

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs.G Davis, B Carson, Cllr C Heath and Mrs J Grace. C Cllr W Mumford, PCSO Stacey Thorn and 2 residents also present.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Owen.

- 2.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Cllr Grace pointed out there were a couple of words missing from 3.7 and after this the minutes were approved by those present and signed by the chairman.

- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING
- 3.0 Bus Shelter – in process with Land Registry.
- 3.1 Wheels4Bigbury Beach: response from Mrs S Bush had been copied to Councillors. It was noted that a suitable venue for storage and possible costs would be needed and facilitator close to beach who is willing to take responsibility of loaning out the wheelchair. Cllr Davis reported that he had spoken with Park Dean who showed an interest in helping with the scheme. Following Mrs Bush's response, Cllr Davis will speak with Mr Redford (manager) again.
- 3.2 BoS car park letter plus enclosure from Kitson Hutchings copied to councillors in which arrangements have been made for the steps from slip-road to near gift shop will be removed and bank reinstated.
- 3.3 Casual vacancy. The legal notice had been sent to SHDC Electoral Dept, displayed on notice boards and notification given in Bigbury News. SHDC will notify after 19th Feb whether or not anyone has asked for an election. A letter of appreciation has been sent to Mrs K Lawrence thanking her for her work during her tenure of office
- 3.4 Children's play area and gate: the chairman reported on an estimate received from a local contractor. It was suggested that a copy be sent to Mr Alex Whish at SHDC for his comments
- 3.5 DCC Helen Clayton: copy of letter re Definitive Map Review copied to councillors. The report is intended to be presented to the Public Rights of Way meeting on 1st March for consideration. Regarding Clematon Hill, as it is CROW Access Land, the public have the right to walk freely over it without the need to stay to defined routes.
- 3.6 Dog Signs: the supplier has been ill and had contacted the clerk the day before this meeting quoting £20 plus VAT for each sign. It was agreed that the two signs be ordered at the cost of £40 plus VAT
- 3.7 Letters of thanks received from RBL Poppy Appeal and S Hams Citizens Advice Bureau for the donations sent.
- 3.8 Handrail for Tom Crocker slipway: matter has now been referred to Peter Guy.

- 4.0 POLICE REPORT: PCSO Stacey Thorn reported that an amount of lead had been stolen from the flat roof at Burgh Island Causeway. She had also heard that bee hives had been stolen from its site within the parish but the owner of them admitted that he had not thought it worth reporting. PCSO Thorn emphasised the absolute need to report any crime to the police. These have been the only crimes reported this year. A speed check had been carried out in St Ann's Chapel and some culprits of speeding had been spoken to. Dr S Watts asked if there were any reports of boat crime. PCSO Thorn reported there had been none and attributed

this to the scheme whereby boat owners can have a special cover put on their outboard engine with Police Authority stamped on and at the moment the cost of this for £15 includes DNA. She was thanked by the chairman and left the meeting.

- 5.0 C CLLR WILLIAM MUMFORD Cllr Mumford said that he will chase SWW regarding the leak at Town Hill, Bigbury. Exeter has been granted Unitary Status by the Labour Government despite strong opposition for this. Opposition will remain active in an endeavour to talk the decision down before the eminent General Election. The impact cost-wise is significant with the figure expected to me at the very minimum of £25,000,000. If the Exeter Unitary does go through it is not expected to be effective till May 2011. The County Council have trimmed £20 million from the budget and their share of the council tax will have an increase of 1.9%. Pothole repairs are being carried out following the January bad weather – at present quick repairs will be followed about a month later with a permanent repair. Already this winter 20,000 tons of salt/grit have been used compared with the usual use being 12,500 tons for a whole winter. Work is going to be carried out to improve the junction at Kittaford Cross with possibly a road island being placed there. Cllr Carson said there are some “pinch” points on the California Cross to Kittaford Cross road which need to be widened in order to let two lorries pass. There are many hold ups on this road caused by these narrow sections. The chairman thanked Cllr Mumford for his report and Cllr Mumford left the meeting.

6.0 OPEN SESSION

- 6.0 Dr Watts said he had had to go to Aveton Gifford to collect salt for the section of road near his home at Dukes Mill. It was agreed that DCC be asked for a salt bin to be installed down Easton-Dukes Mill.
- 6.1 Dr Watts also reported on a large amount of litter having been discarded on either side of Hingston Farm. It was agreed that SHDC be asked to take action on the matter and to mention it being one of the items raised in the Parish Plan.
- 6.2 Mrs Gubbins thanked Cllr Edgcombe on the fine job of refurbishing the steps in the close between Ringmore/Cleveland Drives and Folly Hill.

- 7.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT D Cllr Carson reported on Housing Services and that SHDC share of the council tax will rise by 2.95%. 1% increase produces £50,000. Seven-eight new vehicles have been purchased but some savings have been made by not filling jobs which have become vacant. Staff costs have come down. Car park charges are going up again and the new resident permits valid from 4pm-10 a.m. will rise from £10 p.a. to £20 p.a. Cllr Davis said that the £10 rate had been good value but he would not purchase a new one at the new rate as it would not be viable.

8.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

- 8.0 Mr & Mrs Howell: Thornbury, Parker Rd, BoS: for alterations & extensions had been REFUSED.
- 8.1 Mr A Waller: 3 Avon Quillet, Folly Hill, BoS: enclose area under 1st floor balcony to create extra living space: GRANTED
- 8.2 Mr L O’Hara: St Michaels, Parker Rd, BoS: alterations & extensions: GRANTED
- 8.3 Mr & Mrs Ellis: East Green, Easton: side extension & demolition of detached garage and replacement with conservatory. GRANTED
- 8.4 Mr R Harvey: Olcote, Ringmore Drive, BoS: replacement of conservatory with sun room. GRANTED

8.5 Mr B Owen: Appeal re access track The Millpond, Combe Farm Barns: Appeal DISMISSED.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.0 Devon & Cornwall Constab. Next Liaison Meeting: Knighton Room, Wembury War Memorial Hall, Barton Close, Wembury Monday 15 February at 7.30 p.m.

9.1 May Gurney: road closure Tapfield Cross to Bowling Green from 26-30 April

9.2 Bigbury Parking Maintenance: DCC need to remark parking regs at Bigbury on Sea. Double yellow lines do not need any extra signs but restricted parking regulations have to have signs on metal poles 2.1m high every 60 metres. DCC feel the environmental impact on this would be large. Councillors agreed that there should be double yellow lines through Marine Drive with status quo for the rest of the roads.

9.3 S Devon AONB had requested info of dates, organisers etc of fairs, events etc.

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

i TGo Web Seviles £120

ii: D Hammett: strimming £168

iii: Bigbury Mem.Hall: hire £20

iv: Findel Edctn: toddler chairs & table: £202.10

v: Edgcombe Kneen: refurbishment steps: £1050

10.1 A refund of VAT for £802.30 had been received from HM Customs & Excise

10.2 A discussion took place on safety netting to protect children's play area from football field. It was agreed that a copy of the contractor's estimate be sent to SHDC Alex Whish for his comments or suggestions.

11.0 SHARED WORKING INVESTIGATION OF OPTIONS Cllr Grace had attended a meeting on this subject. She gave a report to each councillor on the matter and gave a précis of the meeting in which she felt a lot of issues had not been addressed and that the meeting had left a lot to be desired. She felt the briefings had been held too soon. Cllr Grace stated that South Pool representative had reported they had been in the scheme, had not seen any benefit whatever and were very disappointed in it. The general feeling had been that there were not many parishes in favour of the project

12. PARISH PLAN

A discussion took place on how action should proceed and it was agreed to have a meeting of the parish council on 24th February at 7.30 p.m. in order to discuss the subject.

12 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

11 Mirror at Pickwick crossroads

12.1 Evidence User Forms: Cleveland Drive and New Quay

12.2 Bus Shelter – Land Registry

12.3 Drain Cleveland Drive.

12.4 Dog signs at Memorial Hall

12.5 Handrail Tom Crocker slipway

13 JANUARY MEETINGS D Cllr Carson had requested this be on the agenda and a discussion took place on whether a meeting should be held in January or not. He stated there had been problems with water leaking on the highway in Bigbury but Cllr Davis pointed out that he had rung the clerk who had immediately phoned SWW and they had attended to the matter the next day. The clerk reported that she had been telephoning SWW and DCC throughout the duration of the two leaks both outside the Royal Oak and Town Hill. She also pointed out that in the Standing Orders it registered ten meetings a year. The chairman felt that the subject of having a January meeting should be discussed at the November meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Grace and seconded by Cllr Carson that a meeting should be held every month but that January and August could be dropped at the chairman's discretion.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14 Cllr Heath asked if Judy Alloway could be invited to the March meeting. This was agreed and the clerk will contact her.

14.1 Memorial Hall: Cllr Heath reported that it is intended to remove the stage in the hall and take the room back further into the storage area and then to have a stage on movable blocks

14.2 Ringmore Footpath: an update was given

14.3 Cllr Carson reported that too much water is flowing onto the road surface at Dukes Mill which had caused severe icing during the January bad weather. It was agreed to write to DCC requesting action be taken to alleviate the problem

14.4 Old Chapel Inn: the clerk reported that a resident who lives in the Old Chapel had needed an ambulance recently. When it had not appeared at her cottage someone went to look for it and found the ambulance in the rear car park of the Old Chapel Inn. This was not the only problem being experienced since the name change from the Pickwick and it was agreed a letter be sent to SHDC asking them to look into the problem and see if any action could be taken to seek a name change of the pub.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING A special meeting purely to discuss the parish plan will be held on Wednesday 24 March at 7.30 p.m. and after that the next meeting to be Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 10.15 p.m.