

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 9th JULY 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs.A Best, B Carson, G Davis, J Owen and C Heath

D Cllr Basil Cane (Chairman SHDC), C Cllr W Mumford attended as well as 1 resident

The chairman welcomed D Cllr Basil Cane to the meeting and expressed the parish council's appreciation to Cllr Cane for devoting an evening to this meeting.

- 1.0 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr K Lawrence

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

- 3.0 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 3.0 Land Registry had requested a plan showing the areas of land that the parish council owns in order to be able to advise if the land is registered at the Land Registry. AGREED this be supplied. Clerk to check renewal of lease for Cockleridge.
 - 3.1 Gary Streeter MP had responded to letter regarding the Post Office Card Account and stated he will do all he possibly can to cause the Government to change its mind.
 - 3.2 Moores Lane: DCC had informed the clerk they will repair potholes, patching work will be carried out shortly and resurfacing is due next year.
 - 3.3 BT: no response to letter sent in June so it was agreed a further letter be sent stressing the need to retain all the parish telephone boxes. A letter had been received from Messrs. Maitland Walker which offers an alternative service company if BT removed phone boxes in the parish
 - 3.4 National Trust: had responded stating they are happy to look at installing a bench on Clematon Hill as they receive a stream of requests from individuals wanting to install benches and very few suitable sites needing them. With regard to vegetation overhanging road at Folly Hill, the area warden will follow up this matter. Cllr Owen had also been in touch with National Trust.
 - 3.5 Cliff Path to Challaborough: AGREED: Letter to DCC County Footpath Warden asking if he could arrange for some drainage channels as there have been accidents down there. Cllr Owen wondered if it would be possible for people doing Community Service to carry out work to the footpath. Cllr Heath declared an interest and took no part in this discussion
 - 3.6 Cllr Carson asked what objections were raised to the alternative quote for the parish website. Cllr Owen informed him of the reasons and was backed by Cllr Best.

- 4.0 **OPEN SESSION**
 - 4.0 Dr Watts apologised for the need to use the committee room due to work being carried out in the main hall.

- 5.0 D CLLR BRYAN CARSON reported on the disappointment felt generally throughout the area at the decision not to progress with the suggestion of a South Dartmoor Unitary Authority but that one for the whole of Devon without the existing Unitary Authorities should be put forward. It is possible that Exeter City Council will now try to amalgamate with Exmouth. He felt it important that both the parish council and individual residents should submit their views to the Boundary Commission before September expressing disappointment at the current proposal and stipulate there is no wish to be amalgamated with Plymouth. Cllrs Carson, Edgcombe and Owen will attend a meeting on the subject in Ivybridge on 15th July and following that, a letter will be drafted for circulation to parish councillors prior to an agreed version being sent to the Secretary of State. D Cllr Carson went on to state already SHDC is sharing several services with Teignbridge in order to cut down on costings. He reported there is an AONB review being carried out with submissions to be in by September.
- 6.0 D CLLR BASIL CANE (Chairman SHDC) was invited by the chairman to address the meeting. Cllr Cane stated he is trying to attend as many parish council meetings as possible during his term of office. He said that SHDC appreciates all that parish councils do. He reported on the Youth Games held in Plymouth ten days previously in which the South Hams team came second out of twelve teams. He invited the parish council to contact him if at any time D Cllr Carson is away. SHDC has a 99.2% record of collection of Council Tax and considers SHDC to be a very good council. The chairman expressed the parish council's appreciation for his attendance. C Cllr William Mumford joined the meeting at this stage having previously attended the Ermington Parish Council meeting earlier in the evening.
- 7.0 C CLLR WILLIAM MUMFORD stated there is still quite a lot of work to be done in relation to the Community Boundary review. There is now a 12 week consultation period. He felt it would be a good idea for the parish council to go through the Saltstone Group to submit ideas. It is important to get questions asked now. A Unitary Councillor would take the role of both the current District Councillor and County Councillor under the new proposals serving perhaps 4000-7000 residents. He was concerned there are some big questions that still remain to be answered. On a Bigbury level he reported that a chemical is on order for the mirror at the Pickwick crossroads; the hedge from the Hall to the Pickwick crossroads has been cut, DCC workforce steam cleaned the sign at Seven Stones Cross, the new lay-by sign stipulating no overnight parking at bottom of Folly Hill is on order. He stated there is a Locality Funding available for up to £5000 and invited bids for the fund. Cllr Owen reported there were 9 vans parking overnight in the BoS car park. Cllr Heath reported the fingerpost sign at Bowls Cross is missing – D Cllr Mumford noted the report.
- 8.0 PARISH PLAN. Cllr Heath reported that the DEFRA grant aid was now closed but the steering committee had been thrilled to receive a grant of £3,200 from Awards For All. Dr Watts had produced a draft questionnaire which was circulated to each councillor

inviting their comments to be submitted within a week. It was hoped to print the questionnaire in third week of August with collection two weeks later. Cllr Heath had been informed that she would not be able to obtain information from the electoral register regarding residents and names of properties. Gary Streeter has shown an interest in the plan and would like to attend the Presentation Evening at the end of the project.

9.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

9.0 Mr Walton, Warren Point, BoS: alterations and replacement of flat roof. GRANTED

9.1 Mr Ashby: land adj. Clanna Cottage, Ringmore Dr. BoS: crown reduction to turkey oaks and sycamores refused but permission for crown raising of trees overhanging roadway is allowed..

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

10.0 SHDC: notification of Public Meetings to be held regarding the Local Government Review.

10.0 Stones solicitors: offering a service of helping parish councils to register land with Land Registry. .

10.1 John Yeoman: informing that the Red Arrows will be flying over the area on Saturday 9th August at approx 5.0pm for Salcombe Regatta and to warn there could be some disturbance to livestock.

10.2 DAPC: Newsletter for July and August

10.3 SHDC magazine.

11.0 FINANCIAL

11.0 It was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Carson and agreed that cheques be drawn as follows: :

a: University of Gloucester for Parish Plan software b: DHammett cutting around bus shelter; DCC card for Bigbury News; d: TGo for computer and website;. e. DCC paper for Bigbury News f: Bigbury Memorial Hall rent for parish council meetings; g: Memorial Hall rent for parish plan meetings; h repairs to footpath bottom Folly Hill close and to work at viewing gallery and around benches; i. Saltstone Group membership fee Cllr Edgcombe declared a prejudicial interest in item 11.0 h and took no part in that matter.

11.0 Permission was given for cheques to be drawn for external fee, provision of skips and for the cutting of the hedge in the children's play area and the contractor would also be asked if he could cut the internal side of the roadside hedge of the playing field should the invoices be received prior to September council meeting..

11.1 Skips: It was agreed to book skips next year in May for Bigbury-on-Sea, Bigbury Village and Challaborough but to have the St Ann's Chapel one in October.

12.0 OUTSTANDING MATTERS

12.0 Maintenance work to benches in Bigbury on Sea – Cllrs Edgcombe and Carson will carry out a maintenance check.

- 12.1 Baby swings in children's play area – it was reported that Cllrs Edgcombe and C.Heath had inspected and agreed the area for location of the toddler swings
- 12.2 Mirror Pickwick crossroads – demisting coating
- 12.3 Fencing around footpath at Warren Point
- 12.4 Evidence User forms for New Quay and end Cleveland Drive. Request response from Helen Buckingham and ask how many forms she received for each path. Also to ask in September Bigbury News if anybody else has forms to submit.
- 12.5 Mirror Pickwick crossroads – demisting coating required

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.0 Cllr Carson reported he had noticed that the BoS car park does not go to a winter tariff as all other coastal car parks in S.Hams do. He was asked to pursue the matter.
- 13.1 Cllr Carson reported he had met with Michael Pearson (Cundy Farms), Mike Hammonds (chairman, Ringmore Parish Council) to discuss further the matter of a suggested footpath from Ringmore to St Ann's Chapel. Bullhorn Cross was presenting a difficulty and they were following the matter up with DCC. Both Ringmore and Bigbury Parish Councils are fully in support of the project. .
- 13.2 Cllr Heath asked if Website Review could be a standing item on the agenda. This was agreed to. It was further agreed that businesses within the Bigbury Parish should be allowed to advertise on the website for a small charge and to suggest they approach Phil Shea to place on the site. It was agreed that a sub-committee of Cllrs Best, Owen and Heath together with Cllr Lawrence (if she wished to participate) should be formed
- 13.3 Cllr Owen reported that there have been complaints about two large containers in BoS car park alongside the existing RNLI container which are linked to a surf school. The car park is now looking very cluttered. It was thought that the lease for the car park only permitted the two businesses of Venus Café and Mr Wood's Gift Shop.
- 13.4 Cllr Owen also asked about the duties of the Lengthsman and requested that he come to BoS to clear all the grass encroaching upon the highway obliterating yellow lines. The bus lay-by is also very untidy and since SHDC took over the car park their record of maintenance of the grass bank bordering Marine Drive is not at all good.
- 13.5 Cllr Owen also reported that apparently there is no dog warden covering this parish as he appears to be transferred to other duties such as emptying the parking meters.
- 13.6 Cllr Owen referred to a report in the minutes of SHDC for June which referred to work to a Community Path at BoS and asked Cllr Carson for details.
- 13.7 It was asked if P3 money would be allowed to be spent on the cliff path to Challaborough and would it be possible to use people to work on it who are having to do community service.. The clerk would enquire.
- 13.8 Cllr Davis raised the question of fencing around Warren Point. No paperwork has been done to officially close that footpath which is now very dangerous. AGREED; letter to County Footpath Warden, Peter Guy to ask him to process this closure because of the danger.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 10th September at 7.30 p.m.

.Meeting ended 10.0.pm