

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S. Watts (Chairman), T. Boys, B. Carson, J. Grace, A. Klidjian, and J. Simes. 10 residents were present and were joined for a time by C. Cllr William Mumford.

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; Cllr R. Owen
- 2.0 MINUTES of the February meeting were signed as a correct record
- 3.0 MATTERS ARISING (Minute numbers from February meeting in parentheses)
- 3.1 (3.1) Notice boards – the contractor had been asked to supply cork backing for the notice boards and to reduce the height of the Bigbury-on-Sea board.
- 3.2 (3.2) Headers for all 3 notice boards will be painted shortly.
- 3.3 (3.6) Folly Hill Parking signs: no action will be taken by DCC until new financial year.
- 3.4 (6.0) Flooding Bigbury village – no further news from DCC
- 3.5 (8.3) Fryer Tuck's planning:- Councillors agreed the text of a letter drafted by Cllr Simes relating to a recent Development Committee meeting – Cllr Simes will send letter to Planning Dept. **Action: Cllr Simes**
- 3.6 (8.4) High View, Warren Rd, BoS: Councillors modified the Clerk's draft of a letter to be sent to SHDC, suggesting certain conditions should be added to any Bigbury-on-Sea planning consent, by changing the recommended starting time for contractors to 8.00am and adding a request that all overhead cables and wires should be buried in future developments. **Action: Clerk**
- 3.7 (9.3) Active Villages: Jan Birch will be the guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting in April to talk about Sport Active.
- 3.8 (3.6) Playground notice: a standard notice has been ordered for display at the Playing Field/children's play area at a cost of £30.
- 3.9 Off season parking charges at Bigbury-on-Sea car park: SHDC's Cathy Aubertin had agreed that an off-season rate would conform to the overall South Hams car park pattern of charges but would assess the effect on SHDC's income before making any recommendation.
- 4.0 OPEN SESSION
- 4.1 Mr Vanstone asked for permission to use the Playing Field for the Annual Fun Run on 22nd June. Agreed.
- 4.2 Cllr Watts proposed that a notice be placed in April's Bigbury News disassociating the Parish Council from a survey published in the March edition which included a map purporting to show empty properties in Bigbury-on-Sea on one January evening. Agreed. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 4.3 A member of the public spoke about the planning application at Mount Folly Farm to use an area below the farmhouse for weddings etc., and asked D.Cllr Carson who would represent the views of residents at District Council level. Both Cllr Carson and Cllr Owen had declared non-pecuniary interests in the matter. Cllr Carson explained that he is not on the Planning Committee but if the application goes to Committee, then one of the other District Councillors will represent the parish. The questioner stated that her concerns on the application are not so much about the current state but about any future usage. Cathy Tucker explained that the application is not for a permanent marquee structure. At this point, the Chairman invited any new points of information from the public but stated that, otherwise, Councillors already had access to a wealth of information - sufficient to reach a decision – from personal contacts, letters, circulars, e-mails, phone calls and the many submissions to the SHDC planning website. He ruled that any debate would be restricted to Councillors under the relevant agenda item. Cllr Simes felt the community had shown a healthy interest with both sides of the argument receiving good publicity. Cllr Grace explained to those present that the Parish Councillors had not yet discussed the application nor formed an opinion. The Chairman stated that like all planning applications, this one could only be judged on the basis of the paperwork submitted and that recent experience encouraged a cautious approach by the Parish Council.
- 4.4 Mr S Wills introduced himself as the owner of Bali Hai. It was reported that Councillors had met on site on the previous day to discuss his planning application.
- 5.0 C.CLLR'S REPORT  
C.Cllr Mumford reported that DCC has agreed that there will be no increase in its part of Council Tax. County Council elections will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. He reported that the road at Fir Tree Garage is far less stable than ever; temporary traffic lights will continue in operation for quite a long time, as at Avonwick.

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Cllr Simes, in his capacity as Footpath Warden, reported to Cllr Mumford that despite 3 requests to the County Footpath Warden, nothing had been done to repair the Challaborough/Bigbury-on-Sea coastal footpath where a parishioner had recently suffered a broken ankle.

### 6.0 FINANCIAL

6.1 It was proposed by Cllr Simes, seconded by Cllr Klidjian and agreed to pay the following:-

- a: Viking – stationery £39.79
- b: Parish Clerk: fee and expenses £375.60
- c: St Lawrence Church: burial ground grant £450
- d: D Hammett: strimming Bigbury-on-Sea £50
- e: Modbury Caring: grant £50

6.2 Ringmore Parish Council had asked if Bigbury PC was willing to share a skip but councillors felt that the existing provision for one afternoon at Challaborough was adequate. The Clerk reported that she had provisionally booked a skip for Bigbury-on-Sea for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Agreed. **Action: Clerk**

### 7.0 PLANNING Applications received:-

7.1 Mr S.Wills and Ms C. Hemingway; Bali Hai, Marine Drive, Bos: Extension and alterations: Councillors would object to the current plan on the basis of 'overlooking' but would review their decision if Mr Wills promptly submitted an amendment to SHDC showing the fence which had been agreed with the overlooked neighbours. Under review.

7.2 Mr & Mrs I West; Honeynook: new gables to roof. No objection.

7.3 Ms Cathy Tucker; Folly Farm: The many submissions of one sort or another by the public had covered the entire spectrum of opinion. Councillors considered the main issues to be: planning permission is in perpetuity; the complete lack of detail about what is planned and how any events would be controlled; business needs of the farm; protection of the AONB, Coastal Preservation Area and Heritage Coast; possible creation of jobs and improvement in the local economy; and the impact on neighbours of lights, noise and traffic. Cllr Boys pointed out that there had been considerable local support in letters sent to SHDC. Cllr Grace agreed, but observed that it is easier to write a letter of support than a letter of objection, thinking it possible for some people to be against but not willing to submit a written objection. Cllr Watts stated that it is clear from the Bigbury Parish Plan that parishioners value their coastal and countryside environment very highly and emphasised that the application proposed that marquees might be erected over a 7-month period rather than the current 28 days allowed under 'permitted development'; the Parish Council should be consistent and faithful to the Parish Plan. It was felt that provision of alcohol and entertainment should be covered by Temporary Event Notices to impart statutory controls. Acknowledging all these factors, a motion objecting to the application was proposed, resulting in 4 councillors in favour of opposing the application, one abstention and 2 declarations of interest. Objection agreed.

### 8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Hope Cove Lifeboat – invitation received to the Blessing on 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday) at noon – noted.

8.2 SHDC Provision of Fire & Rescue Cover in SHDC area – significance of changes in cover remains unclear despite a request for clarification.

8.3 SWW Water Future – noted.

8.4 Aberystwyth & District Motorcycle Action Group Thankful Villages – noted.

8.5 Clerks & Local Councils Direct – magazine on circulation.

8.6 Vote for your Community – magazine on circulation.

### 9.0 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

9.1 Cllr Simes, as Footpath Warden, reported that Footpath 19 is recovering well, Footpath 14 is still obstructed but Folly Farm owners are happy for people to walk around the obstruction. A bridge has also been built on Footpath 14. He commented on the beauty of the Tidal Road Footpath 1; it was agreed to purchase a dog bin for that path. **Action: Cllr Watts**

### 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 A report was received about dog fouling on the verge on the corner of Warren Road/Cleveland Drive. The owner of a specific bungalow had approached its tenant, who owns the dog in question, about the problem but there have been recurrences since then. Ms Tucker (from the floor) agreed that the tenants would be asked again to control the nuisance. Otherwise, Environmental Health and the RSPCA will be contacted by the Parish Council.

## **BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

- 11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013: an abbreviated Parish Council meeting at 7.30 p.m. followed, at approximately 8.00pm, with the Annual Parish Assembly.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.