

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllrs T Boys, J Grace, A.Klidjian and S. Watts. Cty Cllr W.Mumford and 4 residents also attended.

- 1.0 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**: The Clerk invited nominations from the councillors for the office of Chairman following the resignation of Terry Edgcombe from the Parish Council. Cllr Klidjian nominated Cllr S. Watts for the position, seconded by Cllr Boys. There being no other nominations, Cllr Watts was declared Chairman. After signing his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, he asked the Clerk to proceed with election of Vice-Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Cllr Boys nominated Cllr Carson, this was seconded by Cllr Grace. There being no other nominations, and with Cllr Carson having declared his willingness to stand in any position if nominated, he was declared Vice-Chairman.

- 2.0 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Carson

The new Chairman thanked the Councillors for his nomination. Cllr Watts stated that it was a time of change with four fairly new Councillors, 2 vacancies, an increasing inclination to devolve power locally from central government and a need to collaborate with neighbouring councils on areas of common interest. Only one Councillor and the Clerk have any experience of serving a Parish Council. He said he would like the Parish Council to attain Quality Parish Council status eventually but this would require personal training and development for all concerned and would take time. This topic would be placed on the Agenda for the December meeting.

Action: Clerk

He thanked both Terry Edgcombe and Jim Owen for all they had done for the parish; their experience would be missed. He also thanked the Clerk for the remarks she had made in Bigbury News thanking both the resigning Councillors and endorsed all her comments. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Terry Edgcombe thanking him for all his hard work during his 38 years as a Councillor and Parish Council Chairman

- 3.0 **MINUTES OF OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** were approved and signed by the Chairman after the request that the amendment to September's minutes, specified in Minute 2.0 should be clearly stated.

- 4.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 It was reported that the hedge overhanging the wall of front Pickwick car park leading up to Pickwick crossroads has now been cut back. Appreciation was expressed to the contractor who carried out the work so promptly after the October meeting.

4.2 Salt bins: DCC have delivered 3 salt bins and salt bags have also been placed in various areas around the parish.

4.3 Notice boards: A resident handed his formal quotation for replacement notice-boards. A verbal quotation had also been received. **AGREED:** ask the second person to compile a formal quote within 2 weeks – this to be emailed to Councillors for their decision to be made and order to be placed.

Action: Clerk

4.4 Parish Lengthsman: DCC had responded saying Lengthsman had visited 2nd-3rd August and due next 30th November-1st December. Clerk reported that at Clerks' Workshop in October, clerks had agreed to ask their parish councils permission to write to DCC requesting extra visits from the Lengthsman, even if it required employing an extra person. Councillors agreed such a letter be sent.

Action: Clerk

4.5 DCC Public Rights of Way: Confirming a meeting with Groundwork South West – following which Mrs Davies will inform Parish Council of costs involved and the expected contribution from the Parish Council. Mrs Davies will also inspect the drainage issue at the Cleveland Drive FP.

4.6 Planning guidance pamphlet: Clerk will try to obtain extra copies.
Action: Clerk

5.0 AFFORDABLE HOMES

5.0 Cllr Klidjian reported he and Cllr Carson had attended a meeting at Follaton House with Debbie Holloway and Malcolm Elliott to clarify decision criteria for site selection. Debbie Holloway had confirmed the houses will definitely be for local people. A chart had been compiled listing all ten sites to be considered. As a result of these discussions, three sites had been shortlisted, all at St Ann's Chapel. It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr Grace and agreed that these three key sites will be the formal Parish Council policy for further study. The views of parishioners about these three sites would be invited via a numbered but anonymous voting slip to be included with December's Bigbury News, with completed slips to be returned before February.

Action Cllr Klidjian

C.Cllr Mumford joined the meeting during this discussion and reported on a self-build scheme of eco-housing which had been discussed at the Ugborough Parish Council meeting that evening.

6.0 C.CLLR MUMFORD reported that even though £70 million had been taken out of this year's budget, the County is still on track. Government funding has been obtained for Superfast Broadband and it is hopeful that it will be available to 85% rural Devon by next autumn, making it the first authority in the country to get it. Plans for Sherford new town are now out in public consultation, housing about 10,000 it is expected to have 15% of affordable homes. DCC is the leading recycling area in the country. He reported that the Edmeston straight (between Modbury and Flete) will be closed from 7.0pm to 7.0 a.m. during December to allow road works to be carried out. Cllr Mumford then left the meeting to attend one at Ivybridge.

7.0 OPEN SESSION

7.0 A resident expressed concern that three proposed dwellings on the Southway site would have accesses onto Ringmore Drive and was surprised that DCC had no objection.

8.0 PLANNING

8.0 Mrs DeCosta: Bantavon, Clematon Hill, BoS: councillors had no objections

8.1 Beachdown Bungalows, Challaborough: variation order : plans had been received via email on the afternoon of this meeting and were handed to councillors. Cllr Grace volunteered to investigate.

Action Cllr Grace

8.2 Mrs Mathieson: addition of 3 conservation roof-lights at 3 Combe Farm Barns, AG.
Circulation

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.0 In Touch magazine – circulation

9.1 The Playing Field - magazine – circulation

9.2 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine – circulation

9.3 Victim Support request for funding - circulation

9.4 DALC: newsletter - circulation

9.5 Weedbusters advert – circulation

9.6 S Hams CVS: Trustee invites - circulation

9.7 Clerks and councils magazine – circulation

9.8 SHDC: minutes of Executive Meeting 13 October -circulation

9.9 Kingsbridge & Salcombe Area Parish Cluster Meeting Cllrs Carson and Watts attending

9.10 Devon Fire & Rescue Service: information on changes to calls resulting from Automatic fire alarms (AFA). – pass top Bigbury News

- 9.11 John Steven: a meeting at BoS with councillors had been arranged with him but councillors requested that he should be invited to the December parish council meeting to discuss his proposal in public
- 9.12 DCC: Public Rights of Way: proposed diversion of Footpath 27 Ringmore to St Ann's Chapel.
No objections

10 FINANCIAL

- 10 Cllr Watts proposed, Cllr Klidjian seconded and it was agreed that the following cheques be drawn:-
- Bigbury Memorial Hall: hire of hall £20
 - Community First: extra insurance for 3 defibrillators: £18.90. The Clerk reported AG Clerk had requested information as they are considering purchase of a defibrillator.
 - Ivybridge & District Inter-Parish Quiz: £10 towards running costs current series
 - S.Hams Citizens Advice Bureau: donation £100
- 10.1 J. Slater: Contribution towards repairs Coastal Path Ayrmer Cove to Challaborough: councillors considered this not to be within the parish council boundary and therefore declined to offer a contribution.
- 10.2 Purchase of voice recorder: decided not to proceed at current time. Cllr Grace asked why the minutes were not printed in full in Bigbury News. The Clerk explained that the editors could not spare the pages necessary so Cllr Grace suggested the minutes should be shortened. AGREED: to append to the Bigbury News report that anyone wishing to access the minutes can do so via the community website or on the notice boards.

11 H.M. the QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Councillors supported the idea of a parish celebration of some sort possibly to include the lighting of a beacon. Cllr Grace reported on discussions at the Memorial Hall committee meeting relating to the celebration. AGREED: any Parish Council input to the celebration should be done in conjunction with the Memorial Hall Committee and that Cllr Grace will represent the Parish Council on the matter.

12 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Apologies for absence received.

- 13 SNOW WARDEN and WINTER WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS Nobody had volunteered to take over the role of snow warden. A resident at Bigbury would be approached and if that was declined then Cllr Watts will fill the role.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.0 Easton junction: Jim Owen had looked into possibility of a mirror at the junction. Cllr Watts reported that no further progress had been made. He had looked into the costs involved and had been advised that 2 mirrors on one post would be needed. DCC would be contacted again to ask for official permission to install mirrors at the junction.
Action: Cllr Watts
- 14.1 A resident had asked if anything could be done to the BT phone kiosk at BoS: The Clerk reported that Jim Owen had approached BT to see if the residents could paint it but had been refused. AGREED: Clerk will extricate previous correspondence on the BoS phone boxes to give to Cllr Grace.
- 14.2 Cllr Boys asked if there had been any response following notices of the Casual Vacancy. The Clerk reported that SHDC had informed her that no electors had requested an election and therefore the Parish Council is empowered to co-opt two residents to fill the vacancies. The Clerk had already informed residents in the November Bigbury News that this may be the course of action and therefore notices requesting applications for consideration will be placed in the three parish notice boards.
Action: Clerk
- 15.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 14th DECEMBER at 7.30 p.m .
Meeting closed 9.55 pm