

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 8th SEPTEMBER 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edcombe in the chair and Cllrs. B Carson, J Owen, S Watts and J Grace. (Cllr C Heath joined the meeting later). D Cllr Mumford, PCSO Stacey Thorn, Mr John Stephen, Mr Ed Stephen also attended along with 14 residents.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr G Davis

- 2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were approved as correct and were signed by the chairman.

- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING
- 3.0 Bus lay-by: The clerk had contacted Mr Stephen to see if he could shed any light on the ownership of the bus lay-by and he had informed her that it is owned by Wykeham Developments. He has no objection to some planters being placed in the lay-by but any more extensive work would need more formal permission from Wykeham. Cllr Owen stated he would like to see seats placed on it rather than planters which would need maintaining. A discussion then took place without any firm decision being made.
- 3.1 Recycling credits: still no further notice from SHDC
- 3.2 Children's play gate and netting: Cllr Owen reported that Craig Worthington had told him there are already goal nets stored at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Watts stated he had not seen them but that they might be in the Youth Club storage.
- 3.3 Bus Shelter: documents have now been received stating the bus shelter is now in the ownership of the parish council but not the land around it which is owned by DCC.
- 3.4 Monitoring Officer Meeting: Mr M Hammond (Ringmore Parish Council Chairman) had advised that his parish council would be very happy to attend a meeting with Delyth Jenkins Evans. The Kingston Clerk had notified that Kingston also do not meet in August but will contact the clerk immediately after their meeting on 16th Sept. Agreed - if Kingston also willing, then the clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer to ascertain a date. Cllr Carson suggested that perhaps Aveton Gifford Parish Council might also like to attend.
- 3.5 Commemorative bench: clerk had notified Mrs Douglas advising her to contact Robin Toogood.

- 4.0 MR JOHN STEPHEN was invited to address the meeting on his proposals following his purchase of Old Chapel Inn. He thanked the parish council for the opportunity and said he was hoping to obtain feedback on what the community wanted for the area. He reported that he had exchanged contracts that day on a "subject to planning contract". He felt it is important for a community to have a pub and in this respect he will continue with the pub in perpetuity but on a slightly smaller scale. The main structure will remain the same but the single storey extensions to the rear will go. He proposes to sell off the existing owner's cottage and to then build four terraced cottages extending along that side but set a bit further back. At the far end of the rear car park he hopes to build a detached 3-bedroomed house with garden. The remaining area will be tarmaced and marked out for car parking. He aims on 35 covers for the food aspect of the business and the bedrooms upstairs will be staff accommodation. He hopes that the plans will be passed in November and is looking to opening the pub in June. A resident enquired if he was willing to change the name from Old Chapel Inn and Mr Stephen said he intends to revert the name back to the Pickwick.

A discussion took place on affordable homes but he felt this particular site not to be suitable. Cllr Carson agreed with Mr Stephen and said he also considered the site to be

unsuitable for affordable homes. However, Mr Stephen said he was willing to pay the money which is due under the Section 106 directly to the Parish Council for purchase of land for affordable homes if regulations permitted. Cllr Owen said that he feels that the only places social housing works is in towns. The chairman thanked Mr Stephen for attending the meeting to put forward his proposals. Mr J and Mr E Stephen left the meeting.

- 5.0 PCSO STACEY THORN was invited to address the meeting. She stated there had been one crime since last month and figures are on a par with last year. She reported that a Boatwatch scheme has been set up which covers from Aveton Gifford to Bantham. She stated there is illegal netting being carried out on the Avon and asked that people report anything which looks suspicious and it does not matter if it later proves to be irrelevant. A resident reported on rubbish being deposited at a site at Cross-stream and asked if anything is being done about it. PCSO Thorn reported that it is on private land and as such the police cannot interfere. All the vehicles are registered to the owner of the land. As there is water flowing through the land which passes down to the Avon, she has asked the Environment Agency to investigate in the light of some car batteries etc being on the site. Cllr Carson was asked to investigate planning aspects at SHDC. PCSO Thorn then left the meeting.

D Cllr Mumford had to attend another meeting so also had to leave at this juncture.

- 6.0 PLANNING SHDC planning notifications received:
6.0 Mr and Mrs Howell: alterations/extension Thornbury, Parker Rd, BoS GRANTED
6.1 Rev. M Hinton: flue at Le Petit Pain, St Ann's Chapel. GRANTED
6.2 The Old Vineyard, Easton: application withdrawn
6.3 Mre & Mrs Phillips: Watersmeet, Ringmore Drive, BoS: councillors' views submitted to Inspectorate by recorded delivery.

7.0 OPEN SESSION

- 7.0 Mts M Hammond from Ringmore reported that she is a First Responder and was keen for the scheme to be set up in the Bigbury Parish. She recommends that the parish has its own defibrillator and S W Ambulance Trust are willing to purchase one at cost price which will be in the region of £1,200. S W Ambulance Trust would carry out the initial training and she would then continue with the update training. Volunteers do not need any first aid experience as that will be given under the training. All volunteers have to be fit and able to get down to administer certain emergency measures. As the clerk already has the names of volunteers, she will liaise with Mrs Hammond to progress the matter.
7.1 A resident thanked the parish council for amending the agenda following her request at the last meeting. She also enquired when the double-yellow line repainting will be carried out.

- 8.0 D.CLLR BRYAN CARSON: gave a report in which he said that the district council is still struggling to come to grips with what will happen after financial cuts are revealed nationally in October. They are pushing hard for shared services with West Devon District Council and are now going ahead with shared Customer Services. They have saved about £375,000 this year. SHDC are no longer obtaining funding for the free over 60s bus passes – this money is going to County Council. There is still a query regarding the proposed footpath Ringmore-St Ann's Chapel but hopefully it will be able to go ahead in the not too distant future.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.0 DAPC: Annual Report & AGM notice for 25th September
9.1 DCC: notification that repainting of yellow lines will be carried out
9.2 DCC Mobile Library: changes in schedule. Notices had been displayed on the notice boards together with details for submitting views on proposals

- 9.3 Email from holidaymaker re dog-fouling. Clerk had emailed councillors and following their responses, had emailed the holidaymaker.
- 9.4 SHDC: Local Development Framework Plan: for circulation
- 9.5 Clerks & #Councils Direct: for circulation
- 9.6 Need T Go Nuclear: circulation
- 9.7 CPRE magazine – circulation
- 9.8 D A Local Councils newsletter – circulation
- 9.9 Ambulance Service magazine – circulation
- 9.10 National Housing Federation magazine – circulation
- 9.11 Village Green – circulation
- 9.12 SHDC Minutes: circulation
- 9.13 Playing Field magazine; circulation

10.0 FINANCIAL It was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Watts and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:

- i Ivybridge & District Asscn Local Councils sub £8.00
 - ii: Modbury Caring grant £75.00
 - iii: TGo Web Services website renewal; £162.14
 - iv: SHDC Play Area inspection fee £117.50
 - v: Parish clerk fee & expenses £375.80
- 10.1 The clerk reported that having compared several Broadband servers and requested a MAC from Talk Talk, they had offered the parish council a new deal which is all national calls anytime plus certain other calls free, includes line rental and VAT and the first six months free. As it was cheaper than other providers she had accepted the new offer.
- 10.2 The District Auditor had approved the accounts and their fee had been paid during August as it was on a 30 day limit.
- 10.3 Memorial Hall: request from chairman asking for letter confirming that the parish council will award a grant of £500. This was approved.

11 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- 11.0 Coping stones along Tom Crocker slipway. The clerk had written to Burgh Island Causeway but no response received to date. Cllr Grace reported that further stones were now missing and loose. Cllr Edgcombe reported he will speak with the person who deals with the maintenance work for the Causeway.
- 11.1 Drain Cleveland Drive
- 11.2 Eastern footpath on island. Cllr Carson was going to investigate this. The clerk had also informed DCC but nothing heard from DCC. Cllr Carson and Cllr Edgcombe will investigate the paths.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12 Cllr Owen reported that a coach had been parked in the BoS main car park the previous Saturday night and there were some drunken passengers urinating in the car park disregarding people walking nearby. One of those was a local who admonished them on their behaviour but who was then submitted to a string of abuse. The passengers then walked along through to the direction of the cliff path to Challaborough. The observer had obtained the details of the coach company and it was agreed by the councillors that Cllr Owen should report the details to the police.
- 12.1 Cllr Grace reported that a camper van is regularly parking on The Warren overnight.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 13th OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.