

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs B Carson, J Grace, A. Klidjian, R Owen 1 resident was present and C.Cllr W Mumford

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Boys

2.0 MINUTES of the May Parish Council Meeting were signed as correct.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING (Minute numbers in parenthesis are from the May PC meeting)

3.1 (4.3) Folly Hill parking: C.Cllr Mumford felt this TRO can only be progressed by adding the application to another future project

3.2 (4.4) Playground notice: SHDC has been asked to add Holywell Stores as the contact point for any problems by kind agreement of Mr & Mrs Vanstone.

3.3 (4.5) Dog Fouling Bigbury-on-Sea: letter sent to dog warden requesting action

3.4 (4.6) Bigbury Village Green: the police will be contacted again to ascertain if any investigation was made before PCSO Thorn left the district. **Action: Clerk**

3.5 (4.7) Active Villages: Jan Birch is endeavouring to arrange a further meeting.

3.6 (4.8) Bottle Bank Bigbury Village: Action awaited. **Action: Cllr Carson**

3.7 (7.2)The War Memorial maintenance contract has been renewed

3.8 (7.3) In his capacity as Snow Warden, Cllr Watts requested permission to site 2 grit bins in the Dukes Mill area, another at the bottom of Stakes Hill and a fourth at the bottom of Town Hill, Bigbury Village. All these sites had experienced severe problems with ice on the roads in the past and the bins would address the recent complaints about unsightly plastic bags of salt being left at the roadside. Agreed.

Local residents will be consulted about the positioning and DCC's Neighbourhood Highway Officer, N.Colton, will be advised accordingly. **Action: Cllr Watts**

3.9 (9.3) Luscombe Maye have been contacted to accept and thank them for their offer of an oak tree.

3.10 (9.5) For the information of councillors, it was agreed to circulate the auctioneer's legal pack concerning the sale of the beach at Bigbury-on-Sea and that the agent would be asked for the address of the purchaser in order that contact may be made with the council's new landlord. **Action: Clerk**

3.9 (9.6) A list of the Parish Council's assets will be sent to each councillor. **Action: Clerk**

4.0 C.,CLLR'S REPORT

4.1 C.Cllr Mumford reported that the A3121 will be closed at Ermington with diversions posted – DCC are unable to divert traffic from a main road to minor lanes so diversion signs will appear to be extensive.

4.2 A great deal of surface dressing is being carried out at the moment but this is done to seal the surface and thus protect it from deteriorating.

4.3 Work at Jubilee Bridge near Modbury is scheduled to be completed by beginning of July – skilled stonemasons have been working to restore the bridge and this has taken time because it is a natural dam which protects Swanbridge Mill.

4.4 Notices have been placed on trees bordering the highways which are considered to be a danger and if owners do not take action, DCC will carry out the work and owners will be billed.

C.Cllr Mumford then left the meeting.

5.0 OPEN SESSION

5.1 A parishioner asked if it would be possible to have an advanced information notice about the location of the main SHDC car park in order to avoid traffic hold-ups higher on Folly Hill caused by traffic entering the field car park. However, the suggestion was not taken up by councillors.

5.2 The same parishioner also reported that there is considerable overhanging growth at the bend near Bigbury Village shop and rubbish bins had been left out, forcing traffic to the

- middle of the road. The parishioner agreed to raise her concerns with the owner of the shop.
- 5.3 Concern was expressed at the large number of unofficial signs being displayed throughout the parish. See Item 7.6 below.
- 6.0 FINANCIAL
- 6.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr Grace and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:
£343.18 to S Watts for travelling expenses and grit bins invoice; to B Cole for £582.20 for skip for Bigbury on Sea; £393.40 to the parish clerk for fee and expenses; £44.78 to Viking stationery for office stationery; £1 to CJ Rogers for playing field rent; £110 to AJ Knapton for Internal Audit fee; £24.99 to Kingsbridge Websites for 2-years' community website renewal.
- 6.2 The Internal Audit's report was presented to the parish council with the District Audit form approved and signed.
- 7.0 PLANNING
- 7.1 Water Tank, St Ann's Chapel: Cllr Watts reported on a SHDC Conservation & Design Review Panel meeting he had been invited to attend when this application was discussed. The agent had made a comprehensive presentation but the panel of professional architects, SHDC Ward Members and planning officers expressed their dislike of the design. DCC Highways are also unhappy with the proposed site access arrangements. A planning decision is pending.
- Pending:-
- 7.2 Atlantic House, Marine Drive, BoS
- 7.3 Folly Farm, BoS
- 7.4 High Down, Warren Rd, BoS
- SHDC Decision notice received:
- 7.5 Overcombe, Folly Hill,BoS: GRANTED
- 7.6 Planning enforcement Workshop: Cllr Watts had attended a workshop at Follaton House where considerable concern had been expressed regarding the number of unauthorised signs being displayed in our own and other parishes. SHDC's Planning Department would like parish councils to enter into a 'Service Level Agreement' whereby such signage and other planning enforcement matters would be the subject of much closer liaison. Councillors agreed they would prefer to discuss the proposal further, for example at a Charterlands parish 'cluster' meeting, before deciding. **Action: Cllr Carson**
- 8.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 8.1 SHDC – playground inspection report. Nothing needing immediate action but Cllr Klidjian agreed to peruse the report to decide on action needed. **Action: Cllr Klidjian**
- 8.2 DALC May Newsletter
- 8.3 SHDC: Southern Parish Cluster meeting on 19th June
- 8.4 Project Congleton – petition for amendment of the National Planning Policy. Agreed, no action
- 8.5 C.Cllr W Mumford had submitted the SWW News release covering the main road closure at Ermington
- 8.6 C.Cllr W.Mumford had forwarded the DCC information on Locality Budgets.
- 9.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- Cllr Watts drew attention to the potential importance of neighbourhood planning to shape the future of the parish. He expressed his intention to attend a SHDC workshop in July and invited other councillors to attend.
- 10.0 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS
- 10.1 Cllr Owen reported that Badgers Walk at Bigbury-on-Sea was extremely overgrown. It was suggested that she contact the Parish Footpath Warden, John Simes. **Action: Cllr Owen**
- 11.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
- 11.1 Cllr Carson reported that Mr Cullen had a contact who had expressed an interest in building the affordable homes once permission is obtained.

11.2 The Sherford project is now going forward with a £32 million loan from the Government.

11.3 The reduction of the number of district councillors is still under discussion with various parish councils submitting comments on the subject. There will be a six week consultation period after publication of the report.

11.4 A discussion had taken place at the last Executive Meeting on the matter of funding for tourism bureaux.

14.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Cllr Carson asked for a request to be made to SHDC for the playing field to be cut in time for 14th August. **Action: Clerk**

15.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 10th JULY 2013 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.28 p.m.