

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL, AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr Bryan Carson - Chair BC
Cllr Kathy Case KC
Cllr Beth Huntley BH
Cllr George Rosevear – Vice chair GR
Cllr Sharon Smith SS
Acting Clerk: Cllr George Rosevear Members of the Public present 12

1 / Apologies: Cllr Iain Couper IC
District Cllr Lindsay Ward LW
County Cllr Richard Hosking RH
Parish Clerk Pam Trundle PT

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OPEN SESSION:

Resident A asked whether the planned increase in the Precept allocated to flood prevention and general maintenance had a specific programme for its use.

BC responded by saying this was the case and a core group of volunteers would be put through "Chapter 8" training, so that they had the appropriate training to come under the umbrella insurance scheme. Work undertaken would be paid at a fixed hourly rate to the community volunteers and qualifying projects to be undertaken in priority order. Also, where a Parishioner saw a problem, contact or reporting point would be the Parish Clerk.

Resident B observed that preventative care should prevent flooding related incidents.

Resident C asked when Chapter 8 training would take place and on being informed this might be as late as May, observed that this was not quick enough to deal with current issues, in particular flooding.

Resident B commented that much of the flooding was caused by hedge trimmings not being cleared once cut. In other places by constant run-off of soil from surrounding fields, where there was not adequate drainage.

Cllr GR commented that measures needed to be considered to protect the Church, as the Buddle Hole and Catch Pit to the rear of 4 Bigbury Court was frequently unable to deal with silted run-off from surrounding fields. Another resident made a similar comment about their part of the Parish.

Resident D reported that there were 74 objections lodged on the SHDC planning site in respect of the Bay Café application.

Resident E advised that the Locality Officer Dan Taylor was attending the 2nd March Coffee morning at Korniloff, if Parishioners wished to meet him.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – JANUARY 13

It was noted that minute 09/16 RH the report of the County Cllr's had not recorded the full two tiered increase to DCC Council Tax. The Wording was agreed for the

amendment. Also minute 10/16 had put GV instead of GR, this would be amended at the same time.

Subject to these amendments being made, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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MATTERS ARISING

The accompanying notes related to the December minutes, the main points were:

Dec minute 4.2 Advertising hoarding on the roadside – ongoing.

Vacancies Cllr, Snow Warden and Tree Warden – ongoing.

Police report – submitted by Warren Palmer – see correspondence below.

Flood Resilience Grant – reminder from Nick Colton – see below

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PLANNING

There were no applications. The following were noted.

- Avonmouth, Folly Hill 5/3198/14/F– The applicants had appealed the refusal by SHDC and letters relating to the appeal will be accepted up to 9th March 2016.
- Bay view Café 2701/15/F – demolition and construction of 4 detached houses, the closing date for letters was 5th February 2016; but it seemed letters were still being accepted.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- District Cllr Lindsay Ward had reported that following the end of the consultation period, Bigbury parish has been recognised as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- A parish Neighbourhood Plan meeting was therefore set for Saturday 12th March 12.00 noon at the Memorial Hall. Valarie Scott to arrange (Chair NHPG).
- Cllr Ward also suggested that the Neighborhood Plan group makes an application to the Sustainable community locality fund, where there is a grant available of up to £500.00.

Insertions /

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR LINDSAY WARD'S REPORT

Chairman BC read District Cllr Ward's report, which will be attached to the minutes as Appendix 1.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING'S REPORT

Chairman BC read County Cllr Richard Hosking's report, which will be attached to the minutes as Appendix 2.

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FINANCE

Payments approved:

Memorial Hall	Hire fee	£50.00
Clerk	Salary	£266.91
Peter Javes	Temp Clerk	£54.64
Holywell Stores	Christmas Tree	£50.00
Grasshopper	Mow Village Green	£90.00
Mr J Gilbert	Electricity Lights	£50.00

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VACANCIES

- Snow Warden filled Iain Couper
- Tree Warden not filled No candidate(s).
- Parish Cllr not filled No candidate(s).

Footnote: After some discussion it was agreed to try and find a remedy to deal with the remaining unused and exposed salt.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were covered:

- (i) DCC impending Boundary changes were noted, which would also lead to a modest reduction in Councillors of two and a change in Bigbury's representation.
- (ii) Parliamentary Boundary changes (re-organisation) were under consultation, which would have an effect on the Ward.
- (iii) Police Report from Warren Palmer 30080: In the period 2014-15 there were 14 crimes in the Parish; 9 Thefts, 1 Burglary, 2 Assaults and 2 Threatening Behavior. 2015-16 there were 14 crimes in the Parish; 9 Thefts, 3 Assaults and 2 Dangerous Driving. Concern was also expressed about "fraudsters" purporting to be BT representatives requesting fresh bank information.
- (iv) New Parish Clerk. The appointment of Richard Matthews as the new Parish Clerk was announced; and he will take up his post from 1st April and a controlled handover with Pam Trundle will be arranged. This will include the appropriate notice and changes to the Parish's internet link. Notice of the resignation and appointment will be given to SHDC immediately for general purposes and in good time for payroll purposes.

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H.M. THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS WEEKEND 11TH & 12TH JUNE

Ideas for a Parish celebration were called for and from those present (Standing Orders being dropped) there seemed to be three likely runners: either, a party in the Memorial Hall and grounds, or similarly on the Warren. Alternatively a Barn Dance. It was agreed to let the Memorial Hall Committee meet and report back to Council in March, (or earlier) about their option and resolve the venue and back-up venue, in case of bad weather, and the content of the day at the March Council meeting. If time permitted ideas would be sought in the forthcoming issue of the Bigbury News.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With Standing Orders being dropped to take matters from the floor, the following were noted:

- (i) Memorial Hall committee. Usually a Parish Councillor served on the committee, it was agreed that Cllr BC would fill this slot. It may be that the slot is revolved with other councillors too, in due course.

- (ii) Parish Church Pillars Balls & Gates. Cllr BC reported that, following the refusal by the tradesmen to carry out the repairs under their own quote of £3500 plus VAT, the advice of a Heritage biased Architect had been sought and the services of a Heritage biased contractor sought. This had produced a quotation to carry out the required works to the required Heritage and H&S standards of £8900 plus VAT, significantly more than set aside in the current Precept of £5000.

At this juncture a parishioner asked Cllr BC to clarify whether he was speaking, as a Church Warden, on behalf of the PCC or whether he was making their report as Chair of BPC. And, was there a potential conflict of interest? Upon reflection, Cllr BC considered he was delivering information from the PCC to the BPC. It was appreciated that in the event of a debate, it may have been necessary for Cllr BC to declare a non-pecuniary interest.

Finally, it was asked whether the PCC was looking to bridge the gap, either by fund raising or seeking additional Grants, to sit alongside the BPC Precept provision. It was decided to allow the PCC to report their views at the next BPC meeting.

- (iii) Open Spaces Sports and Recreation (OSSR) Parish Asset Audit. Cllr GR pointed out that should the Parish wish to access Section 106 money within the OSSR element of the fund, for additional facilities, there was a requirement to carry out an audit of existing assets and an analysis of new facilities wanted/needed. This would then sit within the Neighbourhood Plan in order to have statutory weight. This proposal would be tabled at the next BPC meeting for further discussion and a working party to carry out the audit appointed.1

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th March 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed.....

Cllr Bryan Carson - Chair