

BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bigbury Parish Council meeting held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 12th April 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr B Carson (in the chair), D.Cllr B Huntley, Cllrs: G Rosevear, S Smith, C Case, H Getley and Clerk R Matthews. Eleven residents were present.

1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr R Owen and C.Cllr R Gilbert.

2.0 Minutes of previous meetings held on March 8th 2017:

The minutes of the meeting held on March 8th 2017 were approved - proposer Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Rosevear and unanimously agreed by all Councillors. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

3.0 Declaration of Interest - The Chairman read out a statement in respect of Declaration of Interest.

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

Playground – Clerk confirmed a second quotation for repairs was awaited. **Action Clerk**

Playground – it was agreed the playground was in need of a major 'make-over' and Cllr.

Rosevear agreed to investigate potential sources for grants to help with the overall cost.

Action Cllr. Rosevear

The Warren – SHDC had written to the clerk stating it will probably be difficult to do extensive work for this season however they could consider cordoning off the area where the erosion is bad to prevent cars from parking in this area. The Parish Council members consider the area to be unsafe and in need in emergency repairs. Clerk to write to Cathy Auberton to this effect requesting that at the very minimum the dangerous area is cordoned off. **Action Clerk**

Folly Hill flooding – Cllr. Carson confirmed he had been contacted by DCC with dates for Chapter eight training. This was a two day course at a cost of £295 + VAT per person, which would be funded by DCC.

Road salt- Clerk confirmed he had been contacted again by Mr Davies on this matter and it was agreed to confirm to our insurers that we require them to deal with this matter. The Clerk confirmed they had already been advised of a potential claim. **Action Clerk**

Carry forward to a future meeting – Lay-By and possible improvements to / change of use were discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs. Carson, Rosevear and Case would form a small committee to consider the options. This would probably later this year in time for the 2018 season. **Action Cllrs. Carson, Rosevear and Case**

St Lawrence Church – repair of gates. Clerk confirmed that, to date, no formal request had been received along with at least two quotations. This was required before assistance with funding could be considered.

4.0 Open session

Just one specific topic was raised in respect of agenda item 5c, a planning application relating to Ringmore, which the Clerk confirmed had been added to the agenda as a matter of course, having received this formal notification from SHDC planning dept.

Resident A questioned whether the Council had the right to comment as the development was not actually in Bigbury.

Resident B shared with the Council and attendees his very detailed rationale as to why there should be an objection to this development.

Cllr Rosevear explained that Mr Richard Boyt had requested the opportunity to share details of this development with the Council in open session. This was duly done some months earlier and it was stated that if the allocation of affordable housing generated by this development was not fully taken up by residents of Ringmore, it would provide Bigbury residents with an opportunity to absorb the surplus.

The Chairman of Ringmore Parish Council expressed her disappointment at this statement, in as much that Mr Boyt had not taken the time to discuss this matter at all the Ringmore Parish Council, adding that in her estimation at least twenty four local people were in need of improved housing. Sustainability of village life is a challenge especially with an aging population where insularity is an issue.

5.0 Planning applications: The following were discussed:

- a. 0346/17/HHO Re-advertised Application for porch extension – Bantavon, Clematon Hill, Bigbury-on-Sea. The Clerk explained this had been re-advertised for a technical reason relating to the drawing. Council members confirmed unanimously that original decision to support this application was still valid.
- b. 1621/16/FUL Waves Edge, Challaborough, TQ7 4JB. Clerk confirmed this had been included on the agenda as it was an item of interest. D.Cllr Huntley advised the meeting that SHDC Planning Dept. had discussed this development earlier in the day and voted to recommended rejection.
- c. 0669/17/OPA Proposed development site at SX 653 459, land south of Westbury, Ringmore. This had been discussed in open session and after further debate the Council unanimously agreed to submit the following recommendation – NEUTRAL to proposal on the basis that although there was support for a small scale growth including affordable housing (in the area) the Council felt it was a decision for Ringmore Parish Council to make.

6.0 Statement of finances:

The following were submitted for payment:

£350.00 – Bigbury shrimps annual donation (approved 11/01/2017)

£120.00 – SHDC annual charge for payroll services

£137.59 – DALC annual fee

£486.00 – R Matthews – Clerk's salary period January – March 2017

£331.32 – R Matthews – Office related expenses period January – March 2017

£38.28 – BT group – rental cost line and broadband Memorial Hall paid by direct debit

Cllr. Rosevear proposed these payments be made, which was seconded by Cllr. Smith and unanimously agreed by the Council. The Clerk duly prepared the cheques for signature

A bank statement to cash book reconciliation had been completed as of March 31st and the balance in hand was £14709.20 of which £3090.06 was held as restricted funds for specific projects, with a further £1,000.00 allocated to remedial work on the Warren.

An overview of expenditure and usage of the broadband was also given by the Clerk.

The Clerk confirmed that the accounts would shortly be presented for both internal and external audit.

7.0 Correspondence:

Communication was received in respect of the forthcoming increase in car parking charges. SHDC be contacted and invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss this matter.

Action Clerk

A communication in respect of Exercise Tiger at the War Memorial car park, Slapton was shared with the Council.

Cllr. Getley had written to Clerk asking if the conversion process for the car parking machines could be dealt with urgently (they currently don't accept the new £1 coin). This was a major issue for tourists and shop owners, including herself, who were being asked for change. Such requests were not always made in a friendly tone. SHDC is to be contacted. **Action Clerk**

A question had been raised in respect of the Spring placement of a waste skip in the community. It was acknowledged that such a skip would be smaller than in previous years and that rules had changed as to what 'waste' could actually legally be taken away. Cllr. Rosevear agreed to discuss this with Mr Cole. **Action Cllr. Rosevear**

Meeting closed 08:05 pm

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - WEDNESDAY May 10th at 7:30 p.m
This is the AGM of Bigbury Parish Council

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