

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 10th SEPTEMBER 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edgcombe in the chair and Cllrs.A Best, B Carson, G Davis, J Owen and K Lawrence. Cllr C Heath joined the meeting at 8.45 p.m. C Cllr W Mumford attended as well as 2 residents

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE nil

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.0 Land Registry had stated plan sent showing pieces of land registered with the Commons Commissioners was insufficient. Cllr Lawrence will arrange to obtain clearer map off internet and then application for all three sites to be registered at Land Registry.

3.1 Simon Garner (National Trust) is unable to attend September meeting but will attend the October meeting. The ragwort on Clematon Hill has been pulled but it would be helpful to be able to ascertain the question of benches on it.

3.2 Car Park steps near gift shop. The clerk had received a phone call from Mr Steve Howrihane (SHDC Buildings Manager) stating he was unable to pass on the information regarding ownership of the land due to Data Protection Act. Cllr Carson will enquire at SHDC. C Cllr W Mumford reported that DCC definitely are not responsible for the steps.

3.3 Warren Point: Cllr Owen felt it best not to register it as there is very little land between the cliff face and the road. Cllr Davis reported that the County Footpath Warden was under the assumption that the footpath had been closed in 1996. The clerk reported that she had left messages at DCC central telephone system. In the last call they would ask him to contact her urgently but still no response..

3.4 Plaque in children's play area: It was agreed to have a brass plaque installed on a post near the baby swings reading "In memory of Sally Mitchell for all her good work in the parish". Agreed to ask Bigbury Mint if they could supply it.

3.5 User Evidence Forms – Helen Bucklingham had replied that she had received 21 forms re Cleveland Drive-Folly Hill and 5 for New Quay. Agreed the clerk will give Cllr Owen 22 spare forms for the Bigbury News issues which are posted.

4.0 C. CLLR WILLIAM MUMFORD

4.0 C Cllr Mumford reported there were to be two meetings in the two forthcoming weeks about the Boundary Commission's proposals. He does not feel there has been sufficient information for people to make decisions and also feels that nobody has looked into the maths of the situation. Cllr Carson reported that as the Commission had

turned down the proposal for a South Dartmoor Unitary Authority, SHDC would not proceed any further. Assuming that Exeter and Exmouth are part of the new council, 100 councillors will represent 760,000 people. Aside from the proposals, DCC have a lot of planned maintenance which has been transferred to repairing roads which have been washed away. Cllr Carson reported that water runs down the road at Dukes Mill like a stream which is eroding the road away. Cllr Mumford noted the report.

5.0 OPEN SESSION

5.0 Mrs Gubbins reported that a lot of chalk marks round potholes awaiting patching have been washed away during the very wet weather experienced over the last several weeks.

6.0 CLLR BRYAN CARSON reported that everything is a bit vague about what is happening during the Boundary Commission's considerations. A letter had been received stating that DCC has been very happy dealing with SHDC over the last many years and it is not their desire to have a Unitary Authority. There is concern that there will be only a hundred councillors serving the whole county. He feels every resident should write in to the Boundary Commission with their individual views. The parish council had already made its submission to the Commission. Cllr Carson had never come across anything so major being pushed through with such a short timetable. The whole process had arisen because Exeter City Council had put in a bid to be a Unitary Authority and this had been pushed through by their Labour MP, Ben Bradshaw. Cllr Davis expressed surprise that a resident had to pay £8,000 for an environmental study when he submitted a planning application. Cllr Lawrence asked Cllr Carson where does all the recycled waste in the parish go.

7.0 WEBSITE UPDATE Cllr Best reported on a sub-committee meeting which had also been attended by Phil Shea who is running the website. To date there have been 38 visits mostly from London. To generate more income it is important to get more interest so each councillor is requested to contact two prospective links. Cllr Lawrence reported that the committee will arrange for an advert in the Bigbury News in the hope it will generate more interest.

8.0 PLANNING - SHDC notices received

8.0 Mr & Mrs Doughty: extensions & alterations to Pembroke, Warren Rd, BoS.
GRANTED

8.1 Miss Lange, Little Barn, Noddon Barns, Ringmore: retrospective application to approved application. GRANTED.

8.2 Lower Cumery Barn: application withdrawn.

8.3 The chairman reported on a visit from Mr G. Phillips about a planning application received for Southway, Marine Drive. Mr Phillips had pointed out that drawings in the application were inaccurate. Cllr Owen stated that the application constituted artist's impressions.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9 SHDC Local Development Framework Planning Document received and circulated to councillors. The chairman asked the clerk to complete the questionnaire submitted with the report.
- 9.1 DAPC: July/August newsletter had been circulated.
- 9.2 Tor Homes Open Door newsletter had been circulated
- 9.3 SHDC: with schedule of BT telephone boxes listed for removal – none in Bigbury parish.
- 9.4 SHDC with reminder that submissions for Local Government Review should be sent as soon as possible
- 9.5 SHDC Landscape & Leisure. S Hams Young Sports Person of the Year Awards 2008
- 9.6 DCC P3 Drop In days schedule circulated. – none in this area.
- 9.7 Police Authority: Liaison meeting 15th September in Dartmouth Guildhall 7.30pm
There will be one in Yealmpton Community Centre on 1st December at 7.30pm
- 9.8 SHDC Monitoring Officer: Kevin Williams has now retired and Delyth Jenkins Evans is now Monitoring Officer with Becky Fowlds as Deputy Monitoring Officer in her absence.
- 9.9 Best Kept Village Competition: unfortunately Bigbury were not among the winners this year.

10.0 FINANCIAL

- 10.0 It was confirmed that cheques had been drawn for £440 to Arborfor for hedge and tree cutting, £1060.08 to S Hams Skip Hire and for £53 to DCC for computer Improvers' Course for the clerk to attend. The clerk reported that she had sent off recycling credits to SHD C for refund.
- 10.1 It was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Carson and agreed that cheques be drawn as follows: :
- a: Viking Direct: stationery £55.14. b: Nick Walker Printing: printing 600 parish plan £600 c. clerk £372.74 d. Wheels4Bigbury Beach £600. Bigbury Memorial Hall £1,000 representing £500 grant and loan of £500 over 2 years. It was noted that with !2.1d a cheque had been received from Mrs Birchill for £400 as a contribution to the chair and it was agreed that the parish council would donate £200 on the understanding that it will be Wheels4Bigbury Beach who will be responsible for maintenance and insurance cover. It is understood that Venus Café are willing to operate the system. Cllr Best suggested that it should be advertised on the website once it is operational.
- 10.2 The clerk reported that a VAT refund for £403.04 had been received from HM Customs and Excise.
11. PARISH PLAN. Cllr Heath reported that Stuart Watts and Alice Taylor were already loading responses to the Parish Plan into the system.

12.0 OUTSTANDING MATTERS

12.0 Cliff path BoSea to Challaborough

12.1 Mirror Pickwick crossroads – demisting coating

12.2 Warren Point: Cllr Best asked if a notice should be erected warning of danger.
Agreed to ask Legal Section their advice.

12.3 Evidence User forms for New Quay and end Cleveland Drive..

12.4 Moores Lane: potholes

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13 Cllr Lawrence reported on a letter she had received from Mr & Mrs Singleton regarding extreme flooding across the entrance to their drive which causes a traffic hazard during periods of heavy rain. Agreed letter to DCC on the matter and to also report other areas of frequent flooding.

13.1 Cliff path: clerk to again contact Peter Guy

13.2 Cllr Carson reported that SHDC will not pay for cutting of area around footpath down to the beach but would cut at parish council expense. Letter to SHDC stating as leaseholder the parish council agrees to SHDC carrying out maintenance work to the footpath.

13.3 Councillors offered their congratulations to the Memorial Hall committee on the recent refurbishment of the hall.

13.1 Cllr Carson reported that at a meeting of the SHDC it was agreed that there will be free overnight parking during winter months in SHDC car parks but residents will have to buy a pass for £10.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 8th October at 7.30 p.m.

.Meeting ended 9.45.pm