

A meeting of the parish council was held on Wednesday 12th MARCH with Cllr Terry Edgcombe (in the chair) and Cllrs Karen Lawrence and Cathy Heath, present..3 residents attended and also County Cllr William Mumford attended for the first half of proceedings.

Matters raised:

Councillors were sorry to learn of the sad passing of Cllr Sally Mitchell and a Casual Vacancy to fill her post has been declared. Parish council vacancy - an application had been received along with one from Jim Owen who has decided to apply to stand again as no other resident of Bigbury on Sea has come forward to fill the vacancy. The vacancy will be discussed at the April meeting.

Dog bins - still nothing heard from relevant department about the cost of emptying dog bins if placed along the Warren. In the interim, dog owners may place doggy bags in the litter bin at the bus shelter.

A letter had been sent to the owner of the Old Chapel Inn requesting that foliage overgrowing the car park on the boundary with the road to Easton/tidal road be cut back. As no response had been received it was agreed that DCC be now asked to deal with the matter.

DCC Jim Morrison had replied to letter regarding road blockages at BoS with reconstruction work being carried out at Rathvendon. Mr Morrison states that they had had no notification of any road blockages and if there are any recurrences, residents should notify the police and also ask if any arrangements have been made in the event of a quick access being required in an emergency.

Planning SHDC notices received:-

Glenthorne, Marine Drive, BoS. On circuit among councillors.

Financial

Cheques were drawn and Dr Watts asked if any decision had been made during discussions on the precept for a donation to the Memorial Hall in the next financial year.

Open Session

a resident reported that a large estate agent sign has been on display at Sedgewell Sands for a very long time now. AGREED that the agent be requested to remove the sign ..

Mr Owen asked that when the parish councillors consider the planning application for Glenthorne, Marine Drive, they take into consideration the question of parking as no arrangements are shown on the plans and it is necessary for the access road to the Challaborough cliff path to remain clear at all times for emergency vehicle use. Therefore there would be no facility for parking in front of the property.

Dr Watts stated that the parish council needs to appoint a member to fill Sally Mitchell's seat on the Memorial Hall Committee as it is in the constitution of the Committee that there must be a representative of the parish council. Cathy Heath agreed to fill the vacancy.

Dr Watts reported that the Aune Conservation Society will be placing flyers in the next Bigbury News and asked if the parish council could make a contribution towards the cost. However, as there was only a quorum present it was felt that .such a discussion should wait until more councillors are present.

A resident stated there are now three buses and two (apparently) scrap cars parked in the front Old Chapel Inn car park and felt these could constitute a danger and risk.

AGREED letter be sent to Environmental Health for a check to be made.

County Cllr William Mumford reported that following Exeter's unsuccessful bid for Unitary Status, a review is to be made of existing boundaries. South Hams is so peripheral that there is a chance that the end of this year. It would then go to the Secretary of State and six weeks after that, the decision will be made. A series of Listening Events will be held in which parish councillors may attend, one of which will be at Ivybridge .•

Other matters ,

User Evidence Forms are still available in local shops for completion by as many people as possible who have ever walked along the path to New Quay (Cockleridge).

- Mr Bennett reported that he had looked into the costs of hiring a strimmer and then spoken to one of the BoS residents (as empowered at previous P.C.meeting) - tile latter had strimmed a couple of the footpaths using his own equipment and a bill will be submitted for payment out of P3 funds.

Parish Plan Cathy Heath gave an update and stated that it looked as if the Plan will cost in the region of £3,000

Date of next meeting -Wednesday 9th April in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. This will be a

shortened meeting to be followed at approximately 8.0pm with the Annual Parish Meeting.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY. As mentioned above, the parish council is now empowered to co-opt a new member to the parish council to serve until the next Parish Council Elections. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact tile clerk before 1st April..