

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Watts in the chair and Cllrs. M Baker, T Boys, B Carson, P.Cook, and A Klidjian. C.Cllr R Hosking and D.Cllr L Ward also attended together with 21 residents.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PCSO Paul O'Dwyer, and Cllr R Owen.

2 MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING were approved and signed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Seagulls: Cllr Klidjian stated that despite numerous requests for people not to feed seagulls, whilst there were a couple of irresponsible residents in Bigbury on Sea persisting in flouting the request, he could not see the point of continuing with the campaign. It was therefore agreed to shelve the idea for the time being.
- 3.2 Trees around SWW treatment works top of Warren Rd: SWW had informed the clerk that the engineer has investigated and agrees that the trees need replanting.
- 3.3 Horse trough: Cllr Cook reported on a site meeting at the Village Green with some residents resulting in the stone trough being sited into position and filled with water and a plinth is being constructed for it.
- 3.4 TAP fund: Aveton Gifford PC has forwarded the TAP fund money to the parish council account.
- 3.5 Sedgwell, Ringmore Drive, BoS. Both Cllr Watts as Chairman and Cllr Cook had written to the Enforcement Officer but a response to those letters had not been received. SHDC had initially written to the owner giving 28 days notice in which to submit retrospective planning permission for dormer windows but again, this had been ignored.
- 3.6 Cllr Carson had mentioned to Follaton House the finger post on the Warren indicating the now extinct Post Office.
- 3.7 Beach Wheelchairs: the clerk had seen Martin Connolly at Discovery Surf School and had learnt that one chair is completely broken but he had had news that two replacements will be arriving shortly.

4.0 PLANNING

- 4.1 05/589/15 Thornbury, Parker Rd, BoS. It was agreed for a site meeting to be held.
- 4.2 05/2314/14. Royal Oak, Bigbury: *Cllr Carson declared an interest to the item under discussion and took no part in the decision made hereafter.* It was felt that despite the parish council objecting to the height of the top two houses, no improvement had been made on the amended plans now before the council. The chairman read a draft response based on councillors' views to the plans and the draft was approved for submission indicating objection.
- 4.3 05/570/15: Land opposite Pickwick Inn: Councillors expressed their grave concerns about the danger such a development would constitute with such a dangerous corner at the Pickwick crossroads. Other objections included the visual impact, pressure of existing public services, likelihood of purchase by second-home owners. It was felt there is no need for any further housing in St Ann's Chapel especially with the VHI site past the Playing Field being currently pursued for affordable homes. A previous application for the same site had been very strongly opposed before and that opposition still stands strong. There are a number of properties in St Ann's Chapel which have been on the market for several months and which still have not been sold so there is obviously no need for any further housing there. The chairman had formulated a draft based on councillors' comments emailed to him and the draft was approved for submission recommending refusal.

5.0 FINANCIAL

- 5.1 It was proposed by Cllr Klidjian, seconded by Cllr. Carson and agreed that the following cheque be drawn: £191.76 to Community First for parish council insurance for current financial year.

5.2 Cllr Watts stated his willingness to continue doing the parish council website providing items were forwarded to him.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 Cllr Watts had been contacted by a lady wishing to provide hair braiding services on the beach during the summer months. However, councillors were against the idea and felt that this could establish a precedent. Cllr Watts will inform her of the decision.

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;

Wednesday 13th May at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.