

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 14th JULY 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs.G Davis, J Owen, S Watts and J Grace. Cllr C Heath joined the meeting later. Sue Hitchcock (Community Council of Devon Enabler) and one resident also attended.

- 1.0 The chairman invited Sue Hitchcock to address the meeting. She explained that the Community Council of Devon is funded by DCC and local authorities – Rural Housing Partnership deals with only affordable housing in rural areas. Mrs Hitchcock explained that Kingston was a special case and this has enabled six affordable homes to go to people born in Kingston or with jobs there. Applicants for affordable homes register with Home Choice but few people have placed this particular area as their first choice. Some people do not feel they have a chance of getting a social housing letting so do not register. Cllr Davis asked if land availability was a problem and Mrs Hitchcock agreed it is difficult for local authorities to obtain land for this purpose. Initially a land search would be done by SHDC who would then contact the Community Council who would handle the survey. Then the local parish council works along with the CCD to encourage locals to respond. Cllr Grace asked if there was a need shown in a survey, who covers the risk of building and also what are the criteria. The answer is that there must be a school, bus route, shop and church. Normally, if there is already social housing in a parish, then the company which carried out that building project would be contacted eg Tor Homes. She was asked how long it takes from survey to actual moving in stage and she replied that in Bickington's case it was 10 years but minimum is in 3 years. The main problem is land availability and it must be adjacent to land which has existing services and which would cost out to approx. £10,000 per plot. Once a piece of land is found then CCD appraise the possibility. The talk was very interesting and she answered many questions and was then thanked by the chairman and left the meeting to return to Exeter.

- 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr B Carson

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

- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING
- 4.0 Wheels4Bigbury Beach (Challaborough): Mrs Bush has now delivered a wheelchair to Park Dean for use at Challaborough beach.
- 4.1 Children's play gate and netting: Cllr Edgcombe reported that he had spoken with a contractor who suggested that the existing goal posts should be removed and galvanised. Then hooks could be affixed on the posts for nets to be hooked onto. Cllr Owen had found prices for nets which were from £100 per pair to £400 per pair and had also ascertained that quick release hooks are available. Cllr Owen proposed, Cllr Davis seconded and all agreed that following Cllr Edgcombe obtaining costs for the galvanisation, that the posts should be done and nets obtained. Cllr Owen, as parish council representative on the DPFA will ask if a grant will be available from DPFA towards the cost.
- 4.2 Bus Shelter: Land Registry contact had written apologising for having not progressed this further but would now proceed with the request.
- 4.3 Skip: The BoS skip had been extremely well used with Mr Bennett having stayed till nearly 7pm loading items deposited. The clerk had sent the recycling slips to SHDC Mrs Edwards requesting credit for items sent for recycling.
- 4.4 Bus lay-by, BoS: DCC unable to paint double yellow lines inside the bay because they do not own it. A request had been sent to Land Registry in an endeavour to establish ownership of the lay-by. It was agreed that once ownership had been verified a letter would be

sent asking the owners if some means could be carried out to prevent coaches etc parking in the lay-by together with a sign indicating no parking.

- 4.5 First Aid Responders: there are now 9 on people interested in the project. One person had told the clerk that she thought people were hesitant because of the insurance angle. South West Ambulance Trust will now be contacted to see how many people should have shown an interest in order for them to give a talk on the subject.
- 4.6 Rubbish BoS car park and Sedgewell Slipway: David Gay had sent a copy of a letter he had received from David Incoll, SHDC Chief Executive – letter copied to councillors.

5.0 PLANNING SHDC planning notifications received:

- 5.0 Mr M Hey: installation replacement windows, re-roofing of cottage at the Pickwick: GRANTED
- 5.1 Mr & Mrs Franklin: roof alterations and extension to balcony, Follyfoot, Challaborough: GRANTED
- 5.2 Mr Clothier: rebuild Junket, Cockleridge Ham: GRANTED
- 5.3 Mr & Mrs Heath: creation of agricultural earth banked silage pit, Lower Willings Farm: GRANTED
- 5.4 Mr J Hoare: Orchard Cottage, Bigbury: erection of conservatory: GRANTED
- 5.5 Mr & Mrs Hewitt: Thornbury, Parker Rd, BoS: 4 councillors objected to application and 2 had no objections. Copies of letters from various residents objecting to the plans had been noted including late receipt of letter of objection from Mrs R Dixon.
- 5.6 SHDC Miss Lucy Hall: Courtlands, Cleveland Drive,BoS: SHDC had received requests regarding legality of work carried out recently to the property. An inspection had been carried out which proved all was within planning legislation.

6.0 OPEN SESSION

- 6.0 A resident commented on the application for a large shed on the Old Vineyard, Easton and enquired about the routine followed when a planning application arrived at the Parish Council. It was explained that the application was handed first to the nearest councillor to the application site – usually, that councillor would consult with the neighbours they felt would be affected by the application before passing the paperwork on to another councillor.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.0 SHDC Legal Dept: Supporting Standards Committee document –copied to councillors.
- 7.1 SHDC: Pay Less Council Tax posters
- 7.2 SHDC Executive Forward Plan: for circulation
- 7.3 DALC: Village Green for circulation
- 7.4 Mrs Douglas: request to place commemorative bench on The Warren – councillors had no objections and she would be advised to contact Robin Toogood
- 7.5 NHS Partnership newsletter for circulation.
- 7.6 Ivybridge & District Asscn. Parish Councils: AGM Weds 21st July
- 7.7 DALC: Engineering Communities in Devon – circulation
- 7.8 DALC: Being a Good Employer – circulation
- 7.9 DALC newsletter – circulation
- 7.10 Senior Council of Devon; newsletter – circulation
- 7.11 NHS Heatwave pamphlet - circulation
- 7.12 Clerk Wembury: inviting councillors to Wembury Parish Council meeting to hear Delyth Jenkins Evans on Standards Regime, Code of Conduct etc. It was agreed

to ask Ringmore and Kingston Parish Councils if they would be interested in inviting Delyth Jenkins-Evans to a group meeting.

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

i	South Hams Containers: BoS skip	£445.80
ii:	Bigbury Memorial Hall: hire	£30.00
iii:	Viking Direct: stationery	£42.97

- 8.1 Various lists of servers charges for Broadband had been compiled. The clerk and chairman will analyse to seek the best and then proceed.
- 8.2 Confirmation was given for cheques which it had been necessary to draw since June meeting for the clerk, and two for Land Registry for bus lay-by search.
- 8.3 A discussion took place on the management of the website. Cllr Owen stated he would speak with TGo Web Services on the matter. The clerk asked councillors to state if they were willing for their email addresses to be posted on the website. Some were in favour but others were not so it was agreed that it should be phone numbers and addresses only. If anyone particularly wished to email a councillor then they could do so via the clerk.

9 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- 9.0 Bus shelter – Land Registry
- 9.1 Drain Cleveland Drive
- 9.2 Eastern footpath on island

10 POLICE REPORT NIL

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11 Cllr Grace reported that coping stones on the wall going down the Tom Crocker slipway are loose and could be dangerous if they fell on somebody.
- 11.1 Cllr Davis enquired whether the Parish Council should do anything to commemorate Peter Lewis who had created the Oyster Shack after farming oysters on the Avon. Cllr Owen suggested that large tubs on the village green and planted out with flowers. Cllr Heath suggested that perhaps this might be a scheme better suited to Bigbury Fair Committee. Cllr Owen will pursue the matter
- 11.2 Cllr Watts reported that he had spoken at Aveton Gifford Parish Council on the subject of starting an Avon Estuary Boat Watch with the hope of better communication with the police.
- 11.3 Cllr Owen asked if Cllr Carson had attended to the matter of the footpaths on the island particularly the eastern one.
- 11.4 The chairman reported that Cllr Carson wishes to invite the mayor of Salcombe to the September parish council meeting but it was agreed that October would be a better month for him to attend.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING It was agreed not to have a meeting in August unless an urgent matter arose so therefore the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting closed 9.30 p.m.