

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs T Boys, P. Cook, A. Klidjian, R Owen; 13 residents also present.

- 1.0 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR. No resident had requested to be considered to fill the councillor vacancy. Notices have continued to be displayed (now without a time deadline) on the notice boards along with a further notice in Bigbury News. These will continue till a candidate comes forward.
- 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; D.Cllr Carson
- 3.0 MINUTES of the October Parish Council Meeting were signed as correct.
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING (Minute numbers in parenthesis are from October PC meeting unless otherwise stated).
 - 4.1 (4.2) De Bykeberi crest: ongoing. **Action: Cllr Klidjian**
 - 4.2 (4.3) Affordable Homes: The Chairman reported that SWW's Mr Murch had stated that whereas SWW would be able to provide a water supply for the proposed 15 Affordable Homes at St Ann's Chapel, it could not provide a sewerage supply. He also reported on a response he was making to a letter in the Kingsbridge Gazette in which there had been many inaccuracies regarding proposed Affordable Homes in Bigbury.
 - 4.3 (4.4) AONB Gateway sign. The Parish Council had been notified that the signs could only replace existing signs and would have to have the standard wording. AGREED: no further action
 - 4.4 (4.10) Millennium Steps and Viewing Gallery: SHDC had submitted a quotation of £560 for work to steps and fencing and £470 for protecting fencing from foot traffic. Both prices subject to VAT (recoverable). It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Klidjian and agreed that the quotations be accepted. AGREED
 - 4.5 (4.11) Folly Hill parking. D Cllr Carson had advised that he was unable to offer a sum from his Councillor's Allowance towards the cost of a Road Traffic Order. C.Cllr Mumford was able to offer £500. AGREED: to wait until more funds could be made available.
 - 4.6 (4.12) Letters of appreciation had been sent to Mr David Gay and Cllr Peter Cook for work carried out at the bus shelter
- 5.0 OPEN SESSION
 - 5.1 A Folly Hill resident enquired about existing lawful use of car parks with one including camping for tents and caravans as she understood they were only legal for 28 days. The factor of previous traffic jams as far back as the Golf Club prior to the cars being allowed in the field at lower end of Folly Hill were explained. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed with SHDC Planning Department. **Action: Cllr Watts**
 - 5.2 Mr J Simes (Parish Footpath Warden) stated he would be carrying out a survey of the parish footpaths shortly.

5.3 A resident referred to the matter of SWW provisions and asked if it would be possible for a request to be made to BT regarding poor Broadband provision in Bigbury on Sea. A resident suggested that all residents should be encouraged to write to the Chairman of BT at the Head Office to request action in the matter.

Action: Clerk

5.4 Dog bins: a resident reported that beach users were leaving dog bags at the bottom of Sedgewell slipway because there was no bin down there and asked if one could be provided there but it was explained bins have to be sited close to the collection round. It was agreed to ask for an extra bin to be provided at the top of the footpath to the beach at the main car park entrance.

Action: Clerk

5.5 A resident, stating that a large amount of Section 106 money goes to SHDC and asked why more of it does not come into the parish.

5.6 A resident living next door to the Pickwick Inn stated she is getting a large amount of mud entering her front garden from the road. It was agreed that the Lengthsman be asked to attend to the matter.

Action: Clerk

5.7 Following an enquiry about the situation of Bos toilet off-season closure, the chairman answered that there is a possibility of a pay as you enter system but as yet a final decision has not been made. The Parish Council has opposed any suggestion of a winter closure along with any cost having to be met by the local residents.

6.0 DOGS ON BEACH SURVEY

6.1 To date the result was 62 in favour of no changes to dog restrictions and 23 in favour of changes being made. Of the latter, two requests were that dogs should be allowed on the beach all the time. Generally, it was agreed that better signage would solve a lot of problems. SHDC meanwhile introduced changes in regulations and now dogs will be allowed on the beach before 10.0am and after 7.0pm during the summer restrictions. It was agreed to ask SHDC to provide much clearer signs and for one at each access onto the beach – ie Sedgewell Slipway, Venus Steps, bottom of Tom Crocker slipway and to request that the dog warden makes on the spot fines for anyone contravening the regulations.

Action: Clerk

7.0 CLEMATON HILL

7.1 The chairman reported on the new permissive path on Clematon Hill created by NT without prior consultation with residents or the Parish Council. Following concern about overlooking by residents of the properties opposite, discussions have taken place between the Parish Council, residents and NT. The situation is unresolved, as yet.

8.0 PLANNING: Pending :-

8.1 High View, Warren Rd; Folly Farm; Atlantic House, Marine Drive; Thornbury, Parker Rd; Bigbury Golf Club, The Water Tank

Plans had been received for:

8.2 Crosswick, St Ann;s Chapel – parish councillors were opposed to the plan

8.3 Combe Barton Cottage – parish councillors had no objections

8.4 Bali Hai, Marine Drive

8.5 Decision notice received re Challadene, Challaborough. GRANTED

8.6 Notification dated February had just been received regarding the discharge of conditions for the Pickwick Inn.

8.7 The Parish Council had been notified of a Parish Training Planning Workshop

9.0 FINANCIAL

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

£18 to S Watts for CPALC membership renewal; £20 to Bigbury Memorial Hall for hire for July and September; £39.87 to D.Gay for wall flower baskets at bus shelter; £76.61 to Viking (VAT recoverable) for computer inks; £50 to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

9.2 Councillors agreed to a request from Bigbury Fayre Committee to pay for the Christmas Tree and lighting on the village green.

9.3 SHDC had sent recycling credit of £98.52 for the St Ann' Chapel skip

9.4 Cllr Watts (Snow Warden) reported on the salt storage within the parish and it was agreed that a tarpaulin be purchased to cover the stored sacks. **Action: Cllr Watts**

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 From Rachel Ward – Police Report giving crime figures for the area

10.2 DCC: following public consultation of the Mobile Library Service, after 31st March 70 locations have been axed from the list of stops – the closest one to our parish facing the axe is California Cross. From 31st March the library will be visiting monthly instead of fortnightly. The clerk stressed the need of residents to use the service to avoid further closures.

10.3 Wembury Parish Council: copy of letter re. planning decision inconsistencies

10.4 S Devon AONB Management Plan Consultation – closing date 17th November

10.5 Newton & Noss Parish Council – copy of letter sent to Cllr Hitchens re. observations following Design Panel meeting on 8th October when new proposals for Woodville, Noss Mayo were presented. The letter highlighted how local views may be ignored by SHDC.

10.6 DALC – newsletter

10.7 Wembury Parish Council had emailed in topics they wished to be discussed at the Cluster Meeting on 11th November, but they had been too late for the agenda

10.8 Play area sign - SHDC will be erecting new signs agreed by the parish.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 It was agreed to include in December an item regarding Royal Oak closure.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11^h DECEMBER in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.20 p.m.