

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts in the chair and Cllrs M Baker, T Boys, B Carson, P.Cook, A Klidjian, R Owen and C.Cllr Richard Hosking. About a dozen residents were present together with representatives of the Harlequin Group regarding an application by Arqiva for a phone mast at Folly Hill Farm.

- 1 The Chairman welcomed everybody and introduced Peter Wingate Saul (National Relations Manager Arqiva), Alex Jones (National Estates Assistant Manager Arqiva), Sam Gray (Community Relations Manager Arqiva) and Kate Yeoman (Town Planner Harlequin Group) to present a talk on the background to their pre-application for planning permission for a second phone mast in the parish, this one at Folly Farm.. D.Cllr Carson, after seeking advice from the SHDC Monitoring Officer, declared a personal interest.
They explained the need for a clear line of sight for phone masts without any obstructions blocking the line and an economical power supply fairly close to the mast. If the mast is approved it is hoped that it would cover Bigbury-on-Sea, Bigbury village, St Ann's Chapel and up to Ringmore. It is anticipated that the mast would cover 189 properties plus 56 'not spots'. The tower would be of lattice design measuring 17 and a half metres high with the base station being surrounded by timber. It is highly unlikely that any other mast would be required in the Bigbury Parish. The point was raised that when the application came before the parish council for the phone mast at Houghton, councillors had not been informed of the necessity of an extra mast within the parish. After responding to several questions from councillors and residents, the group were thanked for their clear presentation and left the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PCSO Paul O'Dwyer.
- 3 C.CLL RICHARD HOSKING who had been elected to serve the Yealmpton Division in May, was welcomed and introduced to the meeting. He reported on the work of the county council over the last six months and talked about the necessity of cuts in order to keep within the budget. He stated that 50 libraries in the county will remain open but, sadly, there is a need for some reduction in the mobile library service as this costs twice as much as the library buildings. He talked about Lengthsmen duties and their work being shared between Aveton Gifford, Bigbury and Ringmore within our particular area. He said that, ideally, it would be better if each parish could find someone within their boundaries to carry out such duties and if this were to be the case, DCC would be willing to provide training, materials and insurance. DCC have to find £36 million pounds to cover the cost of maintenance of the roads. Even to date, DCC are still filling potholes from last winter's damage. The chairman thanked Cllr Hosking for his attendance and report.
- 4 MINUTES OF NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING were approved for signature
- 5 MATTERS ARISING *Minutes in parenthesis relate to November's minutes*
 - 5.1 (4.1) Seagulls: SHDC Environmental Health Dept had send some notes on Seagull Advice – a very useful one from St Ives Town Council and another from East Devon Env.Health Dept. Cllr Carson will enquire whether SHDC would be willing to put notices on the bins in the car park regarding the seagull nuisance. **Action: Cllr Carson**
It was agreed that a further notice be placed in the next edition of Bigbury News asking owners of holiday lettings to place notices within their properties requesting that guests do not throw food for the seagulls. **Action: Clerk**
Cllr Klidjian will also produce some data to put to C.Cllr Hosking. **Action: Cllr Klidjian**
 - 5.2 (4.2) Burgh Island footpaths: Mr Simes (Parish Footpath Warden) had informed councillors that work to the island footpaths was due to commence 15th December.
 - 5.3 (5.2) SWW had telephoned the clerk regarding the very poor state of the trees screening the water treatment works in Bigbury-on-Sea. They had already noted the problem but will be pursuing it and will report back after Christmas.

- 5.4 (5.6) Horse troughs: After inspecting the horse troughs, Cllr Cook had submitted a report to councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Baker and agreed by 4 – 2 to purchase one horse trough at £500. Cllr Owen abstained from voting. It was understood that the other trough would be purchased by Mr Tucker. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 5.5 (7.1) A complaint had been received that there was still dog excrement on the beach at Sedgwell Sands. The SHDC Dog Warden had been informed who stated she will increase her patrols of the beach. Cllr Watts stated that there was a small minority of people picking up after their dogs and then either dropping the bags or tying the bag to bushes on the slipway
- 5.6 (8.2) Revd Neil Barker had written thanking the parish council for the offer that it is willing to allocate up to £5,000 towards the cost of maintenance of the walls and gates to the burial ground at St Lawrence Church after consultation between relevant parties.
- 5.7 (10.2) Notice boards: the clerk had notified Mr Stone regarding the poor condition of the boards and was waiting for his response.
- 6.0 OPEN SESSION
- 6.1 Mr Simes stated that he is carrying out a survey of the footpaths and would welcome being notified of any problems noticed by residents. The County Footpath Warden had visited the parish on the 9th December and had spotted there might be some danger in the footpath behind the Royal Oak. He had noticed that some gates are missing and had taken on board the problem of the footpath near St Milburn Orchard.
- 6.2 Challaborough-BoS cliff path - work will be done later.
- 6.3 A BoS resident expressed serious concerns regarding the planning application for Seafront, Marine Drive, BoS whereby it is proposed to build two houses to replace the existing bungalow. They had held a meeting in their home which several residents had attended and this had proved to be very informative. Mr Simes expressed his concern at the loss of the existing colonial-style property with very urban-styled replacements.
- 6.4 Mrs J Wright expressed her sorrow that it is suggested that a horse trough be placed on the village green.
- 7.0 PLANNING decision notices received (all with 05 prefix):-
- 7.1 2497/14/F and 2498/14/LB: Burgh Island Hotel: external replacement door and window casements, external terrace and replacement fire escape stairs: GRANTED
- 7.2 2529/14/F: Mr R Baker: removal of existing summerhouse and erection of replacement garden office. GRANTED
- 7.3 2922/14/F: Mrs J. Yin: demolition of Seafront, Marine Drive, BoS and replace with two detached dwellings of 2 storeys and roof windows: OBJECTION - whilst not objecting to the redevelopment of the existing bungalow, councillors stated they felt the current proposal to be inappropriate, too high and too large. Concern was expressed about the extra drive to serve the western property as it was too close to the existing dog-leg bend on Marine Drive, though Cllr Cook did not share this view.
- 7.4 Hillcrest, Warren Rd, BoS: It was reported that a glass screen had been erected to the garage roof which appeared contrary to planning conditions. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 7.5 Sedgwell, Ringmore Drive, BoS: It was reported that dormer windows have been inserted into the bungalow roof contrary to existing planning approval which had specified velux windows. Cllr Cook had already informed SHDC Planning Dept who had stated they will appoint an Enforcement Officer to the case. **Action: Cllr Watts**
- 8.0 BROADBAND REPORT Cllr. Cook had attended a meeting in Modbury at which a presentation was made by BT 's Regional Director for the SW . The objective was for 90% of Devon and Somerset to be covered with greater than 24 Mbits by the end of 2016. Anybody can check the availability of coverage for their postcode at <http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/>
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 9.0 Local Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of Devon; an identical review to that carried out for District Councils. This review proposes that there should be 20 councillors serving the county.

- 9.1 The clerk had received an anonymous letter reporting that two poles had been erected at the western end of the Bigbury Golf Club's clubhouse. She had made enquiries with the Director of Golf, Nigel Blenkarne, who had explained they are for two lights which are switched on for a maximum length of less than an hour each week and are only of a temporary nature.
- 9.2 DCC had sent notification of a road closure scheduled for 26th to 28th January from Tapfield Cross to Bowling Green Cross.
- 9.3 SHDC 'Our Plan' had been emailed to councillors.

10.0 FINANCIAL

- 10.0 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr. Cook and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:- £500 to Bigbury News for grant for year 2014-2015; £406.25 to the clerk for fee and expenses; £100 to South Hams CAB for grant; £25 to South Hams CVS for grant.
- 10.1 It was agreed that the annual grant to St Lawrence Church for the burial ground should be paid in February as usual.
- 10.2 Application by the Bigbury History Society for a grant of £500 to set up a new website: Cllr Klidjian felt that the amount was too much, Cllr Watts expressed the view that the existing community website should be used and it was generally felt that the Society should be able to receive grants from other outside bodies such as the Community Council of Devon.
- 10.3 Precept: It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on 14th January specifically to discuss the precept.
- 10.4 TAP fund: Cllr Watts has applied for funding for 3 community rubbish skips for both Bigbury and Ringmore, Judy Alloway of Kingston is handling an application for funding to be shared between the parishes of Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore with emphasis on children's play equipment and Aveton Gifford's clerk is applying for funding for additional Lengthman services for Charterland's parishes.
- 11.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: D.Cllr Carson reported that £7.7 million had been saved by going in with West Devon District Council. An application for a large wind turbine (not in Bigbury) had been passed by SHDC but had been subsequently withdrawn due to insufficient consultation. Seventeen houses have been constructed in Malborough for affordable homes.

12.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

- 13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: An Extraordinary Meeting solely for discussion of the precept will be held on Wednesday 14th January at 7.30 pm but the next normal parish council meeting will be on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm