

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bigbury Parish Council meeting held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Carson (in the chair) Cllrs: R Owen, S Smith, C Case, B Huntley and Clerk R Matthews. C. Cllr R Hosking also attended for part of the meeting and fifteen residents were present.

### 1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Rosevear

### 2.0 Minutes of previous meeting held on December 14th 2016:

The minutes of the meeting held on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 were approved - proposer Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Owen. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 3.0 Matters arising (actions) from last meeting and not covered in this month's agenda:

Chapter eight training was still outstanding and Cllr Case to process application form.

**Action Cllr Case**

Bay Café - It was agreed that Cllr Carson, as Chairman, would contact the agent for a discussion on this topic.

**Action Cllr Carson**

### 4.0 Open session: The following topics were raised:

Residents A and B expressed their concerns in respect of the Waves Edge planning application (1621/16/FUL). The Council's comments are recorded under paragraph 8.0 of these minutes.

Resident A made reference to rumours relating to the withdrawal of the bus service – currently Fridays only. C.Cllr Hosking commented that in his opinion the rumours were unfounded.

Resident C asked if the council were going to arrange for the bus shelter to be painted in 2017. This led to a secondary question as to whether the council owned the bus shelter and the land on which it was positioned or just the land. Establish facts. **Action Clerk**

Resident D advised that signs were still in place directing people to the Post Office which had not been in business for three years. There were also references to the Post Office on a notice board in the bus shelter. Clerk to check both are removed. **Action Clerk**

Resident E gave the following update on Broadband and it was agreed to include the contents in both these minutes and Bigbury News as well as uploading to the Bigbury Community website, which Mr Watts kindly agreed to do.

C.Cllr Hosking commented that the goal was to roll out phase 2 to 95% of properties in Devon and Somerset by the end of 2017 at ultrafast speeds up to 100mb. He also suggested the £500 incentive scheme in respect of properties receiving a service less than 2mb may be reintroduced in April.

It was also agreed that given the significance of this development to the community, a public meeting (not a council meeting) would be organised to communicate to a wider audience.

**Action Clerk**

The points made by resident A were as follows:

Devon County Council has awarded the Broadband contract to Gigaclear, a company that can deliver 1GB of speed to premises. Sofi Francis of Devon County Council is the coordinator.

Gigaclear has procured public investment money from Devon County council for a Fibre to premises rollout that will cover BOS and surrounding areas. Gigaclear won out over BT and other companies bidding for the contract.

Gigaclear provide a future proof service that supersedes the fibre to copper solution BT & others were offering. Technology will render Fibre to copper obsolete in a very short time. Plus, copper is old and constantly degrading.

The rollout map is available on the Gigaclear website. By entering your postcode, you can verify if you are covered and fill in the registration form. The link can be found here <https://www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker/>

The rollout is to occur over the next 3 years but will start in April 2017.

To ensure this parish moves to the front of the rollout queue, it is critical that as many residents as possible register a non-binding interest in the service. It costs nothing to do so. Fibre Broadband will come regardless but if we make a good business case to Gigaclear that they will have a good revenue stream from this section of their rollout right away, we have a very good chance of getting priority.

We need as many residents as possible to get onto the Gigaclear site to register their interest immediately. Rollout planning is underway and it will be decided by April 2017. There are engineering considerations but we can make a very good business case to prioritise us.

Devon County Council will come out to BOS to make a presentation. Gigaclear will attend such a presentation.

Resident F asked if the council were aware that planning application 4097/16/OPA was in existence with a date to respond to SHDC of February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Clerk confirmed this had been communicated by SHDC via a weekly e mail updated and that this was received at 16:23 today. No other formal communication had been received.

Clerk confirmed a communication in respect of changes to road had been received from PCL Planning Ltd under a reference 05/0570/15/0 and the Chairman confirmed that the Council had discussed this topic.

Given the significance of this proposal to the community it was agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss this topic. It was also thought beneficial to hold this meeting jointly with Ringmore Parish Council.

**Action Clerk**

C.Cllr Hosking declared an interest in this topic, stating that if required he would identify a colleague to represent the views of DCC.

#### 5.0 Mr Steve Radford – Manager Parkdean campsite

Unfortunately Mr Radford was unable to attend this meeting and offered his apologies, agreeing to attend the next meeting in February. An invitation is to be sent. **Action Clerk**

#### 6.0 County Councillor's report:

C.Cllr Hosking had already contributed to discussion covered by 3 topics in section 4.0.

C.Cllr Hosking gave a brief update on devolution stating that discussions were taking place this week and further updates would follow.

C.Cllr Hosking stated that the council were reviewing the options required to address the £22 million budget cuts and it was possible that Council Tax may rise above the 2% level.

#### 7.0 District Councillor's report:

Chairman shared with the Council the fact that D.Cllr Ward had resigned from her position and was making no further contribution to council related matters. Her valuable contribution as acknowledged and the appointment of her successor is awaited.

8.0 Planning applications: The following were discussed:

- a. 1621/16/FUL Revised plan received for erection of replacement dwelling Waves Edge, Road to Highfield, Chalfaborough, TQ7 4JB (referred to in section 4.0 above). The Council confirmed this had been discussed and Clerk would be writing to SHDC planning dept. the following day (within the required deadline) to share their unanimous decision to object to this development

9.0 Statement of finances:

Cllr Smith proposed the following payments be approved and cheques prepared. Cllr Case seconded this proposal. The payments are:

£486.00 - R Matthews – Clerk's salary October – December 2016  
£224.40 - R Matthews – Clerk/office expense October – December 2016  
£31.20 – Bigbury News – Printing in respect of Neighbourhood plan  
£13.92 – D Gay – Hanging baskets – bus shelter Bigbury-on-Sea  
£50.00 – Devon Communities Together – annual subscription  
£1200.00 – Bigbury Parish Church churchyard maintenance – annual grant  
£30.00 – Bigbury Memorial Hall – hire of hall for Council meetings  
£16.00 – Modbury Memorial Hall – hire charge for Councillor's meeting  
£38.28 – BT group – rental cost line and broadband Memorial Hall (direct debit)

A bank statement to cash book reconciliation had been completed as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and the balance in hand was £17115.67 of which £1196.90 was held as restricted funds for specific projects.

10.0 Parish Precept 2017/2018:

Cllr Carson advised the Precept had been discussed and a sum of £12,500 had been agreed and set for the coming year. This detail was shared at the meeting and some discussion took place over the breakdown.

It was subsequently proposed by Cllr. Carson and seconded by Cllr. Smith that £350 be made available as a donation to 'The Shrimps'. However it was agreed not to amend the total for the forthcoming year.

11.0 P3 Funding:

Mr Simes, Footpath Warden, gave an update of the process to be undertaken for the P3 funding submission and shared the detail behind the community's 2017/2018 proposal.

Mr Simes acknowledged that many people contribute towards keeping paths in a good condition and thanked the farmers for the goodwill they show.

Mr Simes also acknowledged that the small team from DCC had been very helpful in and around the parish.

Cllr Carson asked Mr Simes to review the safety of the steps on the Warren and include any required work in the 2017/2018 bid.

**Action Footpath Warden**

12.0 Casual vacancy for the office of councilor:

Clerked commented that this vacancy had been posted on notice boards and the Bigbury Community website.

13.0 NBC Environmental proposal

Following a review and discussing relating to the information provided by Cllr. Owen, Cllr Carson proposed that for reasons of legality, cost and effectiveness this proposal would not be followed up. Cllr Smith seconded this proposal.

14.0 Correspondence:

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) Royal British Legion - Letter of thanks for donation
- b) South Hams Citizens Advice - Letter of thanks for donation
- c) Villages in Action - Letter of thanks for donation
- d) Foster Care Associates - request for fund raising event - Walk in the sea (fancy dress) - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2017
- e) Bath Spa University - request to film on Bigbury beach -documentary 'The Wave Project - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 2017
- f) SHDC - request for Army recruitment trailer to be sited in car park July 6<sup>th</sup>
- g) Devon Air Ambulance - identification of night landing site - request to talk to the owner of the golf course and the owner of the fields at the top of Warren Road / Parker Road.  
Would then like to attend a future meeting to discuss further
- h) Allianza - St Ann's Chapel playground

Clerk would respond to d, e and f above and take action in respect of the issues raised in point h.  
**Action Clerk**

15.0 Meeting closed 09:20 pm

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING; WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - starting at 7.30 pm.  
DATE AND TIME OF MEETING IN RESPECT OF CHANGES TO ROAD LAYOUT - TO BE ADVISED

Signed.....  
Bryan Carson, Chairman, Bigbury Parish Council