment of the F7 and F17 car schemes in the old Charterlands area, D Cllr Hosking talked about a volunteer scheme. He felt it might be cheaper than Fare Cars. Two people volunteered to enrol as drivers. However, concerns were expressed regarding insurance cover. Complaints were received regarding the speed of dumper trucks from the Westridge, Warren Road construction site and the use of Q plates. It was agreed that the police be asked to investigate the complaints and to speak to the site foreman. Another person complained about the speed of vehicles using the tidal road. Cllr Case asked Cllr Hosking if there were any plans for the improvement to the B3192 Harraton Cross to Kitterford Cross road where there is a particular dangerous section between Fallowscombe and Marrison Farm. This is the main spine road up to the A38 for our villages and really needs improvements being carried out. AGREED: a letter to be sent to DCC stressing the need for urgent improvements to this road.
- 11.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 11.1 SHDC Dan Taylor, new SHDC Locality Officer for the south.
- 11.2 DCC Neighbourhood Highway Group listing details of officers – forwarded to councillors.
- 11.3 Rural Services Network – Rural Policing Matters Campaign – had been forwarded to councillors
- 12.0 FINANCIAL
- 12.1 In July it had been agreed by the councillors that as only Cllr Carson is at present on the signatory list for cheques, that until further councillors be co-opted and the signatory form renewed, any of the councillors serving during the previous four years, could act as a signatory. This being so, it was agreed that the following cheques be drawn: £120 to Grant Thornton UK for district audit fee: £140 to TGo Web Services for printer and supplies; £20 to CPRE for subscription; £21.50 to Mr D Gay for plants for bus shelter hanging baskets; £394.62 to Mrs P Trundle for clerk’s fee and expenses for the last quarter.
- 12.3 The District Auditors had approved the Annual Audit without any observations.
- 13.0 RUBBISH COLLECTION IN CAR PARK
Complaints had been received regarding the amount of rubbish left each day beside the bins in Bigbury on Sea car park and the top of Sedgewell Slipway. A letter of complaint had also been received from the owners of a property in Parker Road on the same subject. Because it was not collected until the next morning, gulls, badgers and wildlife were attacking the bags and the resultant mess left lying around. It was felt that larger bins/skips should be provided but it was acknowledged that in the past these had been used by builders/change-over operatives.

- 14 WARREN COTTAGE/BAY VIEW CAFÉ
Following the sale of this property and the knowledge that Warren Cottage was the first building in Bigbury on Sea, private approaches had been made to the Conservation Officer who reported that he considered these buildings were worthy of saving on the heritage value and with the café being a much needed facility, he suggested contacting <http://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/apply-for-listing/> Some residents and holidaymakers were already pursuing this in an effort to save the complete building. However, the parish councillors abstained from pursuing this from the parish council but suggested it could be pursued privately.
- 15.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 15.1 Tree Warden: Following the sad death of our former Tree Warden, it was agreed to request a replacement in the Bigbury News. Appreciation was expressed for the manner with which Mrs Ginny McCabe had carried out her duties over the many years she had held the position.
- 15.2 Cllr Carson suggested a few changes in the agenda and it was suggested that the Open Session should start the meeting. Cllr Carson and the clerk will liaise on the matter.
- 16.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;
Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 pm
- Meeting closed at 10.05 pm