

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S. Watts (Chairman) , Cllrs T Boys, B Carson, J Grace, A. Klidjian, R Owen and J Simes. No resident was present.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; nil
- 2.0 MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING were signed as a correct record
- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING (minute numbers from November meeting in parentheses)
- 3.1 (3.1) Notice boards – these had been erected.
- 3.2 (3.2) Malcolm Elliott had still not responded to the letter sent in June from the Parish Council
- 3.3 (3.3) Village Only sign – awaited from DCC.
- 3.4 (3.4) Affordable Homes: A grant of £1902 has been made by DCC towards the cost of the survey of the proposed site. Advice is still awaited from Development Management at SHDC about modification of the shape of the area in question. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 3.5 (3.6) Folly Hill parking: The 'Invest in Devon' grant towards the cost of a printer for Bigbury News cannot be transferred to the (non-capital) project of changing the parking restriction notices.
- 3.6 (3.7) New development on Redlands site, Ringmore Drive: site meeting to be arranged. **Action: Clerk**
- 3.7 (3.9) Avon Quillet: local police considered the lights to be too bright and potentially distracting to motorists. The management company had previously agreed to install less powerful bulbs. Agreed that the police be asked to pursue this matter. **Action: Clerk**
- 3.8 (13.3) Phone box offer: no ideas had been put forward.
- 3.9 (13.4) Viewing platform repairs, BoS car park: Mr Edgcombe had confirmed he would endeavour to get the work carried out either just before or just after Christmas. Agreed - if work has not been completed by end of January, SHDC should be contacted to ask them to fill in the hole.
- 4.0 OPEN SESSION nil
- 5.0 FINANCIAL
- 5.1 It was proposed by Cllr Simes, seconded by Cllr Klidjian and agreed to pay the following: - a: Skips - £753.87: b: S Hams CAB - donation £100: c: Clerk – fee and expenses £379.14: d: DALC – fee for website advanced membership £30: e: WRVS – donation £25: S Hams CVS subscription - £25. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – donation £50.
- 5.2 Mr N Stone presented his bill for provision of notice boards which totalled £1302.72 and it was agreed that this cheque may be drawn.
- 5.3 Precept –, it was proposed by Cllr Simes, seconded by Cllr Boys and agreed to maintain the precept at the current amount of £7,600. It was agreed that the Parish Council would follow the lead of any recommendations by SHDC relating to a pay increase for the Clerk. It was further agreed to raise the grant to Bigbury News to £500 and to St Lawrence Church to £500 and a grant will be made of £350 to the Memorial Hall. Other forecast costs for 2012/2013 were broadly in line with those of 2011/2012. Cllr Owen declared an interest relating to the Bigbury News grant.
- 5.4 Footpath contingency funding has remained the same. It was noted that a form has to be completed by mid-February for DCC to estimate the nature and costs of any work needed for the footpaths. The Clerk reported that Mr Iain Couper is not now in a position to fulfil the role of Footpath Warden,. Cllr John Simes agreed to take on the role and was thanked by the Chairman
- 5.5 It was agreed in principle to purchase a 2-drawer filing cabinet for the Clerk after clarification of the likely cost. **Action: Clerk**
- 6.0 PLANNING Applications received:-
- 6.1 Mr & Mrs Peeters, Abbots Ash, Combe, AG: (plus Listed Building application) A site meeting had been held with the architect and attended by the Chairman, Cllr Simes, Cllr

- Klidjian and the Clerk. Proposal was for part conversion, alterations and extension to an existing dwelling. Councillors had no objection. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Owen, Cllr Grace and Cllr Boys.
- 6.2 Mr & Mrs Ensell, Sea Bright, Parker Rd, Bos: alterations and extensions: objections had been lodged by the PC on the basis of height, overlooking, and restricted parking.
- 6.3 Mr : L O'Hara: St Michaels, Parker Rd, Bos: renewal of previous permission; no objections.
- 6.4 Fryer Tucks Takeaway: to maintain the new roof structure all year round instead of removal end October to March. Councillors strongly opposed this application feeling that if the wish of the owner was to have the structure in situ all year round, that should have been in the original application, in which event Councillors would have opposed a permanent structure. Cllr Simes stated that if the application were referred to a SHDC Development Control Meeting he would be happy to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors requested D.Cllr Carson to oppose the application at District level.
- 6.5 Mr T Vaughan: Spring Tide and Neap Tide, Ringmore Drive, Bos: re. obscure glass in windows overlooking neighbouring properties. Agreed - to ask for a site meeting.
- 6.6 Expressing a personal interest, the Clerk reported that work had been carried out at High View, Warren Rd, BoS where an extra window had been included in breach of planning permission. She had been informed by the builder that it had been passed on amended plans but that no amended plans had been received by the Parish Council. Agreed – the Clerk would re-check the plans and report back to the PC. **Action: Clerk**
- 6.7 Avonmouth, Folly Hill, Bos: SHDC had informed the Parish Council that an appeal has been lodged against the decision to refuse the application. Councillors stated there was no change in their original comments.
- 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 7.1 Helipad magazine (Devon Air Ambulance
- 7.2 CPRE – exchange of emails re energy initiative.
- 7.3 Tim Pollard – required play area notices – agreed to discuss at February meeting
- 7.4 DCC Martin Rich – Sportivate – email forwarded to councillors
- 7.5 Paignton Neighbourhood Plan – agreed not relevant to Bigbury Parish.
- 8.0 EMERGENCY PLAN
- 8.1 Sample copies of two parish emergency plans had been received and were in circulation. Agreed to discuss at February meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Carson reported that no further action will be taken on the land at Cross Stream below Easton following complaints of scrap on site. Cllr Watts stated that the matter had been investigated during a joint site meeting by the Environment Agency, the police, and the Chairmen of Aveton Gifford PC and Bigbury PC respectively, as well as SHDC. Cllr Carson asked everyone to ensure they submitted the questionnaire in the Connect magazine circulated to all households. He reported on budget issues.
- 10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 10.1 It was agreed to put Footpaths on the February agenda **Action: Clerk**
- 10.2 Cllr Simes reported that a number of railway sleepers had been deposited on the footpath leading down from the small car park at Bigbury village and a considerable number of stones also deposited on the footpath. He has discussed the matter with Folly Farm.
- 10.3 He also reported that he had discussed the matter of traffic problems at Challaborough with the manager of Park Dean.
- 10.4 Reports of a landslip from the cliff at the eastern end of Challaborough beach had been received and reported to SHDC who have since referred the matter to DCC.
- 11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 13th FEBRUARY 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.