

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr B.Carson in the chair and Cllrs. G.Rosevear and N.Stanesby. C.Cllr R.Hosking and D.Cllr L.Ward both attended for part of the meeting. Ten residents were also present.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr I Couper.

- 2 MINUTES OF MAY MEETING: Following amendments to 6.4 and 7.0, the minutes were approved and were signed accordingly.

- 3 C.CLLR'S REPORT: The Chairman thanked C.Cllr Richard Hosking for the grant of £1,000 from the County Councillors' Locality Fund to go towards the cost of renovation work to the wall and gates at the Burial Ground. Cllr Hosking asked that DCC be acknowledged in any reports of the grant. The issue of public transport had been thoroughly discussed with the result that as far as Bigbury Parish is concerned, the current route of the 875 Friday bus to Plymouth will be retained as standing without the addition of Ivybridge to the route, as had at first been suggested. However, the matter of the Fare Car Scheme has not reached the same success as it is to be axed for serving our parish and neighbouring ones due to the high cost per passenger and low usage. Cllr Hosking requested at Cabinet that this proposal be deferred until September in order to give residents the chance to fully investigate the availability of Community Car Services and raise the £7,500 p.a. required to pay for the retention of the service to serve the communities in question. He has started negotiations with officers to investigate the Community Car Service could be extended to Bigbury. Alternatively, the parish could start a Fare Car service itself if volunteers can be found. He asked the Parish Council if any residents would be interested in starting or joining a Community Car Scheme. The County Council has been in talks with its Somerset counterpart in discussing the subject of the possible benefits of devolving powers from Central Government for the counties. The Chairman thanked C.Cllr. Hosking who then left the meeting.

- 4 D.CLLR'S REPORT: Cllr Lindsey Ward reported that she has put the subject of District Councillors' Locality Fund on her website. She is keen to get involved with community groups and she said that Locality Officer Dan Taylor is out in the field covering our parish area and as far as Kingsbridge, Salcombe etc. There will be another Locality Officer who will be working in our area as well. Cllr Rosevear asked Cllr Ward if she was aware of the SHDC car park charges at Bigbury on Sea car park as he had not realised they were so high and disproportionate for families visiting the beach every day. It was also felt there should be a discount in the winter. Cllr Ward felt it would be worth raising the matter again in September. The Chairman thanked Cllr Ward for her report and she left the meeting.

- 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
 - 5.1 Cllr Couper had attended the New Councillors Training Course in Modbury.
 - 5.2 Car park signs at Bigbury on Sea: no report. **Action: Cllr Carson**

- 6.0 OPEN SESSION
 - 6.1 Mr John Simes (Parish Footpath Warden) reported that his phone number and email address are on the parish website so anybody encountering any problems on the footpaths can use these as a point of contact to report the problem. He reported on the excellent support he has received from the County Footpath Warden for our area, Peter Guy, and also from Ros Davies in the DCC Environment office. Any funding request for future projects will be included in his annual report to DCC. Mr Simes was thanked for his report and his efforts as Parish Footpath Warden are very much appreciated.

- 6.2 Mrs Jill Gubbins offered congratulations for the directional sign for St Lawrence Church on the finger post at Pond Green and said she was pleased to hear the D.Cllr Ward was addressing the problem of signs in Bigbury on Sea car park. She felt there should be a sign at the bottom of the slip road near the gift shop indicating the additional exit and access to The Warren.
- 6.3 A resident asked if it would be possible for the owners of two properties near the village green to be asked if they could trim back their vegetation on the walls as she considered that traffic needed to swerve into the middle of the road.
- 6.4 A resident referred to the boat in the lay by at Bigbury-on-Sea saying that consideration should be given to its removal once Bay View Café is closed. Cllr Stanesby felt the boat should either be planted out again or removed. It was agreed to discuss the matter in the autumn.
- 6.5 A resident referred to dog mess not being picked up on the Warren and bushes in Seafront, Marine Drive obstructing the view for motorists emerging from Warren Road into Marine Drive. AGREED: the dog warden to be contacted regarding the former complaint and a letter to be sent to the owners of Seafront requesting the offending foliage be cut right back with regard to the latter. **Action: Clerk**
- 6.6 Another resident, referring to speeding at the bottom of Folly Hill, asked if it would be possible to have a "Kill your speed" sign or flashing speed signs near the lower grass car park with the idea they could be moved elsewhere through the parish according to time of year. **ACTION: Clerk** to contact DCC
- 6.7 Mr Grant Peet referred to a meeting held recently to discuss the matter of planning applications in the parish. It had been agreed at that meeting to form a watch group to have regular meetings to discuss applications when they come in. The group would cover the whole parish and would consider common points of view for submission. He asked if Cllr Carson would be chairing the group but it was felt that it would place him in a difficult position through being chairman of the parish council. It would be an idea to have a planning officer to advise what was best to do when plans come in. Cllr Rosevear considered it advisable to consult with SHDC on the matter.
- 6.8 A resident drew the councillors' attention to very large placards advertising the large wooden properties at Challaborough for sale. DCC would be consulted. **Action: clerk**
- 6.9 Cllr Stanesby had been asked to report the damage to the Bigbury sign and broken trough on the verge outside Bigbury Court Farmhouse. The clerk had already reported this to DCC and had requested they replace the sign with a similar metal one, not a modern plastic one.

7.0 PLANNING *All planning applications for Bigbury Parish have an 05 prefix*

- 7.1 1229/15/F Mr & Mrs Yin: Seafront, Marine Drive, BoS: demolition of bungalow and replacement with two houses: *Cllr Rosevear had declared an interest and did not attend a site meeting nor did he take part in any discussions relating to this matter.* A site meeting had been held with Cllrs Carson, Couper and Stanesby attending. An endeavour had been made to meet with the architects but they would be away for a week after the meeting and did not return the following requests for an appointment to meet on site. Latterly councillors had agreed that a submission opposing the houses but stating they would not be averse to dormer bungalows had been sent.
- 7.2 1325/15/F Mr & Mrs R Smith: The Old Vineyard, Easton: replacement of existing building with a small bungalow using the same footprint. *Cllr Carson declared an interest and left the room for discussion of this item.* Cllr Rosevear took the chair for this item and stated it had been agreed to waive standing orders in order to allow the owners to address the meeting on this application. Mrs Smith stated they had owned the property since 1987 and it had been used to store machinery. They now wished to have a bungalow on the footprint in order to have the property to retire to shortly. Councillors having visited the site independently prior to the meeting then inspected the plans. Two letters of objection had been received. It was realised that Mr & Mrs Smith would have to apply for Change of Use, and supported the application. Cllr Couper had already inspected the site and had submitted his view of no objection to the clerk. Councillors supported the application subject to the change of use and the bungalow having the same footprint as the existing block building. Cllr Carson then re-joined the meeting and took the chair.

8.0 FINANCIAL

- 8.1 It was agreed that the following cheques be drawn:- £49 to Kingsbridge Websites for hosting; £1 to CJL Rogers for playing field rent; £200 to Hope Cove Lifeboat for donation; £19 to Modbury Parish Council for contribution towards training course attended by Cllr Couper; £5.60 to Cllr Couper for travelling expenses for training course; £2311.20 to ABC Playgrounds for repairs to equipment in children's play area; £30 to Bigbury Memorial Hall for hire in April, May and June; £120 to D. Hammett for grass-cutting for one year.
- 8.2 The clerk reported she was meeting with the Business Manager of Santander in Plymouth to obtain details of accounts they have to offer as she is very dissatisfied with Lloyds Bank. She would report back to the parish council following her meeting with details of what they could offer.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 SHDC had sent notification of a Parish and Town event on Monday 27 July – details had been forwarded to councillors with Cllr Rosevear being subsequently booked in for attendance. Cllr Carson indicated he would also like to attend.
- 9.2 SHDC had sent details of car parking charges throughout the South Hams.
- 9.3 SHDC had sent notification that the Chairman and the Vice-chairman of the District Council would like to attend a parish council meeting at some time during the current term of office.

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 The chairman had received a report from Mr Crafer listing vehicle registration numbers of lorries over the 2 ton limit which had used the tidal road. It was agreed that these should be sent to DCC for their attention.
- 10.2 Cllr Rosevear referred to an application from a person interested in joining the parish council. She was legally eligible to stand having owned a property/land in the parish for more than 12 months and it was agreed that her application be discussed as the first item on the September agenda.
- 10.3 Cllr Tucker had reported that a property in Warren Road/Cleveland Drive had extended a boundary fence over common land. It was agreed to contact Land Registry to ascertain ownership.

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;

Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm