

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Carson (in the chair) Cllrs. B.Huntley, G.Rosevear, S Smith. D.Cllr L.Ward and C.Cllr R.Hosking also attended. Nine residents were also present.

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

2. OPEN SESSION

- 2.1 Resident A reported that a concrete development had started for the Venus Café kiosk at the start of the Tom Crocker slipway. She had been against this application and she was informed that the Parish Council had opposed the application on safety issues. Cllr Carson reported that he had attended the Development Control meeting but despite much opposition the District Councillors had approved the application. D.Cllr Ward stated she felt that the District Council should not have considered it as trivial. Cllr Huntley reported that she had spoken to the builder on site and he had informed her that a handrail will be fitted all the way down the slipway. Cllr Carson asked Cllr Ward if she would refer to the matter at District Council and she stated she will contact Charlie Storer. **Action: D.Cllr Ward**
- 2.2 Resident B enquired about the loss of the Bigbury Village sign and an update on the situation was given. It was suggested that a local person be asked if he could supply a metal replacement as DCC have lost the broken one. Mr John Tucker suggested the old Bigbury-on-Sea sign could be utilised by deleting the "on Sea". It was also reported that the very large DCC sign at Seven Stones Cross has been missing for a long time. D.Cllr Ward suggested that perhaps Modbury & District Business Chamber might look into these signage matters – Cllr Carson will contact them. **Action: Cllr Carson**
- 2.3 Resident C asked if attention could be given to the notice board at Bigbury Village as the door had blown open and the contents blown over the village. The clerk reported that the catches on all the boards are now rather difficult and that all the boards needed preservative applied and catches at the bottom of the doors as well. The internal back in the boards are also loose. It was agreed to ask Mr Tom Pitt if he could attend to the matter with the Parish Council footing the bill. **Action: Clerk**
- 2.4 Resident D asked if there was any information regarding the Royal Oak and car park. It was reported that it was understood that the car park has been sold on to a developer. *Cllr Carson declared an interest on this item and took no part on this subject.*

3.0 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING were approved and signed as correct.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 Roadside signs advertising development at Challaborough are still on display despite the Parish Council requesting action in September 2015 and several email exchanges with Heather Nesbitt at SHDC since.
- 5.0 PLANNING (*Applications: all prefixed by 05*)
- 5.1 2548/15: Mr Halford: Old Granary, 2 Bigbury Court, Bigbury: *Cllr Rosevear declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.* To install a small velux window in the ceiling of the bathroom. Councillors had no objections.
- 5.2 0175/16: Mr Hesse: Glebe House, Easton: Erection of detached oak double garage in garden. Some of the councillors had inspected the site but they were concerned at the height of the roof which would be much higher than the roadside boundary wall and felt it would have been better sited alongside work currently being carried out rather than in the proposed site.
- 5.3 0314/16: Mr Maguire: 3 Folly Hill, Bigbury on Sea: new detached single storey garden room. Councillors noticed that this replaced an existing (damaged) summer house and had no objections to the application.
- 5.4 0399/16: Mr R.Smith: *Cllr. S.Smith declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Carson also declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.* This application was for changing a clause in a previous planning consent. Councillors had no objection.

- 5.5 Notification had been received of an appeal against SHDC refusal of planning permission in respect of land at St. Ann's Chapel which would have had an exit onto the St. Ann's-Ringmore road.
- 5.7 D.Cllr Ward had suggested that the Parish Council may like to contact Clare Butcher at SHDC with regard to applying Bay View Café/Warren Cottage as an asset of community value.
- 6.0 C.CLLR R.HOSKING; Cllr Richard Hosking reported on matters relating to the production of the budget for the forthcoming financial year. An original proposal to discontinue "lollipop staff" has been reversed following public outcry. He referred to devolution proposals and also stated that Fast Broadband is still continuing with BT. Chapter 8 training for local volunteers is still taking place which is for road warden scheme only. He was asked about the problem of DCC workforce refusing to access and to clear a boddle hole as it was on private property at Bigbury Court. It was felt that a new replacement catchment pit was needed. C.Cllr Hosking will pursue the matter at DCC. He was thanked by the Chairman for his attendance and report.
- 7.0 CATERING FACILITIES at Bigbury on Sea
- 7.1 Mr Craig Worthington had written to request permission to put a Gastrobus in the bus lay-by at Bigbury on Sea and was given permission to speak by the Chairman. He described the safety measures he would put in place and stated that the vehicle would be removed at the end of trading every day. Cllr Rosevear felt that any consideration on the matter would have to be put out to tender. Cllr Carson felt that the Parish Council needs to speak with DCC and SHDC on the subject before any further discussion takes place on the issue.
- 7.2 Mr Jo Woods had sent an email stating he had received permission to place a tuk-tuk at the bottom of Sedgwell Sands slipway. He was given permission to speak by the Chairman and explained that the vehicle would remain in its position at the side of the slipway and would be removed at the end each day's trading. He will provide rubbish bins. Councillors had no objections to his proposal.
- 8.0 FINANCIAL
- 8.1 It was agreed that the following cheques be drawn:- £50 grant to Modbury Caring; £350 grant to Bigbury Memorial Hall and £140.21 clerk's fee for February plus expenses.
- 8.2 D.Cllr Ward had suggested that perhaps a screen and projector could be purchased out of Bigbury's share of her Locality Budget for the Memorial Hall. It was agreed to ask Cllr Ward for such funding.
- 8.3 Details of councillors allowances sent by SHDC had been forwarded to the parish councillors. Councillors approved the expenses regime but there would not be a general allowance for parish councillors who continue to serve on a voluntary basis.
- 8.4 £19.51 had been received from SHDC in respect of recycling credits from the Bigbury Village/Challaborough skip.
- 8.5 Details of DCC Community Flood Resilience Grant had also been forwarded to councillors together with one from Dan Taylor regarding Tesco grants.
- 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 9.1 Ivybridge & D.Assoc. Local Councils: paperwork for meeting on 17 March.
- 9.2 Letter forwarded by a Gazette reporter regarding matters in Bigbury village. At the request of the chairman, the clerk had drafted a reply which, on approval, was forwarded to the Gazette.
- 9.3 C.Cllr R Hosking: email re Chapter 8 training suggesting Mr Tucker contact Mr Gough – this had been forwarded on for Mr Tucker's attention.
- 9.4 Bob & Anne Harvey re development in protected AONBs – this had been forwarded to councillors
- 9.5 Fare Car Scheme – details received. Since then the clerk had received an observation that under the previous scheme a 6-seater vehicle had always been used, but under the new scheme there is only a 4-seater which is not big enough. The matter had been referred on.
- 9.6 Adam Hesse: potholes at Easton: the clerk had forwarded this to DCC = Nick Colton supplied a website address for reporting potholes:
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

10.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A public meeting has been arranged for Saturday 12 March in the Memorial Hall. Posters have been displayed and notice was given in Bigbury News with a concise description regarding the aims of the Plan.

11.0 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Lindsay Ward reported that SHDC had decided on no cuts to their frontline services. A National Council of the Year Award has been announced. She reported that there is some way to go before a "quasi" regional government is formed with an executive lead designed to promote the region. She referred to benefits; enforcement team to receive further help to try to clear the backlog, and to Government backing for Neighbourhood Plans with an additional grant to secure one for the community. Thurlestone Parish has extended an invitation to Bigbury to attend their next Neighbourhood Plan meeting. She confirmed that the increase in Council Tax for 2016/17 meant that a Band D property had an increase of £5.00 per annum or .10p per week.

12.0 VACANCIES

12.0 Parish Councillor vacancy – despite notices on all three notice boards and in the Bigbury News, nobody has come forward expressing a wish to be considered to fill the vacancy.

12.1 Tree Warden: Mrs Trish Bagley had expressed an interest.

13.0 CELEBRATIONS FOR HM THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

It was reported that Mr John Tucker had offered to have a marquee at Folly Farm on Sunday 12th June for a celebratory party to comprise a ram roast and the Memorial Hall would hold a cream tea on Saturday 11th June. The Parish would hold both events. It was agreed to discuss the detail of the matter further at the April meeting.

14.0 PARISH COUNCILLORS' EMAIL ADDRESSES; It was agreed that with the change of Parish Clerk, councillors would change their email addresses to have the same as the Parish Clerk.

15.0 RETIREMENT OF PARISH CLERK. It was announced that Mrs Pam Trundle will attend the April meeting and her 42 years' service as a parish clerk will be celebrated then.

12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING; WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL – abbreviated Parish Council meeting starting at 7.30 pm. and Annual Parish Meeting at approximately 8.0 p.m.

Meeting closed 10.0 pm