

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 12th OCTOBER 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs T Edgcombe, Cllr. B Carson, J Grace, A Klidjian , S Watts and T. Boys. Cty Cllr W.Mumford and PC Rachel Ward also attended. There were 14 residents present.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

The chairman had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Jim Owen and asked the clerk to read the letter out in full to the meeting. It was with much regret that councillors accepted Cllr Owen's resignation and were grateful for all the valuable work he had put in during his fourteen years as a councillor and the last few months as Vice-Chairman. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Cllr Owen.

2.0 MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING were approved after an amendment was requested by Cllr Grace and signed by the chairman.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Overhanging growth rear of front Pickwick car park leading up to Pickwick crossroads. The chairman had tried several times to contact the owner of the car park without success. However, the resident living next to the car park stated (from the floor) that he had the permission of the owner to cut the overgrowth so it was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Klidjian and agreed that the authority be given to him to arrange the cutting back and that the Parish Council would pay any associated costs.
- 3.2 Salt bins: DCC N Colton had contacted the clerk agreeing to the salt bins for Bigbury Village Green and one on Stakes Road outside Mr Cullen's farm entrance. He had informed the clerk that for safety reasons he was unable to get one on the verge at the corner of Marine Drive/Ringmore Drive at BoS but he would arrange for one to be placed on the corner of Warren Road/Ringmore Drive. He said he could not sanction one for Dukes Mill. (See Item 12 below).
- 3.3 Notice boards: Cllr Grace had obtained information regarding the new boards at Modbury and had also downloaded information from the internet. A local resident volunteered to obtain a price for constructing three new notice boards to an agreed design.
- 4.0 CTY CLLR W MUMFORD reported that Nick Colton had started training snow warden volunteers and that he was also arranging signs for the tidal road. C Cllr John Hart will be attending a meeting in Totnes to talk about how the county are endeavouring to cut many millions of pounds from their budget. A decision is due in December regarding the New England Quarry Incinerator near Plymouth. Section 106 details have now been established for the Sherford development and will be going to public consultation in three weeks time. He warned of possible delays on the Ermington to Yealmpton road over the next three weeks due to road works.
- 5.0 POLICE REPORT: PC Rachel Ward reported that there is a new phone number (101) which takes calls direct to the local station. She reported that there have been 24 incidents this year in the parish out of a total of 960 in the Kingsbridge/Salcombe "patch" She reported on the nature of the crimes amongst which were one for mobile phone misuse, 2 burglaries, 1 drink/ driving, and 1 possession of cannabis. The police had attended a casualty in a car near Whympton Cross and had dashed to Holywell Stores to pick up the defibrillator. Unfortunately, despite their and the ambulance crew's efforts they had not been able to save the casualty. She stated with police and ambulance numbers being cut, the defibrillators are providing very vital extra help. She had been on a Heart Start course recently and thoroughly recommended that residents attend such courses.

6.0 AFFORDABLE HOMES On the afternoon prior to the parish council meeting, a response had been received from Malcolm Elliott (SHDC Planning) and this had been immediately emailed on to the parish councillors. Mr West (from the floor) said that he felt any discussion on the contents should be held in public. It was agreed that Mr Elliott should be asked if he wished the information to remain confidential at this stage or would he be happy for the information he had given to be put on the parish community website and to go into Bigbury News. Mrs Best (from the floor) said it was understood that the original site was considered to have an access which would be dangerous. The Chairman stated that it was hoped to have some improvement to the Pickwick crossroads and there was just one site for consideration which did not affect the crossroads. Mr Vanstone said that he had understood that the Chairman was going to approach each landowner as to the area and precise location of the sites on offer. The Chairman stated that he had misunderstood this and regretted this had not been done. Cllr Carson stated he would be happy to meet up with each landowner concerned to pinpoint their favoured precise site once Highways have properly submitted their views.

Mr West felt that a clear idea should be given as to exactly where the sites are and that the parish council has that duty to the residents. Cllr Grace proposed that the parish council define the actual area in each field. Cllr Watts stated that, although he understood the desire to know exactly where the development might be, at this early stage of the planning process, it was impossible to be sure about the area of land involved as the number of houses had not been determined and the need for allotments and/or other public areas had not been clarified.

7.0 OPEN SESSION

7.0 Mr Vanstone reported that the new footpath from Ringmore to St Ann's Chapel had been ploughed over right up to the hedge. The Clerk had immediately reported that matter to the parish Footpath Warden, Alan George, who had spoken to the landowner. The path had then been rolled over to firm it down, but now it had been ploughed over yet again. Cllr Carson said he will speak to the landowner concerned. It was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Boys and agreed that an official letter be sent to the landowner concerned as an official record of the warning.

8.0 PLANNING

- 8.0 Mr Murphy: 57 Marine Drive, BoS: notification of appeal (e-mailed on to councillors)
- 8.1 Avocet/Tamarisk, Cleveland Drive, BoS: councillors were unanimously opposed to the proposals for the erection of a house being constructed between these two properties. Copies of letters from some residents also objecting to the application had also been received.
- 8.2 Mr & Mrs Reiss, Overcombe, Folly Hill, BoS: new application received for an extension at this property.
- 8.3 The Huts, Folly Hill, BoS: lawful development certificate application: request for information

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.0 In Touch magazine – circulation
- 9.1 S Hams CVS Voluntary Vine magazine – circulation
- 9.2 DCC Corporate Communications – circulation
- 9.3 DCC Met Office Weather Service – emailed to councillors
- 9.4 Boundary Commission for England – copied to councillors. Cllr Carson outlined the proposals – the clerk asked if the council wanted a meeting to discuss this but the councillors did not wish to have any input on the subject.
- 9.5 NALC: Guide on how to respond to planning applications: downloadable on www.planninghelp.org.
- 9.6 Senior Council of Devon: magazine – circulation
- 9.7 Clerks and councils magazine – circulation
- 9.8 Dept for Culture, Media and Sport: guide for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons
- 9.9 Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: Engagement with the Authority – circulation
- 9.10 Kingsbridge & Salcombe Area Cluster Meeting: 14 November: Cllr Grace asked why councillors had not been informed of the July meeting. It was explained that in the past only two councillors could go and they had been Cllrs Edgcombe and Carson who received the agendas for them. The present notification had been copied and circulated to councillors Cllr Edgcombe asked if there

was anybody else on the council interested in attending these meetings. Cllr Grace felt that it is important that the parish council should attend. Cllr Watts proposed that Cllr Carson should represent the parish council on 14th November and report back. Cllr Carson indicated he was willing to attend.

9.11 John Steven: requesting a meeting with councillors at BoS: one would be arranged

10- FINANCIAL

10 It was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Grace and agreed that the following cheque be drawn:-

- Audit Commission: audit fee £144

10.1 John Slater: request for a contribution towards funding for improvements to the South West Coast path from Ayrmer Cove through to Burgh Island. As this had only been received on the day of the Parish Council meeting, the Clerk had explained to Mr Slater that she would copy his request to the councillors for them to consider in time for the November meeting.

10.2 SHDC recycling credits received for the July skip

10.3 SHDC- second half of the precept received.

10.4 Cllr Watts raised the question of costs of the TalkTalk service used by the parish council. The clerk explained that there was a contract with them until next February but following their request to extend the contract, she had already informed them she will be seeking a cheaper supplier after that date.

10.5 Cllr Grace reported that she had learnt that the Modbury notice boards had cost £3000.

11 WEBSITE

Cllr Watts reported that the Bigbury Community Website is doing quite well but its functionality depends upon parishioners being interested enough to use the site. To date there are 38 registered users. Regular monitoring is required to keep the site free of rogue users looking to advertise their wares, etc. via dummy Interest Groups. He had had 148 visits over the last 30 days; 55% of these users were new to the site.

12 SALT BINS Cllr Watts presented a case for having a salt/grit bin at Duke's Mill based on the experience of the last 4 years when major disruption to through traffic had resulted from ice covering the road. He had consulted local residents who had expressed strong support for this suggestion. The chairman reported that he had received a request from a resident at Dukes Mill who had also stressed the need for a salt bin down there. It was agreed to again request an extra bin at Dukes Mill out of the Locality Fund.

13 DISTRICT COUJCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Carson stated he had nothing to report.

14.0 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

14.0 Drain Cleveland Drive – P3 department will be contacted again

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

14.2 Grit bins/salt bags

14.3 Commemorative tubs Bigbury village green: ex-Cllr Owen had reported this is now in hand and the Parish Council will be asked for a donation.

14.4 Bus lay-by – Clerk still has not received a response from Mr Steven

14.5 Notice boards:

15 SNOW WARDEN

A discussion took place on the subject. No volunteer had come forward to take on the role but it is important for the parish council to have one in order to get the free salt from Devon County Council (up to 5 tonnes). It was agreed to put in a further request in November Bigbury News.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16.0 Cllr Watt s asked if anybody had seen the Lengthsman lately as a neighbour had had to clear a ditch of debris recently and the drains in Duke's Mill are blocked with gravel and silt washed down from the hill. He was told that there only two operating in the South Hams. Cllr Carson stated that the Lengthsman had stopped calling in to see him. The Clerk will contact DCC on the matter.

16.1 Cllr Edgcombe reported that a parishioner had asked him again about a mirror to serve the Easton turning. It was stated that Mr Owen had been pursuing this matter whilst being a councillor and he would be asked if he had made any progress.

17.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 9th NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m .
Meeting closed 9.40 pm