

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B.Carson in the chair and Cllrs. I Couper, G.Rosevear and N.Stanesby. C.Cllr R.Hosking and PC Jane Gerrard (acting Neighbourhood Beat Manager – Kingsbridge) both attended for part of the meeting. Eight residents were also present.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE D.Cllr L.Ward.

- 2 POLICE REPORT
 - 2.1 PC Jane Gerrard explained that Rachel Ward has been promoted and has moved to another station. PC Gerrard is covering an extensive area of 150 sq.miles and she reported that PC Warren Palmer is now covering our parish. She referred to a matter which was brought to her attention following the May Parish Council meeting and stated it is essential that if anybody is harassed along the tidal road that they should report it to the police. She left the meeting following her report.

- 3 MINUTES OF MAY MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Rosevear seconded by Cllr Stanesby that the minutes be approved and they were signed accordingly.

- 4 MATTERS ARISING
 - 4.1 Mr Richard Crafer (speaking from the floor) referred to Minute 6.2 of the May minutes and stated that he was endeavouring to keep an eye on an injured swan. He denied following a lady to Salcombe
 - 4.2 Cllr Couper has been booked in for Councillor Training session in Modbury on 16th June. The Parish Council will meet the costs. Cllr Stanesby would attend a similar session in the autumn.
 - 4.3 Car Park signs in BoS car park: Cllr Carson has been liaising with D.Cllr Lindsay Ward on the matter. **Action: Cllr Carson**
 - 4.4 Transport Review: D.Cllr Ward had arranged a very successful meeting with Gary Streeter MP in the Memorial Hall which had been attended by 30 residents when concerns were expressed following proposals to add Ivybridge to the existing route of the Friday bus serving this and neighbouring parishes. Representations made by users of the bus, other residents and the Parish Councils involved appear to have been successful as it is now understood that such proposals have now been dropped. However proposals for the F7 scheme are being implemented.

- 5.0 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS One person has approached the clerk who has subsequently been trying to secure advice from the Elections Office regarding an eligibility issue. Notices will continue to be displayed on the three parish notice-boards and in the July Bigbury News to fill all the vacancies.

- 6.0 OPEN SESSION
 - 6.1 A member of the public expressed the probable loss of Warren Cottage with Bay View Café following the Sale Agreed sign now displayed. He reported that many residents have expressed their concern regarding any proposed development of the site.
 - 6.2 Referring to the application for Seafront, Marine Drive, the owner of Mirimar, Marine Drive stated that when effecting alterations to their property they ensured it settled low down into the site without spoiling the views of neighbouring properties. Cllr Carson explained the planning process mentioning the various bodies which are approached for their views when an application is received at SHDC.
Cllr Rosevear declared an interest relating to Seafront, Marine Drive and did not take part in any discussions relating to the application.

- 6.3 The owner of Cleveland, Warren Road asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to request that the site for the replacement dwelling should be excavated and the new dwellings be sited as low down as possible. A date for the parish councillors to meet on site was arranged.
- 6.4 A resident stated he was surprised when Mr Crafer was requested to leave the meeting during the police officer's report but it was explained that during discussion of a sensitive nature, this was in order. He also referred to various matters regarding the application for Certificate of Lawfulness for camping at Mount Folly Farm.
- 6.5 Mr Crafer referred to the amount of heavy goods vehicles using the tidal road naming some of the companies involved. It is recognised that this usage is probably the result of sat-navs.
- 7.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT C.Cllr. Richard Hosking referred to the Transport Review and that it is now intended that the current schedule for the 875 (the local Friday bus) will continue under the present timetable without any additions. He is yet to contact Tally Ho buses to confirm this. However the F7 and F17 schemes will be cut - Cllr Hosking said that if local residents are opposed to this proposal then they must write to DCC urgently registering their opposition.
Cllr Hosking referred to a Boundary Review being conducted at county level whereby it is proposed to cut down the number of county councillors by a small amount. Under the proposals, our current county ward of Yealmpton will be changed considerably with Bigbury being included into the ward the other side of the Avon. He feels the current formation is of the right size and is against the proposals. He referred to the Ofsted Report 2014 in which some unsatisfactory points had been raised. There has now been an improvement on those issues. Cllr Hosking referred to raising issues with C.Cllr John Hart. As there were no questions for him following his report, C.Cllr Hosking then left the meeting.
- 8.0 PLANNING *All planning applications for Bigbury Parish have an 05 prefix*
- 8.1 921/15/F and LB: Mr Hesse, Glebe House Easton: It was reported that councillors had held a site meeting. They had considered the contents of a letter from a neighbour and after discussion had no objections to the application but suggested that the rooflight to zinc roof should be non-reflective.
applications for discussion:
- 8.2 1178/15/F: Mr. B Carson, Upper Granary, Easton: *Cllr Carson declared an interest in this and application no. 1157/15/CLE and left the room.* Cllr. Rosevear took over the chair for these two items.
- 8.3 1178/15/CLE: Mrs C Case, Mount Folly Farm. Certificate of Lawfulness – councillors expressed concern about the lack of specification of numbers involved and there did not appear to be any limit for the duration of individual campers' visits. Councillors were also concerned that the application claimed that camping had been ongoing throughout each year, whereas, it is understood that farmers are only allowed 28 days p.a. and that items left in the fields do not match in with usage for camping. Councillors recommend refusal of the application.
- 8.4 1157/15/F: Mr B Carson, Upper Granary Easton – extension replacement: Councillors had no objections and recommended approval.
Cllr Carson returned to the meeting room and resumed the chair.
- 8.5 1229/15/F: Mr and Mrs Yin, Seafront, Marine Drive, BoS: to demolish existing bungalow and replace with two houses: It was agreed to hold a site meeting.
- 8.6 Sedgewell, Ringmore Drive BoS: A letter had been received from the planning consultant for this property in which he referred to legality of a dormer window on the northern side of the house. Mr Marchant alleged that the window had been passed by SHDC under Permitted Development Rights. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to Planning Department and ask them to check on the information contained therein.
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 9.1 Mr & Mrs Smith, The Old Vineyard, Easton: letter to inform the parish council of their intention to apply for planning permission to replace the existing old block building with a small bungalow on the same footprint as the existing building. A letter was received from a neighbour relating to the above and linking with questions of declarations of interest.

- 9.2 Wembury Parish Clerk: had sent a copy of his letter to the SHDC regarding removal of planning notices after decisions had been made. He had been notified that normally planning officers do not remove the notices unless they are in the area at a future date but that parish councils may remove them themselves.
- 9.3 Electoral Boundary Review: Cllr Rosevear stated that as we are now part of the Modbury ward it would be sensible if we were kept in it for county council matters. It was agreed to respond to the Review stating the parish council wishes to keep the status quo.

10.0 FINANCIAL

- 10.1 It was agreed by the councillors that as only Cllr Carson is at present on the signatory list for cheques, that until some further councillors be co-opted and the signatory form renewed, any of the councillors serving during the previous four years, could act as a signatory. Cllr Rosevear stated that this action had previously been carried out by Modbury Parish Council in a similar situation but in their case, the clerk is also able to sign. Mrs Trundle indicated that she had no wish as clerk to be a signatory.
- 10.2 It was agreed that the following cheques be drawn: S.Hams Containers £567.96 for BoS skip in April; Kingsbridge Websites £24.99 for website hosting; A J Knapton £125 for internal audit fee; Mrs P Trundle £393.17 quarterly fee plus expenses; SHDC £120 for children's play area insurance and inspection fee.
- 10.3 The Internal Auditor's report for the Annual Audit was presented to the meeting and councillors approved its submission to the Audit Commission.

11.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 11.1 D.Cllr Lindsay Ward had submitted her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to a family funeral. She however submitted a report in which she referred to recent work of the District Council. She has been appointed Deputy Leader of the Council and council representative on the Avon Estuary Forum.

12.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 The chairman was asked if there was any decision by SHDC regarding the Venus Café application but nothing further has been heard.
- 12.2 Cllr Carson reported that Andrew Davies has an amount of road salt which has been stored at his farm following Mr Watts' appointment as snow warden. As the polythene holding the salt has now eroded Mr Davies is anxious to get rid of the remains of salt.
- 12.3 Church gates: Cllr Carson reported that the gates/pillars are being inspected on 11 June.
- 12.4 Cllr Carson proposed that tea/coffee making facilities should be provided at parish council meetings. It was agreed that he will purchase the machine and recover the cost from the parish council. **Action: Cllr Carson**

13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;

Wednesday 8th July at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 9.22 pm