

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 14th MAY 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs.B Carson, K Lawrence and C Heath
C Cllr W Mumford attended as well as 3 residents.

1.0 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs. G Davis and J Owen,

2.0 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Carson that Cllr Edgcombe be re-elected to serve as chairman for the forthcoming year. There being no other nominations Cllr Edgcombe was declared Chairman and took his seat. He thanked councillors for his election

Vice-chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Carson that Cllr Davis be re-elected as Vice-chairman. Cllr Davis had indicated his willingness to stand prior to the meeting. There being no other nominations Cllr Davis was elected as Vice-chairman.

3.0 **CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY**

One application had been received and consequently it was proposed by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Carson that Mr Alan Best be co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the sad death of Cllr Mrs Mitchell. This was unanimously agreed and Mr Best signed his Acceptance of Office and took his seat.

4.0 **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

A: Memorial Hall Committee - Cllr Heath

B: CPRE: -

C: Devon Playing Fields Assen – Cllr Owen

D: Devon Asscn Parish Councils – Cllr Edgcombe

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

6.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

6.0 The clerk had written to D Cllr Hitchins thanking him for attending and addressing the Annual Parish Meeting.

6.1 DCC had acknowledged the request for a coating to be placed on the mirror at the Pickwick Crossroads to prevent misting over. D Cllr Mumford noted the request.

6.2 A letter had been sent to Devon Playing Fields Asscn thanking them for the grant towards the cost of installation of toddler swings in the children's play area at St Ann's Chapel.

- 6.3 Mirror at Easton: Cllr Lawrence reported that she had looked on the internet for costs and the average appeared to be in the region of £50. DCC have refused to install a mirror at Easton.
- 6.4 Best Kept Village Competition: The clerk reported that the new owner of the Royal Oak had cleaned the Bigbury Village sign on the verge outside Bigbury Court Farmhouse but it really needs repainting. D Cllr Mumford noted the item. The clerk also reported that the new owner of Butterwell Barn had strimmed down the overgrowth around the village sign.

7.0 OPEN SESSION

- 7.0 Dr Watts reported that he had met Alan Stapleton of the Environment South Hams Group who had wondered if the group could help with the idea of a new public footpath from Ringmore to St Ann's Chapel. It is believed that a grant may be available to help towards the scheme.
- 7.1 Cllr Lawrence reported she had spoken to Phil Shea (resident Bigbury village) who was attending the meeting to discuss a website. Mr Shea reported on costings to set up the project and maintenance charges. Both Cllr Lawrence and Mr Shea reported that the parish council computer is very slow and really out of date. A meeting was arranged to discuss both matters in more detail

- 8.0 C.CLLR WILLIAM MUMFORD C Cllr Mumford had broached the subject of the overgrowth at the Old Chapel car park but DCC will not do anything until later this year. He will chase up the subject of the Bigbury village sign to try to get it repainted. He reported on the Listening Events meetings to discuss boundary alterations. The clerk reported that the Modbury Clerk had contacted her asking if Bigbury Parish Council will support them in the idea of a South Dartmoor Authority. D Cllr Carson felt it was far better for individual councils to submit their own views as he felt it would carry more weight. It was agreed to discuss the matter in July. The clerk reported that Cllr Owen had asked her to raise the matter of the large sign at Seven Stones Cross which is filthy dirty and difficult to read. Cllr Owen had experienced occasions when vehicles in front had actually stopped in order to try to read the directional sign. He also asked her to raise the matter of the small lay-by at the bottom of Folly Hill where vehicles are parking overnight. There had always been a sign erected in the lay-by stipulating no overnight parking. C Cllr Mumford took both matters on board. The chairman thanked both Mr Shea and C Cllr Mumford for their attendance and input to the meeting.

9.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

- 9.0 Mr & Mrs S Brown, Lower Cumery Barn, Aveton Gifford> REFUSED
- 9.1 Beachdown Bungalows, Challaborough for removal of old holiday units and replacement with 12 new units has been withdrawn. D Cllr Carson suggested that the owners should liaise with the parish council.
- 9.2 Glenthorne, Marine Drive, BoS for demolition of chalet bungalow and erection of 3 town house size apartment building has been withdrawn.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.0 DCC Community Listening Event to be held on 28th May 7pm – 9pm at Watermark, Ivybridge.
- 10.1 Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: posters sent inviting people to apply to be independent members of the local police authority. These have been displayed on parish notice-boards.

11.0 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Heath brought the meeting up to date with the Parish Plan. A costings sheet was presented to those present with two options to go forward with. It was agreed that the second option should be the one to proceed with which should result in the parish council paying approximately £1,250. There was a software analysis available at a cost of £75 which it was agreed should be purchased. The matters put forward were proposed by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Best and agreed.

12.0 FINANCIAL

- 12.0 It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Heath and agreed that cheques be drawn as follows: :
- a: Community First insurance £187.50 b: DCC Bigbury News paper £188.07
d: SHDC parish council election half share of costs £1,089.75. e. CJ Rogers playing field rent £1. f: Alice Taylor Parish Plan leaflets £50.11
- 12.1 A discussion took place regarding the cutting of the parish footpaths during the current year. It was agreed to ask the parish Footpath Warden which footpaths he considered need cutting. The chairman and vice-chairman would then be contacted.
- 12.2 Memorial Hall grant: It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Best and agreed that a grant be made to the hall of £250. Dr Watts said it was likely that it would be used to clean the chairs in the hall.
- 12.3 Skips: It was agreed to book skips to serve Bigbury-on-Sea, St Ann's Chapel and one at Bigbury Village at about 2-3 week intervals as before. It was agreed to ask Cllr Davis if he considered the Bigbury Village skip should go to Challaborough in the afternoon as last year Park Dean had provided a skip.
- 12.4 Swings in Children's Play Area. It was reported that Cllr Mitchell's daughter and family would like to place a plaque at some spot in the area in memory of their mother who had worked hard for the project. This was agreed.
- 12.5 Cllr Heath reported on the siting of the toddler swings and will contact councillors when they are ready to install.

13.0 OUTSTANDING MATTERS

- 13.0 Vegetation overhanging wall rear of Old Chapel Inn front car park
- 13.1 Bench corner Parker Road with Cleveland Drive
- 13.2 Maintenance work to benches in Bigbury on Sea – Cllrs Edgcombe and Carson will carry out a maintenance check.
- 13.3 Baby swings in children's play area
- 13.4 Mirror Pickwick crossroads – demisting coating required

14.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. Cllr Carson had nothing to report

15.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.0 Cllr Carson reported that the Tourism Officer had received a request for a plaque to be placed on a bench on the viewing platform and that the donor would also like to make a contribution towards the cost of the purchase of a sand wheelchair and it is hoped that other sponsors may contribute towards the cost. There would be a need to ascertain where the chair would be stored and also who would be responsible for insurance. All agreed that Cllr Carson should inform the donor that she can go ahead.

15.1 A councillor enquired as to the response to the number of forms completed for the request regarding the footpath to Newquay Lane.

15.2 Cllr Best thanked the councillors for co-opting him on to the parish council.

16.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11th June at 7.30 p.m.

.Meeting ended 9.40.pm