

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 9th MARCH 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr T Edcombe in the chair and Cllr.B Carson (joined the meeting at 8.0 pm), Cllrs G.Davis, J Owen, J Grace, S Watts and C Heath (who joined the meeting at approx. 8.30 pm). Four residents also attended.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE nil

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were approved and signed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.0 Goal post and netting: the chairman reported that he and the contractor had inspected the spring on the gate but found nothing wrong. However, it was pointed out that it was the spring on the large gate into the playing field which was the faulty one. The chairman stated he would examine this spring..

3.1 Salt bins: an Easton resident had found a salt bin in his field and had re-sited it on the grass bank opposite Easton House. Since then Cllr Carson has placed it in a position away from the public footpath gate and the salt alongside has been shovelled into the grit bin. Appreciation had been expressed to the resident in the Bigbury News.

3.2 Royal Wedding Mugs: the clerk reported that she was meeting the potter on Saturday in order to take delivery of the 144 mugs from him. A cheque would be drawn under Financial Section. Cllr Watts asked if it was possible to see the mug and the clerk reported she had left one at Holywell Stores for anyone to see who wondered what they are like.

3.3 DCC Adam Key re Speeding through Bigbury Village. Mr Key had indicated the location of the recorder and councillors agreed to give him the go ahead.

3.4 Affordable Homes Survey: Sue Hitchcock had sent a draft of the report, a copy of which had been issued to each councillor. As Cllr Carson had asked for any such matter that it was felt he would like to speak on to be delayed till later in the meeting, this subject was held back until after his arrival. A thank you letter would be sent to Sue Hitchcock for the report.

3.5 Cllr Watts asked that in future could decisions of planning applications be minuted. This could only be done if a decision was actually taken at the parish council meeting but it was agreed that once the plans had been circulated to every councillor then the ultimate decision could be emailed after consultation with the chairman.

4.0 PLANNING SHDC planning notifications received:

4.0 Mr & Mrs Connolly: 1 Folly Hill, BoS: amended plans confirming front extension will no longer be sought and proceeding with just rear extension: GRANTED

4.1 Mr & Mrs Banks, Seaway, Parker Rd, Bigbury on Sea: plans in circulation. The clerk reported that as she lived next door to this property she would ask the chairman to complete the form for return to Planning Dept.

4.2 DCC: Highlands Farm, Kingston. Plans had been received on a disc from DCC but following a request from the clerk they were sending through paper plans.

4.3 Mr M Reiss: Overcombe, Folly Hill, BoS: replacement of existing bungalow with new dwelling. By majority vote of 5-1 a response had been made of Objection on grounds of height.

5.0 OPEN SESSION

- 5.0 A resident asked about the situation regarding Affordable Homes and enquired how far discussions had progressed. Her enquiry was supported by two other neighbours. She was informed that as yet, the land had not been purchased. It was agreed to ask Sue Hitchcock if she could attend another meeting regarding the Affordable Homes Survey.
- 5.1 A resident asked if the chairman had been able to speak to the owner of Discovery Surf School regarding their recent application for a surf board trailer. The chairman reported that he had spoken to the applicant who has found a storage site away from their bungalow.
- 5.2 The same resident raised concern about the siting of the new metal parking restriction posts in Bigbury on Sea. Both Cllr Owen and the clerk had received complaints about these and the clerk had spoken to DCC Mike Watts who promised he would come out to inspect the new installation. *Cllr Carson joined the meeting at this point but stated he was not ready at that stage to give his report as item 6 on the agenda.*

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE all items below for circulation to councillors

- 6.0 Clerks & Local Councils magazine
- 6.1 DALC Leaflet
- 6.2 Parish Matters – insurance advert leaflet
- 6.3 CPRE Annual Report
- 6.4 SJDC Development Plan
- 6.5 DCC Village Green
- 6.6 DCC Minerals Core Strategy document
- 6.7 SHDC: information regarding parish council elections and referendum 5th May.

7.0 FINANCIAL _It was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:

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| i | J Gilbert: lighting at village green for Christmas | £50 |
| ii | Grasshopper Gardening Serv. Mowing village green | £90 |
| iii: | St Lawrence’s Church: burial ground contribution | £450 |
| iv: | Parish clerk: fee and expenses | £394 |
| v: | Viking Direct: Bigbury News stationery | £149.93 (cheque received equal) |
| vi: | Viking Direct: computer inks for clerk | £ 59.60 |
| vii: | BLP Collection: 144 Royal Wedding mugs | £414.72 |
| viii: | Bigbury Memorial Hall: hire Jan.Feb.Mar | £ 30.00 |
- 7.1 Confirmation letter from South Hams Containers for skip at Bigbury on Sea on 2nd April and one at St Ann’s Chapel 16th July at a price of £300 per day plus tipping of residual waste, wood and green waste extra. They will try to recycle as much as possible in order for the parish council to obtain recycling credits. They are now able to accept TVs and monitors (necessary for customers to sign relevant paperwork) and also refrigerators and deep freezers.
- 7.2 VAT refund of £254.59 had been received from HM Revenue & Customs

8.0 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- 8.0 Drain Cleveland Drive – P3 department will be contacted again
- 8.1 footpaths: Burgh Island FP -no further progress on this matter. Cllr Heath did not know of any further news regarding a kissing gate for the top of Parker Road.
- 8.2 Goal posts plus spring on the gate to the football pitch.
- 8.3 Grit bins/salt bags
- 8.4 Millennium Steps: chairman will inspect steps to see if any work been carried out.
- 8.5 Bus lay-by and village green tubs memorial to Peter Lewis
- 8.6 Notice boards: Cllr Owen will ask his contact for prices after measuring up.

9.0 ROYAL WEDDING

Cllr Owen reported on a meeting of the Celebration Committee that he had attended in February. He raised the question of whether the commemorative mugs should also be given to children of second-home owners as this could amount to quite a large number being involved. A discussion took place and it was agreed that a mug should be given to any child of a second home owner who was actually present at the celebration party at the Memorial Hall on 29th April. If they were not present then they would be able to purchase the mugs as could any other person at a charge of £4.50 – the same price as the Millennium mugs.

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.0 Cllr Grace asked if all councillors had to complete the election nomination forms which the clerk had included in the meeting pack. She was informed that all councillors wishing to stand again would have to complete the forms. Anyone else willing to seek election could apply to SHDC Election Office for a form.

10.1 Cllr Watts reported that the speed restriction sign near Chapelcoombe had been turned round.

10.2 Cllr Davis reported that the lower section of Moores Lane was in a poor state and desperately needed sweeping. Cllr Carson said he would look into the matter.

10.3 Affordable Homes: As Cllr Carson had not been present earlier in the meeting when this was discussed Cllr Grace and Cllr Watts asked if he could make it clear which land at St Ann's Chapel is the subject for discussion and who is leading the initiative in respect of the next steps and timelines. The meeting was told that Cllr Carson is leading it but that the proposed site has not yet been decided upon and is due to a number of factors. Cllr Carson suggested the possibility of getting an artist's impression of what the houses and lay out would look like. Cllr Carson will arrange for councillors to visit the land in question. Sue Hitchcock's report showed there is a need for affordable housing at St Ann's Chapel and it was agreed that once the parish council has some news on definite plans, then the public will be informed. It was agreed to write to Sue Hitchcock to thank her for her report and to ask her when it can now go into the public domain.

10.4 Annual Parish Meeting: PCSO Thorns was arranging for Rachel Ward to attend and give a police report. Cllr Carson will ask Sue Hitchcock and Debbie Holloway if they could attend the meeting.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 13th APRIL at 7.30 p.m (abbreviated form) to be followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8.0 p.m..

Meeting closed 9.10 pm