

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 10th OCTOBER 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs. B Carson, T Boys, A Klidjian, J Simes and R. Owen. Ros Davies from DCC Public Rights of Way also attended for part of the meeting. There were 4 residents present.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs J Grace
- 2.0 MRS. ROS DAVIES gave an illustrated talk on the work of her department and the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) scheme which Bigbury was one of the first parish councils to join. The department covers over 3,500 miles of pathways, bridleways etc. Landowners are responsible for ensuring that footpaths are not obstructed and for ensuring there is no overhanging growth. If footpaths are ploughed over, the farmers must reinstate them within 2 weeks. DCC cover the cost of one cutting of the footpaths in our parish but if further cuts are required, these would have to be paid for out of parish council funds. Any P3 grants awarded are on a mileage basis. The P3 Scheme is not responsible for the Coastal Footpath.
Mrs Davies answered questions and was thanked by the Chairman, after which she left the meeting.
- 3.0 MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING were signed as a correct record.
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 12th SEPTEMBER (original numbers in parenthesis)
- 4.0 (Min 3.1) Notice boards: Mr Stone had confirmed that he was still waiting for some materials to arrive before completing the notice boards.
- 4.1 (Min 3.2) Allotments: Cllr Boys reported that nobody had offered any land for use as allotments.
- 4.2 (Min 3.3) Malcolm Elliott has still not responded to the Parish Council letter sent in June.
- 4.3 (Min 3.4) Village only sign at BoS car park has still not been erected. **Action: Clerk**
- 4.4 (Min 4.0) Affordable Homes: Cllr Watts had obtained several quotes for an archaeological survey of the preferred, 2-acre site which ranged from approx. £1,500 to £3,500, based on an outline brief agreed with the Inspector of Ancient monuments at English Heritage (EH) and DCC 's Historic Environment Service (DCCHEs). Subsequently, Cllr Watts had contacted Debbie Holloway (Housing Enablement Officer, SHDC), to ask her help in identifying a developer, and Malcolm Elliott (SHDC, Development Control), to ask his help in refining the area to be surveyed.
It was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Simes that the Parish Council should pay for the initial survey to be executed. All councillors, bar one, voted in favour. As a result, Cllr Watts would consult further with EH and DCCHEs, Debbie Holloway and Malcolm Elliott before asking the selected company to conduct the initial survey. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 4.5 (Min 12.1) Beach Huts: Mr John Steven had been advised that following councillors obtaining residents' and tourists' views on his proposal, there had been an overwhelming aversion to the proposal. He had requested the reasons for the opposition and he will be advised accordingly.
- 4.6 (Min 14.2) DCC had asked if the requested signs for St Lawrence Church, Bigbury were new ones. Cllr Carson will obtain costs for the signs and report back to councillors. **Action: Cllr Carson**
- 4.7 (Min 14.4) The clerk reported that vegetation on the car park bank bordering Marine Drive still had not been cut back. **Action: Cllr Carson**
- 5.0 OPEN SESSION:
- 5.0 A resident complained about the dangerous parking of vehicles on the approach to the lay-by parking area at the bottom of Folly Hill. It was felt that double-yellow lines are needed on both sides of Folly Hill in this area. Parishioners were reminded to contact the police about any such dangerous obstruction. The clerk would ask DCC Nick Colton to view the area when he attends the clerks' workshop in October. **Action: Clerk**

- 5.1 Mr Iain Couper thanked the Parish Council for writing to SHDC in appreciation of the high standard of his cleaning work during the peak summer weeks at the Bigbury on Sea car park toilets/bins.
- 5.2 A bench on the Warren had been vandalised. Mr Jim Bennett had removed the broken wood and would look to see if he could repair it. The Chairman expressed his appreciation and it was agreed that any expenses would be paid by the Clerk.

6.0 FINANCIAL

- 6.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr Simes and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:
- a) C J Rogers £1 for playing field rent
- b) Ivybridge & District Assoc. Local Councils £8 for annual subscription
- 6.2 SHDC had sent payment for recycling credit of £39.95 in respect of the Bigbury Village /Challaborough skip
- 6.3 Cllr Owen had given quotations for a new Bigbury News printer to parish councillors. It was agreed that grants could be applied for and Cllr Owen will finalise the required specification. **Action: Cllr Owen**
- 6.4 TAP Fund: Cllr Watts reported that at the last Charterlands Ward 'Cluster' Meeting, Bigbury Parish Council had agreed to support funding for additional Lengthsman services by Aveton Gifford PC as our own parish would benefit.
- 6.5 Locality Fund and 'Investing in Devon' Fund: it was agreed to contact C.Cllr Mumford about applications to his Locality Fund for the cost of the survey for Affordable Homes and to the 'Investing in Devon' Fund for the Bigbury News printer. **Action: Cllr Watts**

7.0 PLANNING

- 7.1 A resident of Bigbury on Sea had submitted copies of emails exchanged between herself and SHDC Planning Department about a window in the new development at Redlands, Ringmore Drive, which overlooks the bedrooms of her property and that of her neighbours. The builder had been instructed to ensure that opaque glass was installed in the bathroom windows of the new buildings but to date they had not complied. D Cllr Carson reported that planning enforcement was now carried out by a private organisation and not by SHDC. It was agreed that a letter be sent to SHDC's Planning Department under Recorded Delivery expressing the concern of the Parish Council and the residents of Bigbury on Sea at the amount of construction work which did not comply with planning consent and the apparent lack of vigilance in enforcement: decking outside an apartment near the BoS shop should be mentioned as a further example - it had been understood that planning consent was for car parking.
- 7.2 Mr & Mrs Peet: Mirimar, Marine Drive, BoS: fully glazed hipped roof and sliding patio doors; GRANTED

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Devon Assoc. Local Councils: Devon Oil Collective – forwarded to Councillors
- 8.2 D Cllr Trucker: TAP fund application form
- 8.3 DCC P3 Annual Autumn Workshop at Buckfast on 23rd October
- 8.4 Senior Voice magazine – circulation
- 8.5 Clerks & Councils Direct - "

9.0 FOOTPATH WARDEN APPOINTMENT

- 9.1 Iain Couper had volunteered to fill the vacancy of Footpath Warden caused by the resignation of Mr Alan George. Cllrs thanked Mr Couper for his offer and happily appointed him as Footpath Warden. Cllr Simes will work closely with Mr Couper. Mr Couper stated he would attend the P3 workshop at Buckfast.

10.0 SEWERAGE PROBLEMS AT BIGBURY ON SEA

- 10.1 Cllr Grace had reported to councillors that recently, raw sewage had flowed down Warren Road, BoS. SWW had attended to the problem. AGREED that a letter be sent to SWW with a copy to DCC expressing the concern of the Parish Councillors that heavy lorries serving the various construction sites at BoS were damaging road corners and the surface of the roads. It was also felt that the vibration of the lorries might be causing damage to the main sewerage system in the village. Cllr Watts reminded councillors that he had recently pointed out to SHDC, in his response to a SHDC enquiry about future parish

needs, that the village infrastructure is being severely strained by the intensity of new developments. **Action: Clerk**

- 11.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT : Cllr Carson reported on a letter received from Mrs Carol Hext on the subject of the Blue Flag. Parish Councillors reiterated that they felt the Blue Flag for Bigbury on Sea would serve no useful purpose and were against any application for 2013. Cllr Carson/ Mrs Hext were referred to Cllr Simes' article about this matter in the July 2012 edition of Bigbury News.
- 12.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 12.1 Cllr Simes reported on a recent meeting of the Challaborough Residents' Association and requested that the subject of Light Pollution be put on the November agenda.
- 12.2 Cllr Boys reported that the roof at Fryer Tuck's Takeaway was scheduled for removal at the end of October under the terms of the planning consent.
- 12.3 The Clerk reported that a tree bordering Beachdown Bungalows had fallen and had blocked Moores Lane, Challaborough. A request had been made that the owner should be asked to trim the Leylandii down to regulation height to ensure there were no further such incidents. **Action: clerk**
- 12.4 Cllr Simes reported that the trees around the SWW pumping station are in a very poor condition.
- 12.5 Cllr Owen asked if there was a possibility of a mobile phone mast being installed at Bigbury on Sea. She felt the SWW pumping station site would be ideal and would be useful to Challaborough residents and BoS residents alike. However, this was considered to be a commercial decision for the telephone companies beyond the Parish Council's direct control.
- 12.6 Avon Quillet, Bos: Cllr Owen reported that the lights in the car park at Avon Quillet, Folly Hill, are extremely bright. AGREED: that the management committee at the apartments be asked to shade them or reduce the bulb wattage as there was concern that they were a threat to road safety. **Action: Clerk**
- 12.7 Cllr Carson reminded the meeting about an Open Day at St Lawrence Church on the 13th October.
- 13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 14th NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m.
- Meeting closed 9.45 pm