

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs T. Boys, J.Grace, A. Klidjian, R Owen and J Simes. 3 residents were present and C.Cllr W Mumford

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Carson

### 1.0 ELECTIONS:

- a) Chairman: Proposed by Cllr Simes, seconded by Cllr Grace that Cllr Watts be re-elected Chairman. There being no other nominations Cllr Watts was declared to fill the post.
- b) Vice-Chairman: Cllr Carson had confirmed with the Clerk that he was willing to stand for re-election if councillors wished. It was proposed by Cllr Boys, seconded by Cllr Grace that Cllr Carson be re-appointed. There being no other nominations Cllr Carson was declared Vice-Chairman.

### 2.0 APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES: the following appointments were confirmed:

- a) Memorial Hall: Cllr Boys
- b) CPRE: Cllr Carson
- c) DALC: Cllr Watts
- d) D.Plyg.Fld Ass: Cllr Klidjian

### 3.0 MINUTES of the April Parish Council meeting were signed as a correct record and Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were signed after an amendment was made, as follows:-

3.1 In the Open Session of the Annual Parish Meeting, a parishioner had commented about the unsightly bags of salt littering the parish's road following the mild winter; see 8.3, below.

### 4.0 MATTERS ARISING (Minute numbers, in parentheses, are from either the April PC meeting or from April's Annual Parish meeting – APM).

- 4.1 (3.1) Notice boards – the contractor has made some alterations though it is still difficult getting drawing pins into the existing board.
- 4.2 (3.2) 'BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL' headers for all 3 notice boards are now in place.
- 4.3 (3.3) Folly Hill Parking: Cllr Grace stated that some residents on Folly Hill had stated they preferred the status quo. However, Cllr Klidjian stated that something should be done as off-season weekend parking is dangerous on fine weekends. **AGREED:** DCC will be asked for a price for placing double yellow lines. However, C.Cllr Mumford said he would discuss the problem with Nick Colton and refer back to the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 4.4 (3.5) Playground notices: Mr Vanstone had stated his willingness to be indicated as the contact point for any problems in the playground. SHDC would be advised to alter the sign. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 4.5 (3.8) Dog Fouling Bigbury on Sea: it was reported that the problem had recurred for several days. **AGREED:** letter to Dog Warden to request action. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 4.6 (2.0 from APM) Bigbury Village Green: nothing further heard from the police regarding usage of the one way system. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 4.7 (3.0 from APM) Active Villages: upon invitation from the Chairman, Mrs Jill Gubbins gave a report of a meeting attended by herself, Jan Birch, Elaine Brosnahan, Cllr Grace and the Parish Clerk.
- 4.8 (8.0 from APM) Bottle Bank Bigbury Village: Cllr Carson had not reported any progress. **ACTION: Cllr Carson**

### 5.0 OPEN SESSION No matters raised

### 6.0 C.CLLR'S REPORT. C.Cllr Mumford was congratulated on his success in the May County Council elections. He stated that it had been an encouraging turn-out with an average of 35% voting in the Yealmpton ward. As a result the Conservatives had a large overall majority in the County. There will be a continuation of the work carried out over the last four years with efforts being made to make savings and yet still meet requirements. He stated he will contact Nick

Colton with regard to the Folly Hill parking problems and reminded members that Section 106 agreements are there for other needs other than Affordable Homes.

#### 7.0 FINANCIAL

- 7.1 It was proposed by Cllr Simes and seconded by Cllr Klidjian that the following cheques be drawn: AGREED  
£200 to John Corah for notice board headers; £500 to Bigbury News for annual grant; £248.82 to Community First for insurance; £30 to Memorial Hall for hire; £120 to SHDC for playground inspection fee. £50 to Community Council of Devon for annual subscription which includes Devon Playing Field Association.
- 7.2 War Memorial Maintenance: AGREED to renew the maintenance contract with Allwood of Totnes at £70 plus VAT. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 7.3 Salt bins: AGREED to purchase four extra salt bins at a cost of £250. **ACTION: Cllr Watts**
- 7.4 Community Council of Devon. AGREED to pay the new combined annual subscription of £50 which also covers Devon Playing Fields Association.

#### 8.0 PLANNING

- 8.1 Bali Hai, Marine Drive, BoS: SHDC notice received – GRANTED
- 8.2 Water Tank, ST Ann’s Chapel: response submitted
- 8.3 Overcombe, Folly Hill: response submitted
- 8.4 Beachdown Bungalows: email received from Dean Kinsella who had inspected the site. Although there had been significant excavations and clearing of the site, he was comfortable that the work being carried out was in accordance with the application
- 8.5 Cllr Simes reported he had received a response from SHDC following his letter to them with regard to Fryer Tuck’s Takeaway and he will submit a response to it later.
- 8.6 The chairman reported that D Cllr Carson had stated SHDC was concerned at the proliferation of signs being displayed at road sides without planning permission.
- 8.7 Cllr Grace asked if undecided Planning Applications could remain on the agenda, together with any updated information, until a decision notice is received from SHDC. AGREED.

#### 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 SHDC – notification of South Parish Cluster Meeting Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- 9.2 DALC – May newsletter
- 9.3 Luscombe Maye: letter received offering an oak tree to be planted somewhere in Bigbury Parish in celebration of the company’s 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. AGREED **ACTION: Clerk**
- 9.4 SHDC: poster offering finance to repair, adapt or improve homes subject to eligibility
- 9.5 Auction of beach: a letter had been sent by email and recorded delivery to state that the Parish Council had opposed a proposal for beach hut, retail outlet and boardwalk last year and would continue to oppose any proposals for commercialisation or any development on the beach. The clerk would be attending the auction and would ask for a legal pack. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 9.6 It was agreed that a list of PC assets would be drawn up. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 10.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Watts outlined the requirements of a Neighbourhood Plan in which the Parish Council could influence design and define areas needing protection from development. Grants are available to produce a plan and councillors were asked to access the CPRE website. In due course, more information would be provided for parishioners in Bigbury News. **ACTION: All**

#### 11.0 POLICE REPORT

A report had been e-mailed detailing crime figures from April 2012-April 2013 compared with figures for the previous twelve months. Residents are asked for extra vigilance for any suspicious behaviour and to report to the police at the time.

#### 12.0 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS:

Cllr Simes reported there is a tree down at the bottom of Stoggy Lane which he had drawn to the County Footpath Warden’s attention. There is a problem on the footpath below Villa Crusoe which he will be going to investigate. The Challaborough-BoS cliff path has been re-covered and tampered over and it was agreed a letter be sent to Mount Folly Farm for the work carried out. Cllr Simes stated that although he is resigning as a parish councillor he would be happy to continue as the Parish Footpath Warden. He was thanked for his extremely good work already carried out on his warden duties and councillors requested that he continue in the post.

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Simes stated he would be submitting his resignation from the Parish Council in writing. Upon receipt, the Clerk will notify SHDC Electoral Department of a Casual Vacancy and the required legal notices will be displayed stating that if ten electors do not apply within 60 days for an election to be held then notices will be displayed inviting residents to put themselves forward for consideration for co-option. Cllr Simes stated he had enjoyed his term of office and he was thanked by the Chairman for his hard work and valuable contribution.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.