

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 14th SEPTEMBER 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs T Edgcombe, Cllr. B Carson, J Grace, A Klidjian and S Watts and T. Boys. There were 22 residents present.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Owen

2.0 MINUTES OF JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND notes of Special Meeting on Affordable Homes were approved and signed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.0 Goal post and netting: completed – invoice to be paid

3.1 Salt bins: DCC Highways N. Colton had assessed possible sites for salt bins – he stated that there was no safe area to provide one for Moores Lane but suggested one at Bigbury Village Green and one on verge above Hingston Farm. Cllr Watts asked if a further one could be provided at bottom of Easton but Cllr Carson felt as there were so few houses there, the 3rd bin could be better served elsewhere and his view was supported by the other councillors. It was agreed to ask for the 3rd bin to be sited near the corner of Ringmore Drive/Marine Drive, Bigbury-on-Sea.

3.2 HGV signs Easton-Ashford road. DCC Highways N Colton had submitted indications of possible signs relating to this issue. His suggestions were approved. The question of the heavier tonnage limit for the tidal road was raised but it was felt that 3 ton is the national standard.

3.3 Pickwick Inn: letter from John Steven confirming sale has now completed and it was reported that work had already started on the building this week

3.4 Cllr Grace reported details of the solar-powered bins which are now being used in areas of Plymouth. .

4.0 PLANNING

4.0 Sea View, Parker Rd, BoS: SHDC had notified this had gone to appeal – clerk had emailed the letter to councillors but the parish council does not have an opportunity to submit further comments.

4.1 High View, Warren Rd, BoS: demolition of top bungalow and replacement with 2 houses going cross-wise on the plot. There had been objections from local residents and the councillors had signed their unanimous recommendation for refusal.

4.2 57 Marine Drive, BoS: rock armour coastal defence: this has now gone to appeal.

5.0 AFFORDABLE HOMES

The meeting was informed that a few councillors had met with SHDC to inspect 10 possible sites which had been offered by local landowners for affordable homes. Large photographs indicating the sites were passed around the residents present. Time was allowed so that each person present could inspect the photos and then the discussion resumed after other matters on the agenda were discussed (as below). It was reported that nothing has yet been decided as the views of SHDC are awaited. DCC Highways have submitted their views on highways issues and they would prefer St Ann's Chapel as Bigbury on Sea is further down the road and has not the facilities that St Ann's Chapel has.

Cllr Carson said that it is important that residents have a say where they want the homes to be. Cllr Watts suggested that copies of the plans be put in the 3 local shops, but Cllr Edgcombe felt it would be better to put a form in Bigbury News for residents to indicate their preferences.

Mr Ian West (from the floor) suggested that residents be asked to submit their order of preference e.g. 1-10. Mr Roy Stephens felt this should not be done till after DCC have stated which sites they would definitely exclude from consideration and at the moment the weight appears to be on St Ann's Chapel. Mr Dane Vanstone said it was important that the true sites were indicated on the maps and not just vague "pins". It was confirmed that there would not be more than 16 homes built, 2 of which are the free homes (one to the landowner and one to the constructor). It was stressed that no decision will be made until reports are back from DCC and SHDC.

6.0 OPEN SESSION

6.0 A resident asked if the hedge on the back road of the Pickwick car park and the Pickwick crossroads could be cut back as it is very overgrown and pedestrians are being forced to walk in the middle of the road. The chairman undertook to approach the owner of the car park.

ACTION. T Edgcombe

6.1 Mr R Stephens reported that an application for a site between Bentota and Tamarisk at Bigbury on Sea had been listed as an application in the Gazette but no details were yet on the website. The clerk reported that she had not yet received the plans from SHDC and will be contacting Planning Department immediately. Cllr Grace reported that she had been approached by the builder of Bentota to see the plans but had told him that she would prefer to wait till the plans came through on the official channels. She requested that when they are received a site meeting of the parish councillors should be held. It was agreed that Planning Department should be asked to allow an extension to the submissions closure date to allow the parish council time to inspect the plans and make their comments.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.0 Village Green and Annual Report of DALC – circulation

7.1 SHDC – minutes of Executive Meeting on 1st September – circulation

7.2 S Devon & Dorset Shoreline Management Plan – circulation

7.3 DCC Waste Core Strategy Bulletin – circulation

7.4 Journal of Local Planning – emailed to councillors for their further perusal

7.5 Ivyb.District Local Councils: information re collecting applications for licensing. –emailed to councillors

7.6 Royal Horticultural Society – circulation

7.7 Devon Renaissance - circulation

8.0 FINANCIAL

8.0 It was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Klidjian and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:-

- Clerk's fee and expenses £373.66
- Ivybridge & District Assocn of Local Councils: subscription £8.00
- Viking Direct: paper and computer inks: £75.24
- S Watts: expenses large sized photocopies £12
- A B Davies: shot-blasting and galvanising goal posts : £692.40
- Bigbury Defibrillator Scheme: refund of overpaid donation £50
- D Hammett: strimming public areas: £75
- Modbury Caring: financial statement end 2010 received. Grant £75

8.1 Confirmation made of approval given since July meeting for cheques to be drawn for SHDC Affordable Homes Leaflet printing £111.15; to Peter Javes for clerking July meeting £33.80; to S Hams Containers for skip at St Ann's Chapel; to South West Ambulance Service for two defibrillators £3050 - it was noted that the parish council had purchased

one of these and the second one had been covered by donations paid into the parish council account. The third defibrillator had been purchased by a single donation. The clerk had checked with the District Auditors to obtain approval under S175 and was told that just one of the defibrillators needed to be listed under S 137 but as the other was by donations it could be listed under sundries. The clerk will ensure that the three defibrillators are covered in the parish council insurance policy.

8.2 Play equipment repairs: it was agreed to accept SHDC quotation of £455.16 plus VAT

8.3 Notice-boards: It was agreed to get details of notice boards in Modbury car park and then these could be purchased by application for a donation from the Locality Fund.

ACTION J Grace

8.4 Audit Report: The District Auditor had returned the Annual Accounts for year ended March 2011 and had no comments to make and had therefore approved the annual return.

9.0 WEBSITE

Cllr Watts reported that the Bigbury Community Website is up and running and he hoped that more people would use the site. He is putting the parish council minutes and agendas onto the website. It was agreed that the current website as formed by TGo Web Services should now be closed down and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mt Shea for his services.

AFFORDABLE HOMES – Continuation from Minute 5 above:

Whilst various matters above had been discussed the chairman brought the meeting back to the subject of Affordable Homes having given each person present the opportunity to inspect the photographs indicating possible sites.

Mr West pointed out that some of the numbering on the plans do not correlate – this would be rectified before the slip is inserted into Bigbury News for residents' feedback. Mr Andrew Davies stated that he had been the first landowner to make an offer of land at the July meeting and noted that it was after that that the parish council had approached other landowners. It was also pointed out that only 9 sites were indicated on the photos but in reality there are 10.

10 TRAFFIC ORDERS

10.0 Cllr Grace reported that she had raised the matter on behalf of a resident in the upper section of Warren Road who was concerned about parking on the verges in Warren Road. Quite a few properties in the upper section are let out for holidays with some of them having multiple -occupancy which led to some 3 or 4 cars per property at times resulting in some of the vehicles being parked on the verges. She had spoken to DCC N Colton who had informed her if any action is taken to counteract this, it would require yellow lines throughout Warren Road and then other roads in Bigbury on Sea might ask for them. Councillors agreed that this would not be acceptable. However, it was agreed instead to request a "dead end" sign at the start of the upper section of Warren Rd.

10.1 Cllr Klidjian asked if it would be possible for a "No Vehicular Access to Challaborough" sign to be installed to stop traffic entering Bigbury on Sea seeking access to Challaborough. It was agreed to ask DCC to site such a notice near the shop at Bigbury village.

11.0 DISTRICT COUJCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Carson reported that SHDC are working hard on joint services with West Devon and are spending a lot of time trying to save money to keep down council tax. More cluster meetings are being held. He has had a request from Ringmore Parish Council to have a group meeting of Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore – councillors indicated their support for this idea. It was possible to discuss the subject of snow equipment at such a meeting. He reported that some parish councillors needed to return their Register of Interests. Most of the councillors had done this upon election.

12.0 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

12.0 Drain Cleveland Drive – P3 department will be contacted again

12.1 footpaths: Burgh Island FP -no further progress on this matter.

12.2 Grit bins/salt bags

12.3 Commemorative tubs Bigbury village green: Cllr Owen reported this is now in hand and the parish council will be asked for a donation.

12.4 Bus lay-by – clerk still has not received a response from Mr Steven

12.5 Notice boards: see minute 8.3 above

13.0 SNOW WARDEN

It was felt that it was important to appoint a snow warden as then the parish council would be given a free supply of salt. Cllr Carson agreed to obtain further information and report back to the parish council on the matter.

ACTION B CARSON

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.0 Cllr Grace reported that vehicles are driving from Challaborough up the cliff path. Mr John Tucker (from the floor) reported that agricultural vehicles and emergency vehicles are allowed to use the public footpath there. He also reported that cars are also parking along the track from Ringmore Drive to the entrance gate of the footpath.

14.1 The clerk reported that she had booked a skip for Saturday 26 November at Bigbury village green from 10.0 a.m. to 1.0pm and Challaborough from approx. 1.10pm to 4.0pm.

15.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 12th OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m .

Meeting closed 9.05 pm