

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 9th SEPTEMBER 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs. G Davis, B Carson, J Owen, Mrs K Lawrence and Mrs C Heath . Miss H Buckingham (DCC Public Rights of Way Officer), C Cllr W Mumford also attended as well as 12 residents.

The chairman introduced Miss Buckingham who then addressed the meeting on the subject of the Public Rights of Way in Bigbury Parish. She stated that the Definitive Map was started in 1954 and published in 1958. She covers the South Hams area with other colleagues covering the rest of the county. Six years ago she began a Map Review with East Portlemouth and has been gradually working through parish by parish. Now she has reached the stage of Bigbury and is checking each footpath for any anomalies. She invited residents to submit any suggestions to her by 9th November. Miss Buckingham recommended the OS Explorer Maps. Questions were put to her on various aspects of public footpaths and she was then thanked by the chairman and left the meeting.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE nil

2.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were approved by those present and signed by the chairman. .

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.0 A letter regarding resurfacing to some of the parish roads on a hot July Sunday had been sent to DCC and a response received that they were unaware of the fact. Sub-contractors had been informed they were not to carry out the work on a Sunday and had received a remonstrance on the matter. ..
- 3.1 Trees: some application forms had been submitted under the 2009 Tree Scheme.
- 3.2 Casual Vacancy. Following the initial requisite notice, SHDC had advised the clerk that there had not been a request for an election and therefore the Parish Council could co-opt to fill the vacancy. Notices had been displayed on the 3 parish notice-boards inviting interested parties to submit letters for consideration by 27th September. One letter had already been received.
- 3.3 A letter had been sent to Stuart Watts thanking him for all his hard work as Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee. A letter had also been sent to the new Chairman, Mr Charles Harrington, confirming the minutes regarding £500 grant this current financial year cancelling out the loan made to the Hall Committee.
- 3.4 Following Cllr Lawrence's request whether it would be possible to paint the unsightly boarding of windows at the Old Chapel (Pickwick), SHDC had phoned to say that if there was anyone willing to do it, they had no objections.
- 3.5 BoS car park banks: a letter had been sent to SHDC expressing the councillors' appreciation for a very good job made earlier in the summer in cutting the banks of the car park.
- 3.6 Land Registry: Documentation has now been received confirming registration of Bigbury Village Green, Bowling Green and Warren Point.

3.7 Bus Shelter: The Chairman had spoken to Mr Alan King regarding ownership of the land but Mr King was unable to remember who owned it. Mr Farrell (from the floor) confirmed it is not included in the deeds of Bay Café. AGREED: to ask Land Registry to register it to the Parish Council.

3.8 Children's play equipment, Playing Field: It was confirmed that SHDC inspect the equipment each month and the insurers check it twice a year. The Chairman would ask Mr Andrew Davies how much a new fence would cost.

4.0 OPEN SESSION

4.0 Mr J Bennett stated that the Clematon Hill footpath is still incorrectly signposted so people are using the wrong path. It was agreed to ask Mr Alan George (Footpath Warden) to meet with Mr Bennett.

4.1 Mrs J. Wright expressed her concern about traffic missing the Challaborough sign at the village green, then reversing back in the dangerous spot there, in order to be able to take the turning. AGREED Letter be sent to DCC asking for better signposting as the existing signpost can barely be seen above the rail fencing. Cllr Owen suggested a prior sign indicating a loop to the road.

4.2 Mr Bennett asked when the concrete path in the close at the bottom of Folly Hill was going to be completed. The chairman said he will see to it shortly.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT C.Cllr William Mumford reported that there is still no decision yet from the Boundary Review. The new administration had inherited a host of difficult problems e.g. Morwellham Quay. The previous administration had loaned £1,000,000 to the project and the owners had asked for some more money. However, DCC had refused any further input into the attraction. DCC have discussed issues of waste recycling and he feels SHDC is doing an excellent job on the issue. There is a proposal afoot to install an incinerator at Lee Mill but he considered the access to it just near the Tesco slipway would be fraught with danger in a spot which is already one of the county's accident black spots. The new Fare Car Scheme has been launched and he hopes that residents will avail themselves of the service. Cllr Owen stated that a leaflet had been issued with each copy of Bigbury News September issue..

6.0 WEBSITE nothing further to report since previous month's meeting

7.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. D Cllr Carson reported that the display panel at the BoS car park viewing point had been vandalised and SHDC had removed it to their workshop. It is expected the cost of replacing it will be in the region of just under £1,000. Councillors felt it important that the panel should be displayed and Cllr Owen suggested that, if necessary, the Parish Council could perhaps contribute up to 50% towards the cost. Cllr Carson said he will obtain a firm quote for renewal of the panel. Cllr Owen also wondered how much it would cost to insure the viewing panel against vandalism and Cllr Davis asked if it would be possible to claim for the current damage.

Cllr Heath said that SHDC had received a considerable some of money from Section 106 Agreements from building work carried out on several sites in Bigbury on Sea and why could not that money be spent on the sign and also perhaps on a children's equipment play area at the end of The Warren. Cllr Carson will investigate the issue. Continuing his report, Cllr Carson stated that from the next financial year SHDC will be charging £100 for inspecting playground equipment which, compared with a quotation from Playline, was considered to be very reasonable. He then gave an update on the proposed footpath from Ringmore to St Ann's Chapel and produced a map indicating the proposed route.

8.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

- 8.0 Mr D Beal: Bentota, Cleveland Drive and Tamarisk, Parker Road, BoS: Appeal refused.
- 8.1 Hingston Farm: for wind turbine. GRANTED.
- 8.2 St Michael's, Parker Road, BoS: application withdrawn
- 8.3 Mr B Owen: unrestricted use of access track, The Mill Pond, 4 Combe Farm Barns: REFUSED
- 8.4 Bigbury Court: felling Cupressus: GRANTED
- 8.5 Mr & Mrs Gibson, Higher Manor, Ringmore. The clerk had confirmed with the Ringmore Parish Clerk that they had also received this application, and then had phoned SHDC to see why a copy had been sent to Bigbury. It was reported to her that the field behind the application is within the Bigbury boundary. However, councillors stated they had no wish to submit any observations on the application and SHDC will be advised accordingly.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.0 SHDC: Code of Conduct. Training questionnaire. Copied to councillors
- 9.1 DCC Car Free Day: 27 September posters
- 9.2 SHDC magazine (issued to all households)
- 9.3 SHDC Executive Forward Plan: circulation
- 9.4 Society of Local Council Clerks: also received a phone call asking if councillors would be willing to purchase the updated version of Local Council Administration (the Council's Bible). Price is £67
- 9.5 Police: re Remembrance Day parades
- 9.6 DCC New Fare Car Service
- 9.7 S Devon & Dartmoor DCRP 7 Criminal Justice Board: Senior Community Safety Days. Monday 14 September at Watermark, Ivybridge. 10.30-3.0pm
- 9.8 S Hams Wildlife Cruise: River Maid Cruise. Salcombe-Kingsbridge Estuary 19 September at 3.45 pm. Commentary by Gordon Waterhouse.
- 9.9 S Hams Society bulletin for circulation
- 9.10 Best Kept Village Competition result. Bigbury scored in the 80-84 range. Comment sheet copied to councillors and displayed on village notice-boards
- 9.11 Road closure Pickwick crossroads to Bigbury village for 5 days from 21 September and also C249 Tidal road 28th-30th September
- 9.12 Village Green – autumn issue for circulation

10 FINANCIAL

- 10.0 Confirmation was given of cheques which had to be drawn since the July meeting, as follows:
- i. Land Registry £10
 - ii. Holywell Stores: parish plan launch £70.69
 - iii. Audit Commission: external audit fee £155.25
 - iv. S. Watts: parish plan expenses £55.87
 - v. Bigbury News: parish plan expenses £75.00
 - vi. Mrs A Taylor: parish plan expenses £3.00
 - vii. Awards for All: balance of grant returned £1040.44

To be drawn:-

- viii. Mr Owen: materials for repairs to 2 benches £87.68
- ix. Parish clerk: fee and expenses £365.55

It was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Lawrence and agreed that above be approved.

- 10.1 Young Devon Young Carers Project. Request for donation. Agreed clerk telephone to see if any residents of Bigbury parish would be recipients.
- 10.2 Welcome Pack: the clerk stated that she had formulated a “Welcome Pack” with a view that it could be presented to any new resident moving into the parish. The cost would only be for a hard file with polythene file envelopes. She showed councillors the example she had produced. Councillors approved of the plan and it will now be implemented.
- 10.3 Spring bulbs: Cllr Carson stated that following the great success several years ago of the planting of spring bulbs with a donation from John Stevens, he felt it would be a good idea to carry out a further scheme this autumn. A discussion took place on the sort of bulbs or plants and it was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed that a scheme should be carried out. Cllr Owen will look on the internet for flowers suitable for the area and it was suggested that perhaps the members of the Youth Club might like to be involved in the planting. Suggested sites included Bullhorn Cross, Bowling Green, Bigbury Village Green, Bowls Cross and the BoS bus shelter.

11 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Heath reported that the next move is to ask for volunteers to form an “Implementation Group”. She asked for volunteers from the Council and Cllr Owen said he would volunteer.

12. MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- 12.0 Mirror at Pickwick crossroads. Cllr Owen had received further details about spraying the mirror which would need to be done about once a month. Solar panelled mirrors cost around £900
- 12.1 Evidence User Forms New Quay and Cleveland Drive
- 12.2 Land Registry – bus shelter at BoS:.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.0 Cllr Owen expressed his concern at the bin in the children's play area which is crammed full with alcoholic bottles and cans. He said his particular concern was in the event of breakages there could be harm caused to young children using the play area. He is aware that Holywell Stores are very strict on sales to under-age drinkers so felt that it needed a watch kept by the police. A request will be made to the police asking them to regularly check up on the area.

13.1 Cllr Davis referred to the notice of the Casual Vacancy in the Bigbury News in which anyone interested was asked to submit in writing prior to 2nd September in order for paperwork be copied for the October meeting. The clerk had inadvertently inserted September instead of October, although the closing date of 27th September was correctly stated. It was agreed that she will email the minutes to each councillor when completed.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 14th OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting ended 9.25 p.m.