

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts (Chairman), Cllrs, T Boys, B Carson, P. Cook, A. Klidjian and R Owen. 37 residents also present together with PCSO Paul O'Dwyer.

- 1.0 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR. A resident has expressed an interest and will be meeting with the Clerk to see what the work entails.
- 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE D Cllr Carson apologised that he had another meeting to attend.
- 3.0 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING were signed as a correct record with the following amendment: 4.2 Millenium Steps - £500 had been acquired from DCC's Locality budget not the TAP fund
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING Minute references relate to February unless otherwise stated)
 - 4.1 (4.1) Affordable Homes: The project is still ongoing
 - 4.2 (4.2) Millennium Steps: SHDC has confirmed that work should be carried out during March this year.
 - 4.3 (4.4) Luscombe Maye : a letter of appreciation for the oak tree has been sent to the firm.
 - 4.4 (4.7) Folly Hill: Double yellow lines had been painted down both sides of Folly Hill. The responses to the advertisement giving notice of the Road Traffic Regulation Order had been overwhelmingly in favour of the lines.
 - 4.5 (6.8) Cundy Trust – see under Agenda Item 7
 - 4.6 (8.1) Road damage: The clerk had contacted Mr N Colton (DCC Highways) for his suggestions regarding damage caused by heavy goods vehicles to the roads and junctions throughout Bigbury-on-Sea. He strongly recommends that when responding to planning applications SHDC should be requested to include a clause stating 'restricted site' and all heavy goods vehicles to off-load outside the village or in the SHDC car park, and that the same should apply to workmen's vehicles.
- 5.0 POLICE REPORT PCSO Paul O'Dwyer reported that PC Rachel Ward has had a temporary promotion and will soon be based at Ashburton. . There has been one notified crime over the last 60 days – theft of 500 litres from an oil tank in Bigbury-on-Sea. He urged owners of oil tanks to secure them with locks. Notification of the theft was given on the Community Messaging service and he offered pamphlets on the service, inviting residents to enrol for the scheme.
PCSO O'Dwyer had attended a session of the Bigbury Coastguards and also has visited local shops. He has also been running the police cadets and referred to

local police cadet Katie Boys who has won the award of Devon High Sheriff Cadet. Kingsbridge Police Station is now on Facebook and also has a website. Referring to the new Folly Hill double yellow lines, he stated that if residents witnessed motorists parking on the lines, they should note the registration number and inform SHDC Parking Services. If the vehicle is causing an obstruction then the police should be informed instead. The Chairman thanked PCSO O'Dwyer for his report.

6.0 OPEN SESSION .

6.1 A resident reported that he was surprised about the lack of communication regarding the application to erect a mobile phone mast behind his cottage. He had a list of people living within 500m of the site who all object to the application. It was pointed out that he was referring to the initial pre-application stage and that the official application had only just been received by the Parish Council. The Chairman encouraged all those with a personal viewpoint on any planning matter to contact SHDC via their website and to provide a copy of their submission to the parish council. Cllr Cook felt that if the proposed mast were to be sited further away, it would add to the costs of the development and could affect its efficacy.

7.0 PLANNING:

7.1 Cundy Trust pre-application for housing development at St Ann's Chapel; community consultation. Richard May (Development Surveyor) and Neil Emery (Development Adviser) gave a presentation of a proposed housing scheme of approx. 8 properties on the southern side of St Ann's Chapel with the access being on the main road to Bigbury-on-Sea close to the proposed entrance to the Affordable Homes site on the opposite side of the road. Many residents raised various points of objection and it was conceded that there would be considerable opposition to the proposal. Mr May stated he would reflect the views back to the Cundy Trust.

Received:-

7.2 Mr & Mrs Lowe; Sunnynook, Clematon Hill, BoS: Several councillors felt that this new application reneged on the recent agreement between the applicants and the next-door neighbour and should be referred to the full SHDC Development Committee. It is in an AONB, Heritage Coast and Coastal Preservation Area. OBJECTION

7.3 Mr & Mrs Underhill: land adjacent to Holywell Stores: proposal for 2 dwellings. There had been a pre-application site visit by councillors. Any concerns had been addressed on the formal application. NO OBJECTION

7.4 Mr & Mrs G Case: Lower Willings Farm. Barn extension. Drawings had now been added to clarify the application details. NO OBJECTION

7.5 Mrs Hazlewood: High Tidings, Clematon Hill, BoS: Garden Room NO OBJECTION

7.6 Mrs K Jones: Wavecrest, Marine Drive, BoS: New garage with living area. Despite repeated requests it had not been possible for a site meeting with the architect. OBJECTION

7.7 Mrs Bebbington: Hillcrest, Warren Rd, BoS: retrospective application for

terrace with glazed balustrade above existing garage. This contravened previous conditions in Decision Notice in 2005 which had been placed in order to protect the privacy and amenity of adjoining residents and clearly stated the roof area of the garage should not be used as a balcony, roof garden or similar amenity. **STRONG OBJECTION**

- 7.8 Pending: Atlantic House, Marine Drive, BoS: Folly Farm – wind turbines
- 7.9 List of outstanding Enforcement Orders in the parish had been received from SHDC but its accuracy has been questioned.

D.Cllr Carson joined the meeting

8.0 ROYAL OAK CLOSURE

D Cllr Carson declared an interest and did not take part in this agenda item.

- 8.1 A Steering Group of interested parishioners will be meeting with the owners shortly to ascertain how this matter may be carried forward.

9.0 FINANCIAL

- 9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Carson and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:

£375.32 to Mrs P Trundle for clerk's fee and expenses; £43.54 to Viking for computer inks; and it was further agreed that Cllrs Klidjian, R Owen, B Carson and T Boys should receive £25 each for authorised councillors stationery expenses for the year 2013-2014.

- 9.2 SHDC had refunded £54.13 for recycling credits for skip at Bigbury Village and Challaborough.

- 9.3 Councillors confirmed their agreement to the provision of a community skip for Saturday 5th April, 10.00am-4.00pm, at Bigbury-on-Sea. Two further skips for the remaining areas of the parish will be arranged for the autumn.

- 9.4 The Chairman reported that an application for TAP funding had been agreed at a Kingsbridge 'super cluster' meeting towards the costs of skips to be shared between Bigbury and Ringmore parish councils.

- 9.5 Cllr Carson reported that the application for help in paying for extra Lengthsman services for local parishes had also been agreed that evening at an Ivybridge 'super cluster' meeting.

- 9.6 John Simes (Parish Footpath Warden) reported on the annual return to be made to DCC Environment Services and said that an enormous amount of money needs to be spent on the Burgh Island steps. He thanked local landowners for their co-operation in removing fallen trees from the public footpaths and also said that some footpath signs need replacing. He will make a detailed list of items needing attention to DCC He was thanked for his report and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Robin Toogood, manager of the AONB about the Burgh Island steps. **Action: Cllr Watts**

- 9.6 A replacement for the Clerk's ageing computer software (Windows XP) was discussed but no agreement reached. Decision deferred.

- 10.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 10.1 Local Government Boundary Commission: Final Recommendations report received.
- 10.2 CPRE : A proposal for a “community Right of Appeal” is being put forward to the Government.
- 11.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
- 11.1 D Cllr Carson reported that SHDC has now set the budget for the forthcoming financial year and this will result, with the DCC budget, in an increase of about £30 p.a. on a Band D property. The Leader of the Council had had a meeting with Eric Pickles to try to obtain more money from Parliament. Large cuts still have to be made but no enforced staff redundancies are envisaged because existing staff turnover is about 11%. Front line services will be maintained. Extra money is presently being spent on agency staff.
- 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 12.1 The Parish Council had been thanked for introducing 3 defibrillators spread through the parish after the B-o-S one had been put to good use for a cardiac arrest patient on the beach the previous Sunday. The location of the three devices at Holywell Stores (StAnn’s Chapel), Bigbury Village Stores and the Bigbury-on-Sea bus shelter will be better publicised. Cllr Klidjian reported that periodic refresher training is given on the use of the machines for anybody interested.
- 12.2 It was reported that the large road sign at St Ann’s Chapel is leaning precariously as is the one at Seven Stones. Both need attention by DCC’s Highways Dept . **Action: Clerk**
- 12.3 The mirror at St Ann’s Chapel has been broken and Mr A.Davies will repair it at a cost to the Parish Council
- 12.4 A Beach Clean has been arranged for 0930 Sunday 23rd March at Bigbury-on-Sea by a Kingsbridge Community College student, Miss Imogen Thompson. Volunteers are requested.
- 12.5 The Clerk announced that it was the 40th anniversary of her being a Parish Clerk having initially done a few years at Kingston prior to her appointment at Bigbury.
- 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 12th APRIL in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. for an abbreviated Parish Council meeting to be followed at approximately 8.0pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.