

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 11th FEBRUARY 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs. G Davis, A Best and Mrs C Heath. C Cllr William Mumford and five residents also attended.

- 1.0 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs B Carson, J Owen and K Lawrence
- 2.0 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** An amendment was requested from the Parish Plan steering committee members asking that Minute 12 relating to the percentage of questionnaires returned should be amended to read 50% and not 32%. After this the minutes were approved and signed by the chairman.
- 3.0 **MATTERS ARISING**
- 3.0 Warren Point: response from DCC stating that 2 warning notices will be sited within the next 4 weeks. AGREED: A further letter to be sent to DCC requesting them to confirm in writing, following the previous request, that they will cover any claims in event of an accident. This item had been ignored in their response to the request from the council
- 3.1 Cliff path BoS to Challaborough: Mrs Heath reported that she had recently walked along the path and did not feel the condition to be too bad.
- 3.2 Car Park steps near gift shop. Response from SHDC received stating if it is established that SHDC can do the work without further consents or approvals, they will get the work done without further delay. .
- 3.3 Cllr Davis again asked if the response from Mr S Munday regarding observations made at the October parish council meeting had been shown to Mr Stephens. The clerk had already supplied Mr Stephens with copies of her letter and Mr Munday's response.
- 3.4 Dog bins: SHDC Mr S Mason had contacted the clerk on the day he had received her letter and a dog bin had been sited near the parking meter in The Warren the next day to his phone call.
- 3.5 Claimed Footpaths in Bigbury on Sea: Miss Buckingham (DCC) had confirmed she had not received any further user evidence forms in respect of Cleveland Drive-Folly Hill and beach to Cockleridge. The status of these routes will be investigated when her review reaches Bigbury – she hopes to start Thurlestone this year and Bigbury will be next.
- .3.6 Mirror at Pickwick Crossroads: Mr Halliday (DCC) reported that the DCC contractor had not been able to find a chemical that could be applied to combat the misting. One has now been purchased from a car accessory shop and should be applied very shortly. He also reported that a new "No Overnight Parking" sign should be erected in the lower Folly Hill lay-by before the end of February. (UPDATE: DCC have now sprayed the mirror with a coating which is usually applied to aeroplane cockpits)
- 3.7 Land Registry: Three large scale maps had been sent by Land Registry indicating the actual positions of the Village Green Bowling Green and Warren Point. The chairman and vice-chairman penned these in for return to Land Registry. Mrs Heath asked if the bus shelter was also owned by the parish council. Although the parish council had maintained it in the past there were no records of ownership so it would be difficult to

prove to Land Registry. If no-one comes forward claiming ownership then perhaps in the future the parish council could make a claim.

4.0 OPEN SESSION

Dr Stuart Watts reported that the new curtains are now up after fire-proofing. It is hoped to insulate the store at the back of the stage to bring it up to the same standard as the rest of the hall. Volunteers will be asked to help decorate the outside of the hall once work on the new coastguard building has finished. C.Cllr Mumford said he could put £500 towards the cost from the Locality Fund if the parish council is agreeable. Parish councillors agreed to this.

5.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR not able to be present.

6.0 C.CLLR W. MUMFORD reported that DCC were looking at a 3% increase in Council Tax with SHDC having a nil% increase. A big issue had arisen resulting in the delay of the Boundary Review – this will not now be issued until July. He welcomed the decision to delay the result. DCC Highways had had to handle an exceptional 3 weeks and the bad weather has resulted in a great deal of damage to the roads. Cllr Edgcombe reported that a great deal of stones etc has been washed down onto the road at Drunkards Hill, Easton. A letter will be sent to DCC requesting attention to the matter. (UPDATE) DCC attended to this debris on 17th February) Cllr Edgcombe also queried why Haldon Hill had been blocked and asked if the gritters had been used there.

7.0 WEBSITE UPDATE Cllr Best reported that he had spoken to the manager of the Oyster Shack and the manager of the Golf Club who had shown an interest in being included in the website. AGREED: Letters to be sent to them asking them to contact TGO Services who manage the website. It was agreed to ask Bigbury News to include a request in the next issue for small businesses and those in the tourist industry to go on the website.

8.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

8.0 Mr P Gill: Redlands & The Rest, Ringmore Drive, BoS: REFUSED. Among the reasons given were “detrimental impact on local landscape character due to the large scale and excessive massing of the building” and “a dominating impact on the surrounding residential properties and would result in an unreasonable loss of privacy to surrounding neighbours”.

8.1 Mr & Mrs Howell, Thornbury, Parker Road, BoS: proposed alterations and extension to the bungalow. Certificate of Lawful Use or Development. GRANTED

8.2 Mr & Mrs Luckens: Foxhole Cottage, Easton: retrospective application on circuit. Letter from Mrs V.McCabe objecting was read to councillors. Cllrs Edgcombe, Carson and Davis had already been to inspect site. Cllr Davis said he had missed seeing a few plans – this was probably caused through councillors returning plans to the clerk after SHDC deadline. Cllr Heath suggested that e-mails could be sent to each parish councillor notifying them when an application has arrived and is on circuit.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9 SHDC Minutes for January (circulation)
- 9.1 Tor Homes Open Door newsletter (circulation)
- 9.2 Clerks & Councils Direct (circulation)
- 9.3 Parish Cluster Meetings: next meeting 25 February– nobody can attend.
- 9.4 DAPC: Royal Garden Party. It was agreed that Cllr Edgcombe’s name be submitted for inclusion in the ballot.
- 9.5 Sustainable Communities Act in the South Hams.
- 9.6 SHDC: Local Development Framework: copied to councillors
- 9.7 SHDC: notifying that Boundary Committee Report will not now be finalised until July
- 9.8 DCC: Emergency Planning:

10 FINANCIAL

- 10.1 It was proposed by Cllr Heath, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed that cheques be drawn as follows:-
- i. TGO Web Services & IT Services: website fee for 6 months: £120
 - ii. Inter-Parish Quiz refreshments:
- 11 PARISH PLAN. It was reported that there have been two Steering Committee meetings in the last few weeks. Consideration has to now be given on what actions are needed to finalise it and who will be delivering it. It was agreed that councillors will inspect the final draft at a separate meeting. A further meeting of the group would be held during the forthcoming week.

12.0 OUTSTANDING MATTERS

- 12.0 Cliff path BoSea to Challaborough: agreed to delete now
- 12.1 Mirror Pickwick crossroads – demisting coating.
- 12.2 Warren Point:
- 12.3 Evidence User forms for New Quay and end Cleveland Drive .
- 12.4 Land Registry
- 12.5 BoS car park steps

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.0 It was reported that the Memorial Hall AGM will be held on 22nd June.
- 13.1 Cllr Davis reported that he had unblocked grids and drains at the bottom of Moores Lane. It would help if the caravan site would cut their hedges back and also if the Leylandii trees at Beachdown Bungalows would be cut back or, better still, removed as their needles drop onto the road surface which contributes to the flooding issues which arise on the road. AGREED: letter to DCC to ask them to attend to the drainage problems at lower end of Moores Lane.

- 14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11 March at 7.30 p.m.
.Meeting ended 8.25 p.m.