

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT Cllr B Carson (in the chair) Cllrs G.Rosevear, Mrs S Smith and D.Cllr Mrs L.Ward. C.Cllr R.Hosking attended for part of the meeting. Ten residents were also present.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs I.Couper, C.Case and N.Stanesby

2. OPEN SESSION

- 2.1 Resident A asked if any progress had been made regarding signs in BoS car park. It was reported that the clerk had met with Charlie Storer of SHDC who had taken photos of all the signs in the car park and he would be referring back to Cathy Aubertin.
- 2.2 Resident B asked if details of precepts of all parish/town councils in SHDC had been obtained. These had been received and forwarded to councillors. The Chairman said he disagreed with Resident B's view that Bigbury's precept was one of the lowest in the district and this had been proved by the figures received from SHDC. The resident requested that the subject of the Warren should be allowed for within precept discussions for the next financial year. It was noted that there are sums available from Section 106 which could be made available for any improvements on the Warren, but these, however, would have to be authorised by SHDC who rent the Warren. It was suggested that residents may like to put forward ideas for areas they would like to see improved within the parish.
- 2.3 Resident C asked if a result had been received from Land Registry regarding land between Charterlands and Quarterdeck, Warren Road. He had obtained information himself and it was agreed that the councillors would meet on site on 21st November.
- 2.4 Resident D asked if the parish council had received any information about an appeal being lodged against the SHDC decision on Seafront, Marine Drive. As yet, none received.
- 2.5 Resident E asked if there was any information regarding a proposal for housing to the south of properties on the main road near the Pickwick. D Cllr L.Ward reported that plans had been refused.

3.0 MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING were approved and were signed accordingly.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING *minute numbers relate to October minutes*

- 4.1 (2.1) Mount Folly Farm Certificate of Lawfulness for camping facilities. A resident had contacted the clerk to ask why this matter had not been discussed at a public meeting and had asked if the parish councillors could discuss this at the December parish council meeting. The clerk had spoken with Helen Smart who said she would be willing to defer her decision if the parish council would write requesting a deferment in order to discuss this in December.
- 4.2 (2.2) Car park signs – as in 2.1 above
- 4.3 (2.4) SHDC Parish precepts – as in 2.2 above
- 4.4 (2.6) Footpaths: Our Footpath Warden, John Simes, had forwarded to the parish councillors copies of emails regarding the footpath to Hexdown, the condition of which had been brought to his attention by a resident. He has taken action for the problems to be attended to.
- 4.5 (4.1) Large hoardings advertising a new development of houses at Challaborough. It is understood that the estate agents are being given notice to remove the hoardings with failure to do so resulting in action being taken.
- 4.6 (4.2) Dumper trucks. A resident in the upper section of Warren Rd had complained to the clerk that he had been forced to wait half an hour to access his property due to a goods delivery to Westridge. The clerk had seen the site foreman who assured her that he will inform the resident if he anticipates any temporary blockages of the road in the future. The resident had also asked what is being done to stop vehicles ignoring the No Turning, No Parking sign situated at the Warren Rd/Cleveland Drive crossroads. The clerk had visited the resident concerned to report on the follow up of his enquiry.

- 4.7 (4.3) B3392 Harraton Cross-Kitterford Cross road. DCC N Colton had responded that there is a backlog of £700m worth of repairs needed to bring roads up to a good standard. He suggested that the campsites which are served by this road could pay for passing places to be created.
- 4.8 (6.0) TAP Fund: Modbury Council has been notified that Bigbury Parish Council will support their application for a flashing speed sign in the hope that it would be made available for Bigbury to use. However, it has been learnt that such signs cost between £3,000 and £12,000. It was suggested that a meeting could be arranged between representatives of Aveton Gifford, Bigbury, Kingston, Modbury and Ringmore parish councils to discuss the matter
- 4.9 (7.0) A copy of an email from a Kingston resident to C.Cllr Hosking had been received regarding the F7 Fare Car Scheme
- 4.10 (11.1) Sport & Recreation Workshop – Cllr Rosevear reporting under Item 10 on agenda

5.0 PLANNING

- 5.1 05/2274/15/F: Mr D Miles; demolition of Southway, Marine Drive, BoS and replace with 2 x 2 semi-detached houses. Councillors present had no objections provided recommendations from DCC Highways were implemented.

6.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lindsay Ward reported that the purpose of the new Universal Credit is to make the welfare system simpler by replacing six benefits with one single monthly payment Thus it replaces a range of benefits including Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance and Housing Benefit. To help residents in their understanding of this, SHDC has created a webpage about the Credit system on the website:- <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/10596/Universal-Credit> Information will also be available on Facebook, Tweeting (#universalcredit) and computers in libraries, Job Centres and Follaton House. A newsletter for businesses will be launched in the New Year. She will be attending the SHDC Dev.Control meeting at which the Old Vineyard application will be discussed and said that the Parish Council may like to send a representative. (Cllr S.Smith declared an interest) She has a Locality Budget of £500 available for Bigbury to use on application by specifying a project costing between £100 and £500.

7.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mrs Val Scott, who is leading the Plan, had suggested that a small meeting be held at Follaton House with Phil Baker with about 4 representatives from Bigbury. This would enable the local representatives to have greater knowledge with which to answer any questions at a public meeting. However, D.Cllr Ward reported that she will be attending a meeting in London on 25 November on this subject and said that if Mr Baker was not available for a public meeting, she would be very willing to speak to such a meeting on the subject. It was agreed to have a public meeting on Saturday 5th December at 2.0p.m. in the Memorial Hall with refreshments available. Cllr Ward was thanked by the Chairman.

8.0 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

- 8.1 Cllr Carson felt that the website is poorly used. Cllr Smith reported on DCC website which showed a London property consultant holding the domain. Mr Watts who runs the current website stated from the floor that the correct name of the website is Bigbury Community Website, but he stated that he is disappointed with the poor use. Kingsbridge Websites had set up the current version and they had asked if the Parish Council would be interested in upgrading it to enable smart phones etc to be able to access it. The upgrade would cost in the region of £150. It was suggested that at the same time wi-fi should be available in the Memorial Hall with the Hall Committee's agreement. Permission was given to Mr Watts to upgrade the website accordingly.
(Cllr Hosking joined the meeting at this point.)

9.0 FINANCIAL

- 9.1 It was proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Rosevear that the following cheques be drawn:- £20 to Bigbury Memorial Hall for July and September hire; £100 to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; £44.36 to Viking for stationery; £84 to SMF Alwood for War Memorial maintenance; £97 to T E Edgcombe for repairs to seat at village green.
- 9.2 It was agreed to sign a further contract with Allwoods of Totnes for future maintenance of the War Memorial.
- 9.3 Entrance to Burial Ground: Cllr Carson having reported previously that the contractors booked to effect repairs to the entrance gates and wall had reneged on the contract, stated that there is still hope to obtain some different contractors.
- 9.4 TAP Fund: Cllr Carson will speak with Mr Harrington of Bigbury Memorial Hall Committee regarding provision of wi-fi in the hall.

10.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 10.1 C.Cllr Richard Hosking reported on Ch.8 funding from DCC but currently there are no spaces left on training courses arranged. There are four people from the parish who have indicated their willingness to do Chapter 8 training and Cllr Hosking will advise Mr John Tucker accordingly. He has two more volunteers willing to drive under the F7 Car Scheme. £35million is being lost from the Support Grant. C.Cllr Hosking will be checking on the legality of DCC operatives having access to buddle holes on private property. At the request of the clerk, Cllr Hosking agreed to supply a copy of the map of the buddle holes within Bigbury Parish for the parish council. He stated that the County Council is limited to 2% increase in Council Tax. C.Cllr. Hosking was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 Local Government Boundary Commission: Final recommendations have now been delayed until 12 January 2016.
- 11.2 Dan Taylor (SHDC Locality Officer) emailed with dates he will be attending the mobile library.
- 11.3 Devon Communities had emailed re Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play – forwarded to councillors.

12.0 RESIGNATIONS

- 12.2 **Councillor.** Cllr N. Stanesby had written tendering her resignation. Due to work commitments, she can no longer give the time to being a councillor as she would wish to do. Councillors were sorry that she now has to resign and a letter thanking her for her services will be sent. A Casual Vacancy will be declared.
- 12.3 **Snow Warden** – Mr Stuart Watts had tendered his resignation from the position of Snow Warden for the parish. A request for a volunteer to fulfil the role will be posted in Bigbury News and the noticeboards.
- 12.4 **Parish Clerk.** Mrs Pam Trundle tendered her resignation as clerk. She had originally intended to have the resignation effective from 1st April 2016 but with her current medical problem felt it would be better to be effective from 1st January. She has been a parish clerk since March 1974 – initially as clerk to Kingston for 10 years and then from there to Bigbury. She expressed her willingness to continue on a monthly basis after 31 December until a new clerk can take over. The post will be advertised in the Kingsbridge Gazette.

13 REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

- 13.1 Cllr George Rosevear reported on a meeting of the Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils. During that meeting many council representatives expressed their despair at the failure of SHDC Planning Dept to acknowledge recommendations on planning applications and on some occasions form a decision contrary to the local councils' views. So Bigbury Parish Council is not alone. There had been a degree of discomfort for the ways matters are being handled by SHDC. The matter of DCC Highways unwillingness to respond to highway issues was discussed and a discussion had also taken place on the TAP fund. Kingston indicated that they did not wish to participate in the mobile traffic control system.

13.2 Cllr Rosevear had also attended a meeting on 4th November at Follaton House on a Review of Section 106 agreements. In future, items to be funded by Section 106 funds will have to be named in the planning applications. This funding can be used for Open spaces, Sport and Recreation (OSSR) which is a fund within the Section 106 in its own right. . Access to the funding will be anticipated where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place. Once the project funding has been allotted, the project cannot be changed. It is vital that Bigbury Parish proceeds with a Neighbourhood Plan.

14 TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
BoS bus layby - boat

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 nil

16.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING;
Wednesday 9th December at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm