

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs B Carson, T.Boys, P. Cook, A. Klidjian, R Owen Two residents were also present.

- 1.0 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR. No resident had requested to be considered to fill the councillor vacancy. Notices will continue to be displayed on the notice boards along with a further notice in Bigbury News.
- 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; Nil
- 3.0 MINUTES of the July Parish Council Meeting were signed as correct.
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING (minute numbers in parenthesis are from the July PC meeting unless stated otherwise)
 - 4.1 (June 3.4) No entry sign, Bigbury Village Green: a local resident had opined that there were already too many signs within the parish. Another local resident had informed the council that large vehicles ignored the No Entry as it was physically impossible for them to negotiate the one-way system. PCSO Hack will be asked if enforcement action could be taken against motorists, other than h.g.v. drivers, who ignore the No Entry and whether the police cadets had been able to monitor the junction, as promised.
Action: Cllr Boys
 - 4.2 (4.4) Bottle Bank Bigbury Village: Mr & Mrs Vanstone have kindly arranged for a bottle bank to be sited in Holywell Stores car park.
 - 4.3 (4.6) The new owner of the upper part of Sedgwell Sands had contacted the Clerk following her approach via the agent for the sale.
 - 4.5 (4.8) Cllr Klidjian reported no urgent action is required at the playground but he maintains a list of items which will need attention.
 - 4.6 (2.0 & 13.1) A letter of appreciation had been sent to Cllr Grace following her resignation and letters of appreciation had also been sent to Dane Vanstone and Lee Wilson for their hard work on this year's Fun Run.
 - 4.7 (8.8) Long-term parking of coaches in lay-by at BoS: The problem had been solved by Bay View Café staff parking in the lay-by and the coaches are now using the field car park in Folly Hill.
 - 4.8 (9.0) Neighbourhood Plan: The chairman had attended a SHDC workshop on 17th July and had subsequently submitted a report to the parish council. He explained that the new Structural Plan for the District should be complete in 2 years' time and, with proper collaboration and liaison, this plan should render redundant a Neighbourhood Plan for Bigbury. As it would take 2 years to formulate a local plan via the highly bureaucratic formal procedure, his recommendation was to abandon thoughts of developing a Neighbourhood Plan but, instead, to collaborate with SHDC's planners in considering how the existing Parish Plan might be developed to incorporate the principles of sustainable development enshrined in the National Planning Policy Framework. AGREED.
 - 4.9 (13.5) De Bykeberi crest: It was agreed the design would look better if included within a crest with an added motto.
Action: Cllr Klidjian
 - 4.10 Affordable Homes: Cllr Watts reported that the archaeological survey of the preferred site had been completed and the report received and circulated in July. Recently, he had heard that SHDC's planners are 'reasonably comfortable' with the survey results and would be putting the South West Housing Society in contact with him to discuss a formal pre-application for planning permission.
Action: Cllr Watts
Cllr Cook reported that Mr Grimley (Bigbury History Society) had suggested there may be more barrows on the proposed site than indicated in the report.
 - 4.11 A meeting has been arranged with the relevant SHDC Planning Officer about the Service Level Agreement for planning enforcement/liaison.
Action: Cllr Watts
- 5.0 OPEN SESSION - nil

6.0 PLANNING:

- 6.1 Pending as per list received from SHDC:- High View, Warren Rd; Folly Farm; Atlantic House, Marine Drive; Sea Bright, Parker Rd; Thornbury, Parker Rd.
- 6.2 SHDC had informed the parish council, in confidence, that several planning enforcement orders were currently in effect.
- 6.3 The Chairman reported that the appeal by the owner against an application for Avonmouth, Folly Hill had been refused
- 6.4 He also reported that a decision by SHDC about Mount Folly Farm's application for an events venue was awaiting submission of a geological report
- 6.5 Mr & Mrs Phillips, Watersmeet, Ringmore Drive – application for renewal of expiring planning permission – GRANTED
- 6.6 Mrs Shawyer, Challadene, Challaborough: Cllrs Watts, Cook and Owen together with the Clerk had attended a site meeting regarding proposal for new roof conversion, sheltered balcony and rotation of ridge by 90 degrees- No objection
- 6.7 Bigbury Golf Club – replacement of rotten cladding with cedar weatherboard – No objection

7.0 FINANCIAL

- 7.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr Boys and agreed that the following cheques be drawn: £378.17 to Parish Clerk for fee and expenses; £120 to Grant Thornton for external audit fee; £49 to Kingsbridge Websites for hosting package; £18 to Cllr Watts for travelling expenses; £130 to D.Hammett for strimming at BoS.
- 7.2 The clerk reported that £44.39 had been received from SHDC for recycling credits
- 7.3 It was unanimously agreed that the clerk's salary be increased by 1% per annum in accordance with SHDC policy.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 AONB 'Gateway' signs: Cllr Watts reported that the parish had been approached about displaying a road sign indicating that Bigbury is part of the AONB. The cost to the parish would be in the order of £300 and the position would be on the B3392 on the parish boundary near Cumery. It was agreed that, if possible, the wording should be "Bigbury Parish" with "a litter-free zone" inserted underneath instead of "Please drive carefully". Approved by 5 votes to 1. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 8.2 SWW Consultation work: It was agreed that our earlier response about poor sewerage infrastructure would be reiterated. In addition, SWW should be asked what the maximum pipework capacity is in terms of house numbers and how the current situation stands. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 8.3 Cluster Meeting survey – Cllr Watts had completed and circulated a draft response to the survey about the usefulness or otherwise of these meetings. Councillors agreed its submission to SHDC, unamended. **Action: Clerk**
- 8.4 Proposed toilet closures at BoS: the Parish Council had received a partial breakdown of the costs of running the toilets at Bigbury-on-Sea in order to consider options to prevent winter closure. Cllr Carson reported that one option would be to have a pay-as-you-enter system for the winter months. Cllr Watts pointed out that if the parish were asked to pay to keep the toilets open in winter, it would more than double the current level of precept although SHDC have an annual revenue from the car park of around £230,000. Councillors were unanimously agreed that they were opposed to any financial contribution from the parish. Cllr Watts agreed to attend one of the information exchanges with SHDC in mid-September. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 8.5 Dogs on beach: an email had been received from a holidaymaker complaining of dogs on BoS beach. Cllr Carson stated he could ask the dog warden to make more frequent visits during the summer months and pointed out that the restrictions are made by SHDC. It was agreed to obtain views of residents through a flyer in the next edition of Bigbury News. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 8.6 Boundary Review: SHDC ward changes: Charterlands would be lost under the proposals and a new ward of Bigbury, Ringmore, Kingston and Modbury would be formed, entitled Bigbury & Modbury. Cllr Watts invited councillors to comment but all seemed content with the proposed arrangement. **NO ACTION**
- 8.7 Cockleridge Ham – J. Aylett, for Evans Estates, had made contact with the Aune Conservation Association and, indirectly, the parish council, regarding the condition of groynes and concrete retaining wall at Cockleridge Ham on which work will be carried out in October.

- 8.8 SHDC: Robert Harkness reporting that the Millennium steps need sand removing, vegetation removing and repainting with preservative. It was agreed to ask him to provide a quote for the work. **Action: Clerk**
- 8.9 SHDC: Robin Toogood (AONB) advising of work to be carried out to the Huers' Hut on Burgh Island.
- 9.0 TRAFFIC ORDERS
- 9.1 It was unanimously agreed that the parish should proceed with the request for double yellow lines from the bottom of Folly Hill to Henley Hotel and councillors were aware that the parish would have to pay. C.Cllr Mumford will be asked if there are any Traffic Orders in the area in the near future that the project could be attached to in an effort to try to reduce the cost. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.2 The Clerk reported that she had been approached by a resident in the centre of Bigbury Village asking if a 20mph limit would be possible in the village centre. REFUSED.
- 10.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Cllr Carson reported that people are likely to be more seriously affected than previously by the additional cuts in the SHDC budget.
- 11.0 VIEWING PLATFORM, BoS Car Park: Cllr Watts reported that the top rail was now missing from the fence, the planting which had been carried out earlier in the year is very overgrown, some shrubs had dried out, and that people have created another pathway by short-cutting down the bank. It was agreed to ask R. Harkness (SHDC) for a quote to carry out work to alleviate the problem. It was also agreed to ask D Hammett to strim around the plants. Agreed to discuss possible further action about fencing at the October council meeting, councillors having viewed the problem beforehand. **Action: Clerk**
- 12.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 12.1 Cllr Cook reported that Mr Gay had offered to re-paint the Bigbury-on-Sea bus shelter if the parish council would purchase the paint. AGREED. **Action: Cllr Cook**
- 12.2 Cllr Cook felt there were a few buildings within the parish which needed listing. It was agreed to contact Mr Grimley (Bigbury History Society) to ask if he could draw up a list so that a submission could be made with the Parish Council's support. **Action: Clerk**
- 13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 9th OCTOBER in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.