

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 13th April 2016 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Carson (in the chair) Cllrs. B Huntley, G Rosevear, S Smith and C Case. D.Cllr L Ward and C.Cllr R Hosking also attended. Parish Clerk R Matthews and retiring Parish Clerk P Trundle and fourteen residents were also present.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2.0 OPEN SESSION

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public who attended the meeting and introduced the new Parish Clerk, Richard Matthews, who was taking over the role from Mrs Pam Trundle.

2.1 Further to point 2.1 in the minutes of the March meeting which stated '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'. This should have stated 'Cllr Huntley reported that she had spoken to the builder on site and he had informed her that a handrail will be fitted along the side of the new concrete construction.

3.0 MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING were approved and signed as correct with due regard to point 2.1 above

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Point carried forward from March meeting in respect of repairs to Parish Council notice boards.
Action: Cllr Carson

5.0 PLANNING (Applications: all prefixed by 05)

0175/16: Mr Hesse: Glebe House, Easton: Erection of detached oak double garage in garden. The Clerk stated that a notice of re-advertisement of this planning application had been received on Monday April 11th. However the notice omitted to state a date by which comments on this application should be made. The Parish Clerk will refer back to the Planning Office for further updates.
Action Parish Clerk

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE INCL SEAFRONT BIGBURY-ON-SEA APPEAL AND SEVEN STONES CROSS SIGN

6.1 Seafront Bigbury-on-Sea appeal. Cllr Rosevear declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter and remained in the meeting to listen. His inclusion in the meeting was challenged by a resident but Cllr Rosevear made it clear that in his experience as a District Councillor and in accordance with guidelines from the Monitoring Office, he was not obliged to leave the meeting room.

Parish Clerk apologised for the lateness in making this statement but commented 'Members and Officers are invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be discussed during the course of this meeting'.

Cllr Carson accepted the position taken by Cllr Rosevear; a stance to which the resident objected and immediately left the meeting.

Cllr Carson confirmed that further submissions in respect of the appeal against this planning application must be received in the planning office by April 22nd. Cllr Case added that the Council should re-endorse, through re-submission, their original comments to re-iterate their views.

A resident pointed out that the revised plans included trees at the front of property as a means of softening the projected view. He added that there were no trees at all in this vicinity as they would not grow because of the position relative to the coast and the prevailing weather conditions.

It was agreed to exclude Cllr Rosevear from the circulation of information relating to this appeal.

Cllr Carson will co-ordinate the appeal from a Parish perspective.

Action Cllr Carson

- 6.2 Seven Stones Cross sign.
Please note that the minute written for point 6.2 is an amalgamation of the discussions that took place both at the Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish meeting which was held later on the same evening, where C.Cllr Hosking had input to the topic. By taking this approach the full detail of the discussion on this topic is recorded in a single document.
 C.Cllr Richard Hosking updated the meeting in respect of the missing signage, stating that the latest update for installation was July 2016 (previous estimate September 2016) and that the delay was a result of budgetary constraints. The Parish Clerk also added that in a written communication dated April 6th, C.Cllr Hosking had said 'I do respectfully ask Bigbury Parish Council not to take matters into their own hands as only approved signage provided by Devon County Council in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions of 2002 can be used, even if funding is provided by the Parish Council'.
 Traffic stopping in the narrow country lanes through lack of direction signs posed a safety risk and vehicles with caravans in tow would have difficulty in turning or reversing. Cllr Carson stated this was a completely unsatisfactory situation and needed very urgent resolution as summer visitors to the area needed to know which direction to follow. The Parish Clerk was asked to review options for the AA to create signage and C.Cllr Hosking also agreed to revert back to DCC in attempt to resolve the matter quickly. **Action Parish Clerk**
 A parishioner added that signage in South Devon generally was in poor condition, to which C.Cllr Hosking agreed adding that this was as a result of budget cuts.
- 6.3 Parish Clerk advised receipt of a communication from BT in respect of the roll out of fibre connected broadband to a number of postcodes in the Parish. It was agreed this would be posted on the Parish notice boards. **Action Parish Clerk**
- 6.4 Members of Ringmore Historical Society wrote advising that in their opinion Noddon Mill, Ringmore (648/465) in Bigbury Parish, a property on National Trust land should be a listed building. The Council agreed to support this. **Action Parish Clerk**
- 7.0 FINANCIAL
- 7.1 It was agreed that the following cheques be drawn: £205.54 to South Hams District Council for payroll services and fees for May 7th 2015 election, £304.61 clerk's fee and expenses for March and that the annual subscription of £135.97 to DALC be renewed; such sum being deducted from the Precept payment. **Action Parish Clerk**
- 8.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY
- 8.1 Cllr Carson had received a copy of the Health and safety policy for Wembury Parish Council and felt it could be adapted for use within the Bigbury parish. Councillors were provided with a copy and asked to pass their comments to the Parish Clerk by April 30th. **Action Councillors**
 Cllr Huntley asked how it would be monitored, which would be discussed in more detail at the May Parish meeting. Parish Clerk is to ensure this is an agenda item. **Action Parish Clerk**

9.0 BIGBURY-ON-SEA LAY-BY CATERING SERVICES

Cllr Carson advised he had discussed this option with the County Council who were adamant the lay-by was not wide enough and was in the wrong location. It was considered that despite the double yellow lines, cars would stop whilst passengers waited for food service. County Council advised that they cannot stop Bigbury Parish from pursuing this option but indicated that there must be Public Liability Insurance in place and that ultimately the risk reverts to the Parish Council.

Cllr Rosevear added that the Highways Office were also negative and had commented that the manhole cover in the lay-by could mean the support behind the lay-by was not strong enough and heavy traffic use may make this situation worse.

Cllr Carson said it was a shame that we could not use this open space and perhaps picnic tables and chairs were a more viable alternative. However, it was agreed to contact the Parish insurance brokers to understand the policy options.

Action Parish Clerk

It was also agreed that Cllr Rosevear and Cllr Huntley would approach the owners of Venus Café to see whether Higher Warren may be an alternative site for the catering services. Would Venus Café be prepared to amend the covenant in respect of catering rights?

Action Cllrs Huntley and Rosevear

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING; WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL – starting at 7.30 pm followed by the Parish Council AGM starting at 8:30pm.

Meeting closed 07:55 pm

Following the close of the meeting Mr Carson made a presentation to Mrs Trundle as a gesture of thanks from her fellow residents, friends and Councillors to mark her 30 years of service as Bigbury Parish Council Clerk.

Signed.....

Bryan Carson, Chairman, Bigbury Parish Council