



## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S. Watts (Chairman), Cllrs B. Carson, A. Klidjian, R. Owen 4 residents were present together with PCSO Sophie Hack

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr T. Boys

- 1.0 POLICE REPORT. PCSO Sophie Hack introduced herself to the meeting stating she had taken over from PCSO Stacey Thorn.

Crime figures remain the same as last year for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May to beginning of July, being 2 thefts, 2 domestic and one drunk and disorderly.

She reported that an inspection had been carried out recently on a boat thought to be netting illegally and regular checks are being made on boats caught netting in Bigbury Bay. For information, Cllr Watts added that The Aune Conservation Association has raised the problem of illegal netting with the Duchy of Cornwall, various other responsible agencies, and Gary Streeter MP, in response to recent netting activity.

PCSO Hack had been in contact with DCC regarding use of the One Way system at Bigbury village green and she will arrange for police cadets to keep a more frequent eye on the problem (see 4.3, below).

PCSO Hack was thanked for her report and left the meeting.

- 2.0 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR. The Chairman referred to a draft notice he had sent to councillors listing recommended qualities for a parish councillor, including familiarity with computer-based communications. However, those present felt the notice to be unnecessary and might even deter a willing candidate from coming forward. **AGREED: no action.**

With the legal procedure for a Casual Vacancy having been fulfilled together with notices inviting residents to be considered for the post, one application had been received, namely that of Peter Cook, to fill the vacancy left by John Simes' resignation in May. It was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Klidjian and agreed that Peter Cook be co-opted to the Parish Council. Having completed his Acceptance of Office, he then took his seat and was thanked for volunteering.

Following the resignation from the Parish Council of Janie Grace in June, SHDC had been notified of the Casual Vacancy and the legal notices had been displayed on the notice boards.

- 3.0 MINUTES of the June Parish Council Meeting were signed as correct.

- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING (Minute numbers in parenthesis are from the June PC meeting)

- 4.1 (3.2) Playground notice: Tim Pollard (SHDC) had submitted a final version indicating Holywell Stores as point of contact.

- 4.2 (3.3) Dog fouling, Bigbury on Sea: matter now closed

- 4.3 (3.4) It is thought that a prior warning sign for drivers to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> road at the green in addition to the No Entry sign would be helpful.

- 4.4 (3.6) Bottle Bank Bigbury Village: Cllr Carson reported he had spoken to the Royal Oak manager but as nothing further had been heard, he will contact him again. **Action: Cllr Carson**

- 4.5 (3.8) In his capacity as Snow Warden, Cllr Watts reported that Nick Colton (DCC's Neighbourhood Highways Officer) had been advised of the proposed locations of the 4 new grit bins.

- 4.6 (3.10) The Clerk had contacted Clive Emson's (estate agent for the sale) to ask for the address of the purchaser of the beach (now the PC's landlord for the viewing platform) and had requested that they pass on her details to ask him to contact her. **Action: Clerk**

- 4.7 (3.11) A list of the Parish Council assets had been sent to each councillor.

- 4.8 (8.1) Cllr Klidjian gave an update on the playground report and said no action was necessary until September.

4.9 (10.1) Cllr Watts reported that, recently, a large tree had blocked and damaged the creek footpath on the Bigbury side but the path was now passable again.

4.10 (May 13.0) The Clerk reported she had sent a letter of appreciation to John Simes following his resignation from the Parish Council.

#### 5.0 OPEN SESSION

5.1 A parishioner reported that the surfaces on some of the playground equipment were slippery and felt they needed power hosing. Cllr Klidjian would approach a local person to ascertain the cost of carrying out the work. **Action: Cllr Klidjian**

5.2 A resident expressed her appreciation to Cllr Grace for her work carried out during her term of office.

5.3 The same resident felt it was dangerous for cars to offload passengers and beach equipment at the top of Sedgewell Slipway and then turn round to park in the field car park. AGREED to inform N.Colton, of the problem and invite his ideas.

**Action: Clerk**

#### 6.0 FINANCIAL

6.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr Carson and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:

£30 for Bigbury Memorial Hall for hire of hall April, May and June, £150 to Hope Cove Lifeboat and £20 to CPRE

#### 7.0 PLANNING

Pending:-

7.1 Atlantic House, Marine Drive, BoS: Folly Farm, BoS and High Down, Warren Rd, BoS

Application received:-

7.2 Mr & Mrs Phillips: renewal of extant planning ap. for demolition of Watersmeet, Ringmore Drive, BoS and replacement dwelling

#### 8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 DALC: LCE Opinion piece

8.2 W.Mumford: Locality Budgets

8.3 Julie Gilbert – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of start of World War I. Councillors felt it inappropriate to commemorate the onset of a war.

8.4 Community Council of Devon: TAP Fund Impact Assessment.

8.5 Southern Area Cluster meeting: Cllr Carson had attended and reported that a discussion had taken place on proposed winter closure of public toilets. He and the Parish Council are against any such proposal for Bigbury-on-Sea toilets.

8.6 Charterlands Cluster meeting notes received and distributed to councillors.

8.7 The Clerk reported she had written to the owner of a property in Folly Close requesting that he cuts a tree back to his side of the wall where at present it is overhanging the road opposite the parking lay-by so badly that both traffic and pedestrians are having to use the centre of the road.

8.8 Long term parking of coaches in bus lay-by. A resident had written complaining of very dangerous parking of four coaches on July 5<sup>th</sup> where they parked on the double yellow lines forcing traffic into the oncoming lane on a bend of the road. Some photos had been taken from Bay View Café and the police had been informed and had requested copies of the photos (PCSO Hack was handed copies of the photos at the meeting). Coach drivers had been requested to park in the main SHDC car park but they stated they were not allowed in; Cllr Carson stated that SHDC felt it was too dangerous to have them reversing/turning during peak months. Cllr Owen felt there would be no problem with them turning in the Higher Warren car park. Cllr Carson would raise the matter at SHDC the day after this meeting. It was also felt there would be no problem for the coaches to park in Mr Tucker's car park. Cllr Carson will speak with Mr Tucker on the matter.

**Action: Cllr Carson**

Cllr Carson was asked if there were any restrictions on how long Mr Tucker's car park was allowed to be open and he replied that it was open for 28 days p.a. However, it was felt generally that the availability of this car park does alleviate a lot of queuing and parking issues in BoS. Meanwhile Bay View Café would be asked to keep a log of parking times of coaches in the lay-by and of any further problems there.

**Action: Clerk**

#### 9.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Watts reported he will be attending a workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> July on this subject and invited any other councillors to join him.

10.0 SHDC SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

This would cover liaison with SHDC on any matters reported as formal planning breaches e.g. an abundance of road-side notices. A local person would be needed to act as the contact and Cllr Watts volunteered to fulfil the role for a trial period of 6 months. AGREED **Action: Cllr Watts**

11.0 CHARTERLANDS CLUSTER MEETING

A report of the meeting was given which included the matter of TAP funding and Dementia Friendly Parishes. The Chairman encouraged all councillors to attend these useful meetings.

12.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Carson reported that the Boundary Review on the number of councillors in the District is still being processed and is currently with the Boundary Commission after which there will be a further public consultation period of 6 weeks.

13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 It was agreed that letters of appreciation be sent to Lee Wilson and Dane Vanstone following the great success of this year's Fun Run with the new venue. **Action: Clerk**

13.2 Cllr Watts reported that new SLOW signs have been positioned for the approaches to the dangerous Easton turning at no cost to the parish, after lobbying for a number of years.

13.3 Cllr Carson issued pamphlets for the new SHDC website

13.4 The Clerk reported she had accepted an invitation for a Clerks Social in Ivybridge on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

13.5 Cllr Cook thanked councillors for co-opting him and asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to adopt the crest of the de Bykeberi family as displayed in the Memorial Hall. AGREED. **Action: Cllr Cook**

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. unless anything very urgent arises in August.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.