

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 11th May 2016 at 7.30pm

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

- 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None
- 2.0 MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING were approved and signed as correct.
- 3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST. The Chairman advised members of the need to declare interest in any matter to be discussed.
- 4.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Mr Bryan Carson was unanimously elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year (Proposer – S Smith, Seconder – G Rosevear). Mr G Rosevear was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman (Proposer – S Smith, Seconder – I Couper).
- 5.0 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES. The following appointments were unanimously agreed by Council members:
Memorial Village Hall – Cllr Carson
CPRE – Cllr Rosevear
DALC – Cllr Rosevear
DPFA – Cllr Couper
- 6.0 MATTERS ARISING (ACTIONS) FROM LAST MEETING. The following actions were not closed and will be either carried forward to the next meeting. Some points are covered later in this document:
Parish Notice Boards – Cllr Carson
- 7.0 OPEN SESSION. The following topics were raised:
John Simes – Footpath Warden advised he was communicating with staff at DCC in respect of signs that needed improvement and more importantly the footpath at Hexdown that he considers to be dangerous, needing to be levelled. He acknowledged landowners were supportive. It was requested that the Clerk formally write to Mr Simes requesting he communicates in writing to DCC on the Hexdown topic. **Action Parish Clerk**

Ms Bagley, owner of 5 Tarifa Apts, provided some comments to support her planning application: Apt was for five persons but only had room for one outside balcony chair, no line of vision change from apt – still across rooftops, similar height to others around.

A resident advised that the Seascape planning application had been presented in 2008 and had been rejected by the Planning Dept.

A resident asked if the parking bay lines could be repainted at Sedgewell Slipway to help improve parking etiquette. Nick Colton is to be contacted. **Action Parish Clerk**
She also advised that 'SLOW' signs on the road surface were missing and this should be investigated. **Action Cllr Couper**

A resident raised the issue of the current lack of a shop / Post Office at Bigbury-on-Sea. Cllr Case advised this was covered by a historic covenant and it was agreed the Parish Council would investigate further. **Action Cllr Carson**

A resident asked about the purpose of the 'Danger' sign on the slipway. John Simes (Footpath Warden) agreed to look into this on the Council's behalf.

Mr John Simes raised the topic of dog fouling which was particularly bad on the path between St Ann's Chapel and Houghton Farm and along the Warren. Lack of, missing or wrongly located 'dog poo bins' may be contributing to the problem BUT it is the owners ultimate responsibility to ensure all mess from their animals is cleared up. It was agreed to visit these sites to establish where bins were or what needed to be done.
The availability of additional waste bins was to be reviewed.

Action Cllr Case
Action D.Cllr Ward

Concern was also expressed over the accumulation of rubbish in the main beach car park during the summer period, although it was general accepted that demand was variable and difficult to plan for. To be investigated further.

Action Cllr Couper

Mr and Mrs MacGuire raised the topic of poor broadband and this discussion was moved up the agenda. Mr MacGuire felt the current £500 voucher scheme would have no impact but in a separate meeting with a BT Openreach specialist had established that DSLAM could be a means of boosting the signal and that the current DSLAM box was currently located in Modbury. Were it possible to move this box to a point closer to the Parish, the signal would almost certainly be improved. C.Cllr Hosking stated he currently had no knowledge of DSLAM but would undertake some research, adding that phase 2 of the roll out (the band between 90% and 95% of the users) was progressing and several organisations had expressed a commercial interest in tendering for the service. He expected this to move forward in 4-6 weeks. C.Cllr Hosking also added the Dartmoor site is due to go live in two weeks which should improve the Airband service. It was suggested that we ask an Openreach expert to a future meeting to help gain a better and more common understanding of the issues and options.

Action Cllr Carson

An earlier e mail in respect of improved service levels by postcode had been placed on the Parish notice boards. Residents were to be asked to provide feedback to C.Cllr Hosking if there was no improvement in the service provided. Further communication was to be prepared.

Action Parish Clerk

Councillor Huntley raised concerns over the condition of the tidal road and Marine Drive and C.Cllr Hosking agreed to report this back to the Highways Dept. but encouraged Councillor Huntley to report the issues on the appropriate website.

Action Cllr Huntley

Councillor Couper raised concerns with C.Cllr Hosking over inappropriate parking on a strip of land Hilltop near hoshouse.

D.Cllr Ward advised the deadline for the completion of the Housing Needs Survey was now September because of lack of capacity. However in order to adequately communicate this across the community via the Bigbury News, August 23rd was the print cutoff date.

D.Cllr Ward advised of the Planning peer review – SHDC recently decided to have a planning peer review. This means that peers and planning experts review the planning service taking account the views of a wide range of stakeholders – including parish councils. The review identified strengths (including support for neighbourhood plans) and areas for consideration. There will be a full report and an action plan and some more work done with parishes which is a good thing – the more we can do to promote understanding the better.

D.Cllr Ward also acknowledged poor response times from the Planning Dept. website and stated that the organisations providing these services had been made aware. She also requested that communities provide feedback on the services provide and she would welcome any further comments by e mail.

8.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following were discussed:

- a. 0593/16/HHO Mr Blasby, Shoal of Furze, Aveton Gifford. Proposed extension to form a dining room.
Parish Council Decision – Unanimous - Support unconditionally.
- b. 1064/16/FUL Mrs Bagley, Flat 5 Tarifa Appts. New balcony and doors to replace existing window.
Parish Council decision – Unanimous – Support but with some suggestions /recommendations that the upright railings be galvanised to match the existing building and that for aesthetic reasons the balcony be full width to give a balanced appearance.
- c. 0965/16/HHO Mrs Coleman, Seascape, Parker Road. Proposed loft extension.
Parish Council decision – Unanimous – Refuse/Object on the grounds of overbearing, loss of amenity, excessive mass and poor design. It was also noted that a previous application on the same property had been rejected for similar reasons.

9.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Councillors agreed unanimously that this should be taken forward and presented as a final package at the June meeting. Appendix one is to include the play park, viewing platform and steps and other assets owned by the Council.

Action Parish Clerk

- 10.0 BROADBAND SERVICE – MEMORIAL HALL. The Clerk advised that costs to install updated facilities including a phone line with 24 month rental contract were in the range of £1,000 to £2,000 net of a grant which could be available. Such equipment would support IT training programmes for the community and provide wider long term benefits. Cllr Rosevear proposed this be taken forward which was seconded by Cllr Case and Clerk to work with the Memorial Hall Committee to bring a final proposal to the June meeting.

Action Parish Clerk

- 11.0 CPRE. Councillor Rosevear explained the background and evolution of CPRE from the Best Kept Villages competition and expressed an interest in taking this forward in 2016. Bigbury News was to be the communication means to ask the community to come forward with ideas as to projects to be considered.

Action Cllr Rosevear

- 12.0 Catering Facilities – Bigbury on Sea lay by. Following advice from the Highways Agency of the dangers associated with using this site and further advice received from our insurers stating the risk would not be covered under our policy, the Council voted unanimously NOT to take this matter any further.

- 13.0 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. Cllr Huntley advised she had contacted Bigbury News to see if we could promote these events (Cream Tea and Pig Roast) on the centre pages of the next edition. This opportunity is being reviewed but an alternative may be to insert a special edition centre fold on coloured paper. This is to be checked with Rose from Bigbury news.

Action Parish Clerk

In respect of a Parish budget to help cover the cost of the events, Cllr Rosevear proposed a sum of £500 (maximum) be made available. Cllr Huntley seconded this and the Council unanimously agreed.

As the events were taking place just days after the June Parish Council meeting it was agreed to form a small sub-committee to oversee the process.

Action Cllr Huntley

- 14.0 VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR. It was confirmed that no applications had been made for this position.
- 15.0 HISTORIC SOCIETY ARCHIVES. Cllr Rosevear proposed the Historic Society archives be stored in the Memorial Hall. Cllr Smith seconded this and the Council unanimously agreed. Clerk to write to confirm. **Action Parish Clerk**
- 16.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING; WEDNESDAY 8th June 2016 – starting at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 09:40 pm

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Bryan Carson, Chairman, Bigbury Parish Council