

A meeting of the parish council was held on Wednesday 12th DECEMBER 2007 with Cllr Graham Davis (in the chair) and Cllrs Cathy Heath, Karen Lawrence, Sally Mitchell and Jim Owen present.. 4 residents also present. Matters raised:

- The clerk had written (again) to SHDC Les Barnes asking for the bank along the car park bordering the length of Marine Drive to be cut in accordance with the many requests made to SHDC. (UPDATE - part of the bank has been cut but still the initial stretch from car park entrance to upper Warren car park entrance has still not been cut).

- Dog bins - SHDC have stated the price of each bin is £250 plus VAT plus £75 for installing. On top of that the parish council will have to pay for the bins to be emptied. BoS car park steps - SHDC Principal Solicitor has written stating that she has contacted Robin Toogood and is considering the advice she has been given regarding the fence along the bund in the Warren car park.

- Jim Owen reported that the beech tree on the Bigbury village green badly needs trimming back. All councillors agreed with him and it was agreed Graham Davis will contact a contractor. Jim Owen also reported that the Christmas tree for the green is being donated this year - grateful thanks are extended to the resident who very kindly donated the tree.

- Graham Davis reported that mud was left on the road at the lower end of Moores Lane following recent flooding. The clerk had already telephoned DCC on the matter.

- Jim Owen asked if the parish council would purchase the paper required for the Bigbury News in future instead of making two payments per annum. The figures involved work out roughly the same and councillors agreed that this should go ahead.

Planning SHDC notices received:-

Mr & Mrs Hutchings: alterations balcony 9 Avon Quillet, BoS. GRANTED

- The Willows, Parker Rd, BoS: Appeal decision - inspector had dismissed part of the appeal relating to the loft conversion and agreed to the rest.

- Jim Owen asked if the parish council could write to Planning asking for a condition to be made in planning applications granted approval that roads should not be blocked during construction of properties. Residents of BoS have been greatly inconvenienced with the many instances of roads being blocked, verges damaged during redevelopment programmes being carried out over the last few years. AGREED letter be sent to Planning.

Financial

SHDC had sent a summary of the costs of the Parish Council share of the local elections held in May 2007. The costs for this parish will be £1,089,75 payable in May 2008. A by-election would cost more because all the costs would have to be borne by the parish council whereas if there is a District election at the same time, costs are shared.

It was agreed to submit a precept of £7,040 for 2008-2009

Other Matters

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

Parish Plan Cathy Heath is fixing a meeting for 2nd January with Graham Davis, John Simes, Richard Taylor, Peter Cook and Stuart Watts being invited to attend. The clerk handed over all the paperwork she has on the subject of parish plans.

Jim Owen. The chairman expressed grateful thanks to Jim Owen for all the considerable hard work he has done in his capacity as parish councillor over the last 12 years. This was endorsed by all those present.

Grateful thanks are also extended to David Gay for all his hard work as editor of Bigbury News, producing a magazine envied by very many other communities

Date of next meeting -Wednesday 13th February in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm