

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts in the chair and Cllrs. T Boys, P.Cook, A Klidjian, R Owen and C.Cllr Richard Hosking. Four residents were also present.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PCSO Paul O'Dwyer, C.Cllr B.Carson and Cllr M Baker.
- 2 MINUTES OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY (SPECIAL MEETING) were approved and signed.
- 3 MATTERS ARISING
 - 3.1 5.1 Seagulls: A report on seagull nuisance problems had been published in Bigbury News in February. It was agreed that Cllr Carson to be asked to raise the matter of notices on bins in the car park with SHDC again and Cllr Klidjian would investigate the cost of advisory notices. Councillors agreed for any expense to come out of the parish council budget.

Cllrs Carson & Klidjian
 - 3.2 5.2 Burgh Island Footpath; work has been completed on the main Burgh Island Footpath and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Ros Davies (DCC Environment Dept) expressing the parish council's appreciation for a job well done. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.3 5.3 Trees around SWW treatment works top of Warren Rd: SWW had responded saying 3 sides of the works are privately owned and asked for confirmation regarding the relevant elevation needing attention. They will be advised that it is the west-facing trees needing replacing. **Action: Clerk**
 - 3.4 5.4 Horse trough: It was reported that John Tucker's contact had offered to build a mount for the trough on the Green free of charge and re-locate it under Cllr Cook's guidance. **Action: Cllr Cook**
 - 3.5 5.5 Dog mess: the Chairman reported on recent incidents of 'poo bags' being left around Burgh Island and on the beach access routes. He would write a letter to the Kingsbridge Gazette highlighting the problem and requesting dog-owners to dispose of the mess in the bins provided in the car parks. **Action: Cllr Watts**
 - 3.6 5.7 Notice boards: there still had not been any response from Mr Neil Stone regarding the state of the notice boards.
 - 3.7 7.4 Hillcrest, Warren Rd, BoS: the Chairman reported he had visited the location but found that the balustrade complied with planning permission as far as he could determine. No further action.
 - 3.8 7.5 Sedgwell, Ringmore Drive, BoS: SHDC had informed the owner that he must apply for retrospective permission before any further work is carried out on the windows on the north-facing elevation. This had not been done. SHDC will be contacted again. **Action: Cllr Cook**
 - 3.9 10.4 TAP fund: The Chairman reported that Aveton Gifford PC had collected the money for 2014/2015 but as yet, Bigbury has not received its allocation (£1,627.42) from AG. Their Clerk has been contacted.
 - 3.10 Road Wardens. As yet, there had not been any response to the request in February's Bigbury News for volunteers to undertake one day's training and then to perform Road Warden duties.
- 4.0 OPEN SESSION
 - 4.1 A resident reported that the seagull notice on the bin at the bus shelter was very dilapidated and needs replacing. **Action: Cllr Klidjian**
 - 4.2 A resident reported on various matters regarding Sedgwell, Ringmore Drive and, separately, it was reported that complaints had been received regarding two very large bright lights on Southway which face up Folly Hill; Southway is owned by the same person as Sedgewell. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the owner regarding overhanging foliage at Sedgwell and the lights at Southway, requesting action to alleviate the problems. **Action: Clerk**
 - 4.3 It was reported that the "where to pay" sign in the car park is broken. **Action: Clerk**
 - 4.4 A resident reported that Ringmore PC is to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan. She was informed by the Chairman that the matter had already been discussed for this parish but we had agreed not to go ahead at the moment for several reasons.

- 4.5 It was reported that a volunteer had cleared the drains on the Challaborough cliff path – this action is greatly appreciated.
- 4.6 Mr Tucker reported that he had some trees to plant at the treatment works and would appreciate help from any volunteers.

5.0 C.CLLR RICHARD HOSKING

Cllr Hosking reported on a Public Transport Survey which means there will be cuts to public transport services – residents are advised that if they value the existing service (Fridays only serving BoS, Bigbury, Challaborough, Ringmore, Kingston to Plymouth) they should write in to DCC expressing the necessity to maintain the service for our area. Some bus pass passengers had stated their willingness to pay a small amount for each journey they make but DCC are statutorily obliged to provide the service free. Fifty million pounds must be saved on the current budget and this will affect all services provided by DCC. The Chairman asked Cllr Hosking for his views on the Local Transparency Act which might allow the parish to dispense with the need for a paid external auditor but Cllr Hosking had not yet had the chance to look at it. He was informed that a letter had been sent to Bigbury from another parish council (see 8.9 below) asking for a debate on proposed changes in planning legislation and suggesting that local parish council views are not being heard by District Council. Cllr Watts volunteered to respond. **Action: Cllr Watts**

C.Cllr Hosking was thanked for his report and he left the meeting.

6.0 FOOTPATH REPORT

Mr John Simes (Parish Footpath Warden) reported to the meeting that each year a survey is carried out of the footpaths throughout the parish and any requirements are reported to DCC for consideration for a funding allowance. He was extremely grateful for all the work that the local landowners do in helping to keep the paths clear and their speed in cutting up fallen trees etc. At present he is waiting for work to be completed on bridging on the footpath between Bigbury and Ringmore. The Clerk had forwarded to him a request from a parishioner for a gate to be installed on the footpath starting from near Easton and which traverses a field to meet up with the main B3392. Mr Simes was thanked by the Chairman for all his hard work.

It had been pointed out to the Chairman by DCC that the Challaborough Cliff Path is part of the SW Coast Path and any work needing to be done should be agreed with the SW Coast Path authority and be funded out of their budget.

7.0 PLANNING decision notices received (all with 05 prefix):-

- 7.1 2744/14/F: Mr & Mrs Highley: Spring Bank, Combe: roof windows. GRANTED
- 7.2 2521/14/F: Mr Daemi: Sanderling, Clematon Hill, BoS: stabilisation to cliff. GRANTED
- Recent applications considered*
- 7.3 3198/14: Avonmouth, Folly Hill, BoS: councillors recommended refusal. OBJECTION
- 7.4 2922/14: Seafront: councillors opposed current application but had no objection to a more sensitive proposal
- 7.5 2499/14: Burgh Island Hotel: amendment to solar panel application. Councillors felt proposals in the amendment would not alleviate the impact at all. OBJECTION.
- 7.6 Burgh Island Causeway: sea defence work: No objection but comments on when work should be done.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Devon Senior Voice – winter magazine
- 8.2 'Our Plan' Heritage and Environment December issue
- 8.3 DCC: Devon Countryside Access Forum
- 8.4 Modbury Neighbourhood Plan area
- 8.5 Devon Assoc. Renewable Energy:
- 8.6 Clerk & Councils Direct: January edition
- 8.7 DCC Public Transport Survey
- 8.8 Post Office – written stating they had explored options for restoring a PO service in BoS but had no success in finding an alternative

- 8.9 David Cohen – invitation to discussion on altering planning legislation
- 8.10 Swan Man – email from Chairman – a report had been forwarded to the police following a complaint that Richard Crafer had kicked a lady’s dog whilst she was walking it along the Tidal Road. The police are requesting that any incidents relating to harassment from Mr Crafer should be reported to the police on the 101 number and, separately, to SHDC's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, John Ward - tel. 01803 861252 or e-mail john.ward@southhams.gov.uk.
- 9.0 FINANCIAL
- 9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr. Cook and agreed that the following cheques be drawn:- £30 to the Memorial Hall for hall hire for October, November and December meetings; £500 to Beers for horse trough on Village Green. £1,560 to Landscape Construction & Design for work to B.Island footpaths (from P3 budget), £93.42 to Viking for stationery; £50 to Holywell Stores for Christmas tree; £11.75 to S.Watts for training/travelling expenses; £90 to Grasshopper Gardening Services for mowing Bigbury Village Green; £50 for electricity for Christmas lighting at the Green.
- 9.2 It was confirmed that SHDC had been notified of the councillors' agreement to a precept of £8,000 – an increase of £400.
- 9.3 Cllr Watts queried the inclusion of footpath expenditure of £1560 in the cashflow statement because the P3 contribution had never been included in the income section.
- 10.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: Nil - D.Cllr Carson was attending 'Super Cluster' meeting of South Hams parishes.
- 11.0 ROAD WARDEN SCHEME As yet, no volunteers had come forward following a feature in February's Bigbury News.
- 12.0 SUGGESTIONS FOR PARISH IMPROVEMENTS As yet, no suggestions had been made following a feature in February's Bigbury News.
- 13.0 COUNCILLORS’ INTENTIONS IN SEEKING RE-ELECTION.
Councillor Boys stated she would not be standing for re-election in the May elections. Cllr Watts thanked her for her contribution as a councillor and a formal appreciation will be expressed nearer the time.
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 14.1 Cllr Watts had attended a Social Media Workshop which had been very worthwhile.
- 15.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;
Wednesday 11th March at 7.30 pm
- Meeting closed at 9.07pm