

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S. Watts (Chairman) , Cllrs T Boys, J Grace, A. Klidjian, R Owen and J Simes. 10 residents were present. C.Cllr W Mumford was present for part of the meeting.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; Cllr B Carson

- 2.0 MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING were signed as a correct record

- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING (original numbers from October Minutes in parentheses)
- 3.1 (4.0) Notice boards –these still had not been supplied by Mr Stone. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 3.2 (4.2) Malcolm Elliott had still not responded to the letter sent in June from the Parish Council
- 3.3 (4.3) Village Only sign – DCC order signs in batches and are still awaiting this sign.
- 3.4 (4.4) Affordable Homes: Cllr Watts reported that he was awaiting directions about the precise area to be surveyed from SHDC Development Management. The archaeological surveyor submitting the cheapest quote had been put in touch with the owner of the preferred site to clarify arrangements. Cllr Watts had applied for a grant to cover the survey costs from DCC's Locality Fund.
- 3.5 (4.6) Pond Green: DCC will fund one sign indicating St Lawrence Church but any extra signs will have to be funded by the Parish Council
- 3.6 (5.0) Parking at lower end Folly Hill, BoS: the Clerk reported that prior to a Clerks' Workshop attended by DCC's Neighbourhood Highway Officer, Nick Colton, she had accompanied him to indicate problems caused by dangerous parking by beach users. Following the meeting, Mr Colton had informed the clerk that double yellow lines would cost £5000-£8000 with a large part of the cost being spent on excessive charges for the publication of Traffic Orders. Further to the above, it was reported that some parked cars are causing obstruction of the pavement, forcing pedestrians into the road. It was agreed that Mr Colton would be asked to check on costs and the police will be notified of dangerous parking incidents. Separately, there is parking of a vehicle on a regular basis in the lower end of Parker Road which is a hazard. **Action: Clerk**
- 3.7 (7.1) New development on Redlands site, Ringmore Drive: still no response from SHDC following exchange of emails from an affected resident and also letter from this council.
- 3.8 (12.3) Beachdown Bungalows trees: a letter had been sent to the owner but no reply received.
- 3.9 (12.6) Avon Quillet external lights: no written response had been received following the notification to the management of complaints regarding the brightness of the external lighting.

- 4.0 OPEN SESSION
- 4.1 A resident asked why the Parish Council would have to pay for double yellow lines down Folly Hill and it was explained that with massive cuts in DCC budget and the Localism Bill more funding was having to be borne by parish councils. It was agreed that further enquiries would be made of the Divisional Surveyor. **Action: Clerk**
- 4.2 The same resident enquired about planning enforcement procedures and was advised that a standard form for registering planning breaches is available on the SHDC website.
- 4.3 Mrs Cathy Heath enquired on the progress of sites for allotments. Cllr Boys reported that she was still awaiting developments on one potential site. **Action: Cllr Boys**
- 4.4 Mrs Heath stated that trees around the Challaborough Sewage Works were owned by Folly Farm (see October Min 12.4). They had been planted 25 years ago and have been affected by the prevailing weather conditions. Gorse and holly have been planted at the site to improve the boundary.

5.0 MOUNT FOLLY FARM EVENTS Several Bantham residents had contacted the Chairman complaining of light and noise pollution from events at Mount Folly Farm. The Chairman had invited them to the Parish Council meeting together with the owners of Folly Farm to gather information. The Bantham spokeswoman informed councillors that the marquees serving these events are visible from Bantham and had been *in situ* for over 40 days this year in breach of planning regulations. She felt that within an AONB, a Coastal Preservation Area and on an Heritage Coast such commercial usage was inappropriate; the site is widely advertised as an ideal wedding venue, representing a change of use of farm land. Other Bantham residents were also concerned about the possible expansion of such practices along the River Avon. Mrs Heath, representing Mount Folly Farm, stated that the land in question was still farmed; marquees are erected at very short notice and the owners of the farm had understood it to be allowed under 'permitted development'. She had believed that only 8 weddings had been held but agreed she had not a complete record. Councillors conferred and the owners of Mount Folly Farm agreed to submit a planning application.

6.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT C.Cllr Mumford said that DCC has been focused on next year's budgets and there will be less time for consultation than previously. Most of Cllr Mumford's time has been spent on trying to obtain a larger spread of EU funding to ensure that it is not just spent in Cornwall but that Devon should get a fair share.

The application by Viridor for a waste plant at Lee Mill had been unanimously refused but it is understood that the company may appeal against the decision.

Flood clinics had been held in Aveton Gifford and a report published to clarify responsibilities.

DCC is awaiting the final EU clearance on Faster Broadband.

Councillors raised the question of Folly Hill parking and funding for road markings. Cllr Mumford undertook to follow the matter up.

7.0 FINANCIAL

7.1 It was proposed by Cllr Simes, seconded by Cllr Grace and agreed to pay the following:-
a: Strimming at Bigbury on Sea £175: b: J Bennett – materials to repair bench on The Warren £6.95 and c: SHDC £120 for PAYE administration

7.2 It was agreed to sanction the cost of £25 to give the council advanced access to the CPALC website.

7.3 It was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Simes and agreed to amend the Standing Orders of Bigbury Parish Council in regard to setting the precept and wherever else councillors might have a pecuniary interest. All dispensation requests to be decided by the Clerk as Financial Officer and to be made by councillors in writing or by email after receipt of a meeting agenda and 7 days prior to the meeting. That dispensation would be automatically applied for discussion and setting of Annual Precept charges.

7.4 It was proposed by Cllr Simes, seconded by Cllr Boys and agreed that the Parish Council should fund the cost of a Christmas tree and lighting at Bigbury Village Green.

7.5 Cllr Owen reported that the Bigbury News Committee had considered costs of purchasing or leasing a printer and have agreed on leasing as it represented greater value for money.

8.0 PLANNING Applications received:-

8.1 Mr R Harvey: Olcote, Ringmore Drive, BoS: renewal of application 05/1926/09 for replacement conservatory: councillors had no objections

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Great South West Walk – sponsored walks in 2013

9.2 SHDC: Executive Forward Plan available on SHDC website

9.3 SHDC: Invitation to consultation event on 26 November re. Dog Control Order

9.4 SHDC Emergency Planning Officer: asking for any details of Emergency Officer for the parish

10.0 LIGHT POLLUTION

10.1 Cllr Simes had requested this for the November agenda but now requested postponement of discussion until the spring 2013.

11.0 EMERGENCY PLAN

11.1 Copies of several leaflets relevant to the preparation of an Emergency Plan were distributed for Councillors to peruse prior to making a decision about the need for such a plan for Bigbury at the December meeting of the Parish Council. **Action: All**

12.0 POLICE REPORT

12.1 PC Rachel Ward had emailed with details of crimes of the last 12 months in the Bigbury Parish showing 12 incidents against 896 for the whole of the Kingsbridge & Salcombe area. This represents a decrease on the previous year when recorded incidents for the Bigbury area totalled 21. There has been a series of burglaries to caravans across the Kingsbridge area but a suspect for the crimes is currently in custody. Owners of caravans in the parish are asked to check on them. The public are asked to continue to safeguard the community by supplying information to the police of any suspicious incidents. (dial 999 for emergency and 101 for non-emergency).

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Councillors were reminded to consider items for discussion of the precept at the December meeting. **Action: All**

13.2 Cllr Watts reported that Modbury Rovers had contacted him for permission to continue using the playing field at St Ann's Chapel for their practices. They organise marking the pitch and mowing when they need it. Councillors had no objections.

13.3 Mr J. Tucker (from the floor) stated that an old red telephone box which had been presented to a previous resident of Trevistas, Warren Road, BoS was now in his possession and he suggested that it could be put to some use for local residents and asked for some ideas. He had seen one used elsewhere as a "mini-library". **Action: All**

13.4 Cllr Grace pointed out that the viewing platform at Bigbury-on-Sea still has not been repaired. Cllr Watts stated that he had left this in the hands of Mr. T. Edgcombe and will prompt him again for the work to be effected. **Action: Cllr Watts**

13.5 Cllr Klidjian reported that there had been a re-training course about defibrillators for volunteers.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 12th DECEMBER 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.