

## **BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs.G Davis, Cllr C Heath and Mrs J Grace. 2 residents also present.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Owen (in hospital) and Cllr Carson
  
- 2.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Cllr Grace indicated a few grammatical mistakes and after this the minutes were approved by those present and signed by the chairman. Also the minutes of the special meeting held to discuss furtherance of the Parish Plan were approved and signed by the chairman. It was agreed that when minutes are sent to Mr Shea for the website, they should be listed as Provisional.
  
- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING
  - 3.0 Judy Alloway was unable to attend the March meeting and the clerk had tentatively arranged for her to attend the May meeting
  - 3.1 Wheels4Bigbury Beach: Cllr Davis reported that Mr Steve Radford (Manager Park Dean) is willing to have the scheme run from the site but they need somewhere to place the equipment under cover.
  - 3.2 Dog signs: these had been received from King Signs and had been handed to the chairman. It was agreed that he will fix them on sites selected.
  - 3.3 Casual vacancy. There had not been a request for an election so notices were being displayed on the parish notice boards giving the closing date as 5<sup>th</sup> April. It would also be included in the April Bigbury News which is usually issued just a few days before the end of each month. Residents had already been advised in the magazine to watch out on the boards if they were interested in applying for the vacancy.
  - 3.4 Children's play area and gate: agreed to contact Alex Whish yet again.
  - 3.5 Letters had been sent to Burgh Island Causeway and to Burgh Island Hotel. Mr Orchard has responded that he wishes to be kept in the picture regarding the siting of the handrail and would welcome an opportunity to talk to the Chairman over the use of the Upper Warren.
  - 3.6 Definitive Map Review: DCC Helen Clayton had written advising that a report regarding the Review will be presented to the Rights of Way Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March.
  - 3.7 Old Chapel Inn: SHDC naming department stated that the naming of the pub was not their department and advised the clerk should write to Companies House who also advised her that it was not under their remit. Accordingly the clerk had then written to the Business Tax department at SHDC but no response yet received.
  
- 4.0 OPEN SESSION
  - 4.0 A resident asked if the minutes of the Parish Plan Furtherance meeting could be put on the website.
  - 4.1 He also thanked the chairman for his work on the steps from Cleveland/Ringmore Drives to Folly Close. He asked if something could be done to prevent leaves from Badgers Walk being washed/blown down onto that footpath. A discussion took place on a channel being put to try to alleviate the problem. It was pointed out

that the upper 8ft of the Walk belongs to residents in Ringmore Drive with the remaining belonging to their neighbours. It was then discussed if the channel could be directed to the field on the opposite side of the walk. Cllr Heath, declaring an interest, stated that she would investigate the possibility. It was decided that no action be taken until the footpath is declared a Public Right of Way and then hope that work could be carried out under the P3 scheme. A meeting with Peter Guy (DCC Footpath Warden) was suggested for that stage.

- 4.2 The same resident asked why the parish council's precept had increased. The chairman reported the increase was 2.5% which ran along with most other precept increases.
- 4.3 An Easton resident reported that work had been carried out at Dukes Mill to clear away debris etc from the highway. The clerk reported that the parish council had requested DCC to endeavour to find a more permanent solution to the problem where debris is continually washed out on to the highway.

#### 5.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nil

#### 6.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

- 6.0 Mr & Mrs Howell: Thornbury, Parker Rd, BoS: for alterations & extensions> Notification that an appeal has been lodged.
- 6.1 Mr & Mrs J Grace: Ventry, Warren Rd, BoS: amendment to earlier plans by previous owners: GRANTED
- 6.2 Mr A Sloman: 3 Bigbury Court, Bigbury. permission given to pollard back Willow tree to previous pruning points
- 6.3 Mr & Mrs C Heath: Lower Willings Farm: application for silage pit in field near Bowling Green – plans inspected by councillors at the meeting. Those present had no objections. Cllr Heath declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion

#### 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.0 Devon & Cornwall Constab. Invitation for Chairman, Vice-chairman and clerk to attend a meeting in Totnes Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 4-7 pm.
- 7.1 Data Protection Act: copied to councillors
- 7.2 S Devon AONB: Photo competition closing date 30<sup>th</sup> April
- 7.3 Kingsbridge & Salcombe Cluster Meeting Monday 24 May.
- 7.4 CPRE Best Kept Village Competition – judging will be in May, June and July.
- 7.5 Road Closures: Road outside Royal Oak, Bigbury from 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May. Diversion via Ringmore/Challaborough.
- 7.6 DAPC Options Shares Service. Questionnaires seeking councillors' views had been copied to councillors. Clerk will submit a précis of their answers.
- 7.7 Ivybridge & District Assocn Parish Councils: clerk will be attending clerks' workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> March in Ivybridge.
- 7.8 Hope Cove Lifeboat: the chairman had received correspondence regarding consultation on Search and Rescue Provision which includes the withdrawal of the Hope Cove inshore lifeboat. Agreed that the questionnaire be completed accompanied by a strong letter decrying the withdrawal of the Hope Cove lifeboat.

#### 8 FINANCIAL It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Heath and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:

- i Parish clerk: fee and expenses £369.68
- ii: St Lawrence Church. Upkeep of Burial Ground £450
- iii: Grasshopper Gardening Services: mowing Village Green £90
- iv: Mr & Mrs Gilbert: Christmas lighting £50

- v: King Signs: 2 dog signs £47
- 8.1 Permission was given for a cheque to be drawn to Devon County Council for supplies of card/paper for Bigbury News – expected to be about £77.
- 9.0 PARISH PLAN The chairman reported that he had spoken with the parish footpath warden, Mr Alan George who felt that despite some requests in the Plan responses for more footpaths, that there were already ample footpaths in the parish. Mr George felt that of those, there is only one that needs attention and that is the one at the top of Parker Road where the stile is extremely difficult for those with walking difficulties. He is aware that DCC are now favouring kissing gates instead of stiles and feels this would be an excellent solution. Cllr Heath declared an interest but said that she would look into the legalities of the agreements they held with the authorities. Following her action, a letter should be sent to DCC PROW requesting a kissing gate.  
It was agreed that Peter Guy should be asked to look into the footpath from the tidal road to Dukes Mill as it is in a poor condition. It was also agreed a letter be sent to National Trust asking if the footpath on the cliff edge at Clematon Hill could be improved. It was suggested a meeting be held between them and Mr Bennett. Mr Bennett also considered the footpath from Cockleridge to Folly Farm is very bad.  
Notice boards: Agreed to obtain brochures of notice boards and also to ask the Ringmore Parish Clerk where their notice board came from. It was also agreed to put notices on the boards in yellow paper.  
First Responders: It was agreed to ask in the next Bigbury News if anyone would be interested in becoming a First Responder. If there was a fair response, then to contact Mrs Sandi Hammond in the hope of a meeting to be held to progress the matter. Also, in the same edition, to ask if anybody is interested in the oil syndicate.  
Affordable Housing: agreed a letter be sent to Devon Rural Housing stating that the Plan had revealed a small need for affordable housing and request further information on how to advance this.
- 10 MATTERS OUTSTANDING
- 10 Mirror at Pickwick crossroads
- 10.1 Evidence User Forms: Cleveland Drive and New Quay
- 10.2 Bus Shelter – Land Registry
- 10.3 Drain Cleveland Drive.
- 10.4 Dog signs at Memorial Hall
- 10.5 Handrail Tom Crocker slipway
- 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 11 Town Hill water leak: Cllr Davis reported that he had rung the clerk who had immediately contacted SWW – an inspector came out that evening and reported the matter to be a DCC matter. The clerk had contacted DCC Mike Watts.
- 11.1 Cllr Grace asked if Kennedon Farm had received planning permission. The clerk would contact the Modbury clerk
- 11.2 Cllr Davis asked if Ringmore PC could be contacted re erosion of cliff where some steps are being installed.
- 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.  
Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

