

BIGBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 9th APRIL 2008 and which began at 8.0 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs G Davis, K Lawrence and C Heath present. D Cllr W Hitchins, PC Steve Mutton and CSO Stacey Thorns, Mr M Hammond (Ringmore PC Chairman) also present along with 4 residents.. The chairman had given PC Mutton and CSO Thorns the chance to address the parish council meeting preceding the Annual Meeting so they departed after their report.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from D Cllr B Carson and Messrs J Owen and A. Best.
- 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING had been signed at the May Parish Council meeting in according with advice by DAPC.
- 3 POLICE REPORT (see note above)
- 4 COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAM MUMFORD not present
- 5 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT As D Cllr Carson was unable to be present, D Cllr Hitchins, (Deputy Leader of SHDC) attended in his place. Cllr Hitchins reported on the committees on which he serves (eg Salcombe Harbour, Property Portfolio etc) He stated that Cllr Carson had a great interest in the recycling scheme and that SHDC has the highest recycling in the country. A revamped collection service will soon be started and there has already been a dummy run carried out. Pensioners bus passes have been issued so if any qualifying resident has not received one they should contact SHDC. He confirmed the police have handed over patrolling villages regarding parking problems to SHDC. D Cllr Hitchins reported on the shared services carried out by SHDC – e.g. the Chief Executive, David Incoll (formerly the SHDC Solicitor) is shared with Teignbridge and now staff retention figures are much better. Building Control and Environmental Health are also being shared. All these matters have some impact on the financial aspect of SHDC.

Cllr Hitchins reported on the Boundary Commission's review into the prospect of part of South Hams going into Plymouth with the other half going into Torbay. He reported on the very tight schedule which should culminate with the local elections next May. There could be 5 Unitary Authorities in Devon as a result of the review. The chairman thanked D Cllr Hitchins for his very interesting report.
- 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The chairman thanked the PC Mutton, CSO Stacey Thorns and D Cllr Hitchins for their attendance and reports. He also thanked D Cllr Bryan Carson for his work at District Council and to all the parish councillors and

clerk for their support during the past year. He thanked Jim and Rose Owen and the team for the Bigbury News and stated everyone's appreciation for Jim taking over the editorship of the News upon David Gay's retirement.. Gratitude was expressed to Tony Singleton for his work as our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and for Tony and his wife Margaret picking up litter in Bigbury whenever they walk their dog. The committee working with the idea of holding a Parish Plan were thanked for their work Cllr Edgcombe reported that he had been in talks with Ringmore Parish Council and Cllr Carson with the idea of forming a public footpath from Ringmore to St Ann's Chapel. He was unable to go into details of route but stated that Mr Mike Pearson of Cundy's was also in the discussions. It was felt the footpath would be of enormous benefit to people walking to St Anns to use Holywell Post Office Stores.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT the clerk gave the financial report as follows.

Income		Expenditure	
Brought forward	11453,26	Subs & donations ex S137s	956.80
Precept	6834.00 *	Office expenses	. 157.27
P3 (grant given 2007)		Clerk	1330.00
Bank interest	401.97	P3	188.00
Recycling credits	240.63	VAT	287.66
	-	Hall hire & playing fld	126.00
		Insurance	180.00
		Audit fees	105.00
		Environment	1704.00
		S137s	483.25
		Parish plan	15.00
	<u>18929.86</u>		<u>5632.98</u>
Dep.A/c:	13066.27		
Current A/c	<u>235.61</u>		
	13301.88		
Outstnd chq	<u>5.00</u>		
	13296.88		
Expenditure	<u>5632.98</u>		
	18929.86		

P3 money is not Parish Council money and cannot be used for anything else.
The accounts were approved.

8 OPEN SESSION no matters presented

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mirror at Easton –it was pointed out that DCC would not allow a mirror to be placed in the verge.

Meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

