

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B.Carson in the chair and Cllrs.C.Case, B.Huntley, G.Rosevear and S.Smith and D.C.Cllr L.Ward. C.Cllr R.Hosking attended for part of the meeting. Eleven residents were also present.

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs I.Couper and N.Stanesby

- 2 OPEN SESSION
 - 2.1 Resident A enquired about the Parish Council response to Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for Mount Folly Farm. He also enquired as to the legality of a further granite seat which has been placed along the coastal footpath. Cllr Huntley stated that she considered that both seats are useful. It was agreed to put the matter on the November agenda.
 - 2.2 Resident B asked if any progress had been made regarding the many signs in the BoS car park. The chairman reported that the matter had been raised with SHDC. D.Cllr Ward stated that she would endeavour to arrange a meeting with SHDC Mr Storer on site. Mr Storer has already taken photos of the signs and needs to report to Cathy Aubertin of SHDC car parks.
 - 2.3 Resident C reported that the Warren is getting severely worn down possibly through wind damage and traffic usage.
 - 2.4 Resident D asked if it would be possible to have a list of amounts of precepts of every parish council in SHDC in time for the November meeting. He also stated there are no facilities for coaches to park – at one time coaches parked close to the bank underneath Marine Drive in SHDC main car park. Cllr Huntley asked if it would be possible for them to park in Mr Tucker's private car park. *Cllrs Carson and Case declared an interest in this matter.*
 - 2.5 Resident E reported that she had noticed a flashing speed sign in use at Aveton Gifford – Cllr Carson explained that there had been many traffic problems at Aveton Gifford exacerbated with bad parking. The measure had been placed in an endeavour to alleviate the problems. He explained that we do not experience the same problems in Bigbury parish.
 - 2.6 Mr John Simes (Parish Footpath Warden) stated he would be completing his footpath survey shortly for the annual return to DCC PROW. He asked if anybody has any issues to raise, could they please contact him on jsimes@hotmail.com or 810 810693. He reported on the excellent support he receives from the local landowners and also from the DCC Footpath Warden for our region. Appreciation was expressed to Mr Simes for his considerable hard work in covering the parish footpaths.

- 3.0 MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING were approved and were signed accordingly.

- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING *minute numbers relate to September minutes*
 - 4.1 (5.4) Roadside advertising boards. Dan Taylor (SHDC Locality Officer) had reported that after following this matter up, he had contacted Heather Nesbitt (SHDC) who had informed him that the advertising boards for the Challaborough properties were not to be touched. The clerk had contacted Ms. Nesbitt's department and had left a message with her section. Other than those boards, some other boards had subsequently been removed.
 - 4.2 (6.3) Dumper trucks, BoS: PC Gerrard was off duty for a few days after the Sept. parish council meeting but did visit the site upon her return to duty. Meanwhile, the clerk had spoken to the site foreman the day after the parish council meeting and he had informed her that he had already admonished his drivers. As she left the site, the foreman was again instructing the dumper truck drivers and the situation seems to have improved.
 - 4.3 (10.0) B3392 Harraton Cross-Kitterford Cross: the clerk had written to Mr J. Hodgson (DCC Highways, Newton Abbot). Nick Colton (DCC Ivybridge) had phoned the clerk to say the letter had been forwarded to him and he had received the letter 13th October. He would follow up the contents of the letter and would report back.
 - 4.4 (11.1) Dan Taylor (SHDC Locality Officer covering our area) intends to attend the Coffee Morning at the Korniloff on 4 November to meet Bigbury residents.

4.5 (12.1) The clerk has received paper copies for change of signatories for the parish council accounts.

5.0 PLANNING

5.1 05/2084/15/F: St Ann's House, St Ann's Chapel: installation of PV panels to rear roof slope. Councillors inspected the plans and offered support.

5.2 05/2170/15/F: Spring Gardens Cottage, Bigbury: Cllr Couper had informed the clerk he had looked at the plans on line, had visited the site and had no objections. The councillors present inspected the plans and supported the application.

6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lindsay Ward reported that the TAP fund has been operational for three years. Any bids for TAP funding for the forthcoming year must be submitted by December. Previously, applications had to be in conjunction with adjoining parishes in the same ward but for the forthcoming bids, parish councils can apply individually. She stated that Modbury Council is thinking of applying for a flashing speed sign which could possibly be made available to neighbouring parishes within the same ward. Cllr Rosevear moved that Bigbury Parish Council should join in on that application. This was supported and it was agreed a letter be sent to Modbury Town Council stating that we would agree to the speed flashing sign.

7.0 C.CLLR'S REPORT

C.Cllr Richard Hosking reported that 20 partners had made a Statement of Intent regarding devolved powers to be submitted to the Government. He hoped there would be more volunteer drivers for the F17 car scheme. He had received an email from a Kingston resident stating that residents would prefer a car scheme to Kingsbridge as against Ivybridge and he was hoping that DCC would support that wish. At present there is a wait while volunteer drivers who have already come forward, are approved. Cllr Hosking stated that Chapter 8 training had been available up to June this year but he might be able to obtain further training dates if any volunteers to carry out road warden duties came forward. Some parishes in South Hams are paying for people to carry out Lengthsmen duties out of their precepts. Cllr Smith stated this would involve such matters as tax, NI and insurance but it was acknowledged the only way out was to take on self-employed people. Residents are urged to report any flooding to DCC on the County website. Cllr Rosevear referred to a recent occurrence of flooding of St Lawrence Church and into his garden – an occasion which necessitated pumping out by the fire brigade. When DCC personnel arrived they refused to clear the buddle hole as it was on private property. Cllr Hosking stated that staff are entitled to enter private property in order to clear out these holes. He also explained that he has some money available out of his Locality Fund for any particular schemes the parish council wish to carry out. He was thanked by Cllr Carson and left before the end of the meeting.

8.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

8.1 Cllr Beth Huntley reported that about twenty residents had attended either of two meetings held in Bigbury on Sea to discuss the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan – this resulted in an agreement to progress with a Plan and it was further agreed that Mrs Val Scott would act as Leader for the Plan. It was hoped to apply for listing for the Pilchard Inn and to make Bigbury on Sea a Conservation Area with only single-storey dwellings on the front row of properties in the village.

8.2 D.Cllr L.Ward stated it would be necessary to have a separate public meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and to invite a member of SHDC, and she suggested Phil Baker, to attend and address the meeting. She suggested that there should not be a focus on one particular area in the parish but to encompass the whole parish. Terms of Reference must be agreed before a start is made and must be approved by the Parish Council. A resolution was passed that the Parish Council agreed to support the Neighbourhood Plan and all parts of the parish are to be included. It was agreed that a meeting should be held in November after the parish council meeting in order to give it sufficient publicity in Bigbury News.

- 9.0 PLANNING *All planning applications for Bigbury Parish have an 05 prefix*
- 9.1 2084/15/F: St Ann's House, St Ann's Chapel: installation of PV panels to rear roof slope. Councillors inspected the plans and supported the application.
- 9.2 2170/15/F: Spring Gardens Cottage, Bigbury – rear and side extensions and enlargement of driveway. Councillors inspected the plans and offered their support.
- 10.0 FINANCIAL
- 10.1 It was agreed to draw the following cheques:- £7.79 to Viking for stationery and £694.84 to South Hams Skip Hire for skip provision at Memorial Hall.
- 10.2 Cllr Carson reported that he had met with the builders who had been booked to carry out repairs to the entrance gates and pillars to the burial ground and despite the acceptance of the quotation, the builders suddenly pulled out of the deal.
- 11.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 11.1 Mr R. Sekula (SHDC Assets Specialist) had advised of a training session for Section 106 funding for Open Space, Sport and Recreation facilities. The meeting is to be held on 4th November – email forwarded to councillors
- 11.2 N Tawton Town Council: consultation on prior notification change of use applications –email forwarded to councillors
- 11.3 G Phillips: copy of email to Gary Streeter re F17 Fare Cars
- 11.4 Ivybridge & District Ass.Local Councils: next meeting rescheduled for Weds 21st October at Ivybridge Town Hall at 7.0 p.m.
- 11.5 Aveton Gifford Parish Project Group – Open afternoon & AGM 16th October in the village hall 3.30 until 7.0pm AGM starting 7.0pm
- 12.0 REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK
- 12.1 The clerk had hosted a Clerks' Workshop whereby neighbouring clerks met in the Pickwick Inn for a meal prior to continuing in the Memorial Hall where they were also joined by the Ivybridge Town Clerk. Matters discussed included Neighbourhood Plans, Planning Notifications, TAP funding, Chapter 8 training, Parish Paths Partnership. Clerks present were from Wembury, Newton & Noss, Diptford and Ugborough, Kingston, Ivybridge and Bigbury. The next meeting will take place in March and will be hosted by Newton & Noss.
- 13.0 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
- It was suggested that a review of the current website should be discussed at the November meeting. The clerk asked permission for councillors' details to be put on the website – they were willing for email addresses to be included but not telephone numbers. Cllr Rosevear suggested that the parish council should own the domain name. Councillors were reminded to advise the clerk of any matters they wished to be placed on the agenda ten days prior to council meetings in order for the draft to be compiled and forwarded to the chairman for approval.
- 14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 14.1 Cllr Huntley enquired about a pheasant shoot due to take place shortly. Mr Tucker (from the floor) answered her query.
- 15.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;
Wednesday 11th November at 7.30 pm
- Meeting closed at 10.05 pm