

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 8th JULY 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs. G Davis, B Carson, Mrs K Lawrence and Mrs C Heath . 2 residents also attended.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs A Best and J Owen

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

- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING
- 3.0 Car Park steps near gift shop: a further letter had been received from SHDC (Lester Francis – solicitor) denying that SHDC is responsible for the car park..
- 3.1 Trees: Mrs McCabe had passed on forms for application for trees under the tree-planting scheme. Following Cllr Owen's suggestion for fruit trees, the clerk had learnt that these are not available under the scheme but she had obtained the phone number for another scheme under the title of Orchard Link.
- 3.2 Walk on Wildside: Mr Gay had informed the clerk that expenses incurred in producing the book and reprints had been approved by DCC to come out of P3 funding. .Cllr Davis expressed concern that the parish council had not received any P3 funding this year.
- 3.3 Skip: SHDC had written stating that they were unable to approve the recycling credits for the BoS skip because the European Metal Recycling Ltd was not yet registered for the scheme and they were also unable to pay for waste that is recycled. The clerk had informed S Hams Skip Hire. She had learnt from them that there were only 2 Saturdays available in the autumn so had provisionally booked them on behalf of the parish council - one being on 31st October for the Memorial Hall car park and one on 14th November at Bigbury village green in the morning and Challaborough in the afternoon. Councillors agreed that the provisional booking be confirmed.
- 3.4 Children's play area: nothing further had been heard from Alexander Whish, SHDC.
- 3.5 BoS car park bank: letter from SHDC (Chris Lucas) regarding cutting of car park bank Marine Drive from the car park entrance to Warren Point. The clerk reported that the banks had now been cut and that the contractors had done an extremely good job. She asked councillors if a letter expressing appreciation for a job well done would be appropriate and councillors agreed one be sent.
- 3.6 Signpost for Easton: DCC had phoned within 5 days of the June parish council meeting to state it was now on order. Since then the new signpost has been affixed to the post.
- 3.7 Land Registry. It was agreed that the application for First Registration should now proceed and that Warren Point should be included along with Bigbury Village Green and Bowling Green. It was agreed that a cheque for £30 be drawn for the fee involved.

4.0 OPEN SESSION

- 4.0 Dr Stuart Watts reported that he has now resigned as chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee and Mr Charles Harrington has now taken over as chairman.
- 4.1 Mrs Gubbins reported there is no timetable at either the bus stop or bus shelter at BoS – she had encountered a walker midweek waiting for a bus.
- 4.2 She also reported that a motor-home had exited the car park at the main entrance and had endeavoured to turn left but had got stuck on the boulder. The driver had been unaware of the slip-road from the car park to The Warren which would have been an easier exit. .
- 4.3 Mrs Gubbins also stated that the parish postman “Dougie” Dougan is retiring at the end of August and wondered if a presentation would be appropriate to honour his excellent service to the parish.
With no other items from the public the chairman closed the Open Session and councillors considered the points raised.
- 4.1 It was agreed that Tally Ho be contacted asking if a notice could be erected giving the times of the buses on Fridays
- 4.2 It was agreed that SHDC be notified of the difficulty experienced by the driver of the motor-home
- 4.3 D Cllr Carson felt it would be inappropriate to use public funds for such a purpose but it was agreed a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Dougan. Mrs Gubbins will ask local shops if they would be willing for collection boxes to be placed in their shops if residents would like to donate towards a “thank-you” presentation. It was agreed that such a presentation could be carried out at the September parish council meeting.
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- 5.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT D Cllr Carson reported that the Local Government Review has now been submitted to the Boundary Committee. Further consultation will continue till 18th September. If approved, it would be effective from April 2011. It is understood that David Cameron is not in favour, believing that big is not always beautiful. SHDC has spent quite a lot of money on public spaces and he reported that he has a Locality Fund of £1,000 to be shared by the four parishes in his patch. He was asked if that money could be spent on the proposed footpath from Ringmore to St Ann’s Chapel but he said that money is not a problem with the progress of the footpath. He said that it is now SHDC policy not to allow big enlargements on to a small building. .

- 6.0 WEBSITE nothing further to report since last month’s meeting

7.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

- 7.0 Mr & Mrs Stone: Crosswick, St Ann’s Chapel for roof space conversion to include raising of roof ridge to form 2 bedrooms and bathroom. REFUSED.
- 7.1 Mr Trivett, Holdings, Ringmore: alterations & extension GRANTED

7.2 Mr Bernard Owen: Combe Farm Barns, Aveton Gifford: new application for an access track. Mr N Thornton and Mr T Thornton had lodged with the parish council copies of their letters to SHDC. Parish Council had strong objections to proposal.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.0 SW Highways: notification of closure of tidal road from 28th September.
- 8.1 Ivybridge Senior Council for Devon inviting Bigbury Parish Council to become a member. Meetings are held in the Watermark, Ivybridge every 3rd Monday at 10am It was agreed that the parish council would join and Cllr Carson stated he was happy to represent the parish council
- 8.2 P3 Summer Workshops The clerk reported that the parish footpath warden, Mr Alan George, had said he would be attending one at Rattery Village Hall on 24th July. The parish council would pay his expenses out of P3 money.
- 8.3 P3 Spring Newsletter – circulation
- 8.4 Tor Homes: news release – circulation
- 8.5 S Hams CVS notification of nomination for new trustee to the board
- 8.6 May Gurney: road closure from Pickwick Crossroads to Bigbury Village 21st-25th September.
- 8.7 S Devon Carers Consortium – meeting 7th Julytary Vine – circulation
- 8.8 SHDC: notification of seagull-proof bin bags being supplies – Dartmouth area
- 8.9 Clerks & Councils Direct: magazine – circulation
- 8.10 Mr C Heath: notification that he has entered into an HLS agreement with Natural England. A copy of the Permissive Access Map was attached.
- 8.11 Commission for Rural Communities: notification of conference on 22 July
- 8.12 Senior Council of Devon: magazine – circulation
- 8.13 In Touch Newsletter – circulation
- 8.14 DAPC Newsletter – circulation
- 8.15 SHDC Inquiry By Design; notice that any member of this panel must declare an interest
- 8.16 SHDC Executive Forward Plan: - circulation
- 8.17 S Hams Society Bulletin – circulation
- 8.18 Communities Local Government – circulation
- 8.19 The chairman had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Alan Best. Due to pressure of work Cllr Best feels he is unable to carry out his duties as a councillor to the level he would like to and therefore, regrettably was tendering his resignation. Councillors were extremely sorry to learn of his decision and expressed their great appreciation for the valuable contribution and hard work Cllr Best had made during his term of office. A letter of appreciation would be sent to Cllr Best. Notification would be made of a Casual Vacancy.

9 FINANCIAL

- 9.0 It was proposed by Cllr Heath, seconded by Cllr Lawrence and agreed that cheques be drawn as follows:-
- i. Land Registry £30
 - ii. CJL Rogers: playing field rent £1.00

iii	Dvn Assn. Parish Councils. subscription	£119.85
iv	Viking Direct. Stationery Parish Plan & clerk	£60.82
v	Dr S Watts: parish plan expenses	£6.00
vi.	Bigbury Memorial Hall: hire	£47.50
vii	Mrs C Heath: parish plan expenses	£ 3.76
viii	Modbury Caring: donation (prop.Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Heath and agreed)	£75

- 9.1 A letter had been received from Mr Charles Harrington stating that he had understood from Dr Watts that the Memorial Hall should receive 2 payments during this financial year of £256.25 each during April and September. Councillors felt there had been a misunderstanding. A payment had been made in September 2008 of £1000 representing a grant of £500 and a loan of £500 the latter to be repaid within the next two years. Cllr Heath declared an interest by virtue of being a member of the Memorial Hall Committee. It was therefore proposed and agreed that instead of a further payment being made to the Memorial Hall in this financial year, the sum of £500 would act as a cancellation/repayment of the loan made in 2008. Following permission from councillors sought after last meeting, it was confirmed that cheques had had to be drawn for TGo Web Services of £145.53 and to S Hosking for £201.30 for repairs to bench. Permission was also given for any urgent cheques to be drawn if required before the September meeting. Councillors would be informed at the time.

10 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Heath reported that apologies had been received from Giles Chichester MEP, Gary Streeter MP and C Cllr William Mumford as they are unable to attend the Parish Plan Launch on 10th July. Cllr Edgcombe asked if the Group will finish involvement after the launch. Mrs Heath stated that individual sub-groups will be formed with, hopefully, a parish councillor on each sub-group. Any money left at the end of August from the grant, has to be returned.

11.0 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- 110 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
- 11.1 Evidence User Forms New Quay and Cleveland Drive
- 11.2 Land Registry – bus shelter at BoS: Cllr Edgcombe will ask Mr Alan King if he knows who owns the land on which the bus shelter is sited.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.0 Cllr Heath reported that signpost is missing for Bullhorn Cross. Cllr Edgcombe will check.
- 12.1 Cllr Heath also reported on Playline Design contract for maintenance of play area equipment. The inspection report would be checked.

- 12.2 It was reported that Judy Alloway is able to attend the September parish council meeting to talk on Local Lettings Policy.
- 12.3 Cllr Heath reported that the Toddler Group need about six more toddler chairs. Cllr Carson proposed, Cllr Lawrence seconded and it was agreed that the parish council purchase six more chairs.
- 12.4 It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dr Watts for his work as chairman of the Memorial Hall over the last 4 years.
- 12.5 Cllr Lawrence asked if it would be possible for the windows which have been boarded up at the Old Chapel Inn could be painted so that they don't stand out so much. Cllr Carson suggested a letter be sent to Stephen Munday at SHDC Planning asking if SHDC could enforce this.
- 12.6 Cllr Lawrence referred to a letter in the Kingsbridge Gazette from someone claiming to be writing a history of Bigbury village and referred to funding. Cllr Lawrence had pursued the matter but the address given was not in existence.
- 12.7 She also referred to some scribbling on the end wall of the Memorial Hall and wondered if it might be more practical if a lower section in that corner could be covered with blackboard paint.
- 12.8 Cllr Edgcombe reported that road surfacing carried out on Sunday 5th July had caused utter chaos with traffic. AGREED: letter be sent to DCC asking that this should not be carried out on summer Sundays.
- 13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 9th SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting ended 9.20 p.m.