

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs B Carson, P. Cook, A. Klidjian, R Owen C.Cllr Mumford attended for some of the meeting and there were 6 residents 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 Cllr Boys
- 3.0 MINUTES of the September Parish Council Meeting were signed as correct.
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING (Minute numbers in parenthesis are from Sept. PC meeting unless stated otherwise)
 - 4.1 (4.1; June 3.4) Bigbury Village Green: No Entry sign – it is understood that a police watch will be kept on the area.
 - 4.2 (4.9) De Bykeberi crest: Ongoing. **Action: Cllr Klidjian**
 - 4.3 (4.10) Affordable Homes: The Chairman reported that SHDC's planners had declared in September that they were 'reasonably comfortable' with the archaeological survey results and had identified the Southwestern Housing Society as a suitable potential partner for development of the site. Also in September, the Southwestern Housing Society's Chief executive, surveyor and architect had visited the site with representatives from Bigbury PC, SHDC's planners and the landowner as a result of which it was agreed to prepare a full pre-application planning enquiry for consideration by SHDC's planners under the terms of SHDC's Village Housing Initiative (VHI). An update will be published in November's Bigbury News. **Action: Cllr Watts**
 - 4.4 (4.11) Planning liaison: Cllr Watts reported that he had toured the parish along with a SHDC Planning Enforcement Officer whereby some problems had been noted and others resolved.
 - 4.5 (8.1) AONB Gateway sign: preferences for the sign had been submitted to the AONB office.
 - 4.6 (8.2) SWW's Consultation Survey had been completed and submitted by Cllr Watts. It was agreed that Mr Nick Murch of SWW who had attended the May 2012 Parish Council meeting will be requested to provide details of the current load and maximum capacity of the sewerage and water distribution pipeworks in Bigbury on Sea and St Ann's Chapel. **Action: Clerk**

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- 4.7 (8.3) Cluster Meeting questionnaire: a response had been submitted to SHDC by Cllr Watts
- 4.8 (8.4) BoS toilets: The Chairman had attended a meeting at Follaton House with various SHDC officers to discuss the issue of potential winter closure. The probable solution will be to install a pay-as-you-enter system at no capital cost to Bigbury parishioners.
- 4.9 (8.5) Dogs on Beach: The Chairman thanked Bigbury News for distributing the survey form. Meanwhile, SHDC had issued a new Dog Control Order effective from 1st October, modifying the current restrictions by allowing dogs anywhere on the beach at BoS and Challaborough before 10.00am and after 7.00pm.
- 4.10 (8.8) Millennium Steps: the Clerk had asked Robert Harkness (SHDC) for a price for maintenance work to the steps and also for work at the viewing platform but no response has yet been received. It was agreed to purchase some more thorny hedging plants to replace those below the viewing platform which had not survived the summer. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 4.11 (9.1) Folly Hill parking: Nick Colton (Neighbourhood Highway Officer, DCC) had informed the Clerk that the cost of double yellow lines will be a maximum of £4358 to include the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order and removal of irrelevant signs. The Chairman proposed and councillors agreed that the Parish Council should proceed and every effort would be made to obtain funds other than from the precept to pay for the work. **Action: Clerk**
DCC/SHDC's Town & Parish Fund, the Community Infrastructure Levy, the SHDC Ward Member's Parishes Allowance and DCC's Locality Budget are possible sources of money that will be investigated. **Action: Cllr Watts**
It was noted that any illegal parking should be reported to the police by parishioners.
- 4.12 (12.1) Appreciation was expressed to David Gay and Peter Cook for repainting the bus shelter. Cllr Cook reported that Mr Gay would be happy to place flower baskets on the shelter at a cost to the Parish Council of approximately £65. It was understood that Mr Gay would carry out the subsequent planting and watering. **AGREED**
- 4.13 (12.2) Listed Buildings: Both Cllr Cook and the Clerk had spoken with Roger Grimley (Bigbury History Society) who had outlined problems, based on his experience of submitting Listed Building applications. A letter had also been received from a Bigbury resident who had persuasively summarised the arguments against listing private buildings. **NO FURTHER ACTION**
- 4.14 An AONB Gateway sign had been requested
- 5.0 OPEN SESSION
- 5.1 Mr John Simes (Footpath Warden) reported that he will be carrying out the annual survey of public footpaths within the parish within the next few months. He would be submitting an item to Bigbury

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News relating to the survey. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council and residents were very appreciative of all Mr Simes' footpath work.

- 5.2 A resident enquired why the Parish Council had launched a survey into dogs on the beach after just one written complaint. The Chairman stated that a few councillors had received verbal complaints and had personally witnessed poor dog control on the beach, on occasion. The survey was being conducted without any preconception to give parishioners a chance to express their opinions about the issue. However, the survey had been overtaken by SHDC's revised Dog Control Order, effective 1st October 2013, which relaxes the current restrictions before 10.00am and after 7.00pm. The same resident also asked if parishioners would be able to have access to the individual responses. Under the Data protection Act (1998), the identity of respondents would need to be protected.

- 6.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT C.Cllr Mumford reported that DCC must make a saving of £150m on the 2014/2015 budget on top of the £120m saving already achieved. The final budget is expected to be issued on Christmas Eve. There will be traffic congestion in Aveton Gifford for about 6 weeks, starting very shortly, due to bridge re-building and flood alleviation work near the church. D.Cllr Carson congratulated C.Cllr Mumford for obtaining funding for the project. Mr Simes (from the floor) felt that the current savings demonstrated how much had been over-budgeted in previous years.

7.0 PLANNING

- 7.1 Pending:- High View, Warren Rd; Folly Farm; Atlantic House, Marine Drive; Thornbury, Parker Rd; Challadene, Challaborough; Bigbury Golf Club
- 7.2 Revised plans have been received for The Water Tank, St Ann's Chapel.
- 7.3 Mr Ensell, Sea Bright, Parker Rd, BoS: Application GRANTED

8.0 FINANCIAL

- 8.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr Carson and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:
£8 to Ivybridge & District Asscn of Parish Councils for annual sub;
£18 to Cllr watts for travelling expenses; £ 120 to SHDC for payroll services for clerk's salary; £293.47 to HMRC (refundable; related to Clerk's PAYE status); £791.45 to S. Hams Containers for St Ann's Chapel skip; £47.70 to Mr Gay for paint for the bus shelter
£79.96 to P.Cook for other paint for bus shelter.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 S Devon AONB Management Plan Consultation

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- 9.2 Connecting Devon & Somerset
- 9.3 Cluster meeting 11th November 6.30pm at Ivybridge.
- 9.4 DALC – new model standing orders

10.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Carson reported that the new budget will provide a number of customer and staff benefits. SHDC computer systems will be updated. A number of services are being shared with West Devon in order to minimise costs. Over 100 desk spaces have been let out to DCC. Teignbridge District Council have announced winter closure of its public toilets and reduction in CCTV usage.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 The Clerk reported she would be attending a Clerks' meeting on 16th October in Yealmpton.

- 12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 13th NOVEMBER in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.30 p.m.