

## BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of Bigbury Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel on WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: C Carson, G Rosevear, S Smith, E Huntley (D.Cllr.), H Getley, C Case and Clerk R Matthews. C.Cllr Gilbert and five residents were also in attendance.

### 1.0 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman read out a statement in respect of Declaration of Interest and no such interests were acknowledged.

### 2.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. V Scott.

### 3.0 District Councillor's report

D.Cllr. Huntley provided an update on activity since the last meeting, reminding everyone that those registered with Charterlands Chatter had access to more frequent updates.

Rubbish removal around the beach and car park – A new Operative (Anthony) was now working in the area from 10:00 to 14:00 and 16:00 to 19:00 daily. A different Operative was covering Challaborough. At long last more bins were shortly to arrive and be trialed for one week at Bigbury-on-Sea car park. As I am away in the coming week, it is important that Parish Councillors and others (including residents) write to SHDC to advise if this additional capacity is helpful. Please contact Dale.Cropper@swdevon.gov.uk and copy myself [Cllrehuntley.bigburypc@gmail.com](mailto:Cllrehuntley.bigburypc@gmail.com). I have also requested a new dog poo bin to replace the broken one on the Warren.

Ragwort - spot weed killing was completed on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>) and strimming would be completed on the Warren by the end of this week. This area will be attended to and cut by SHDC to coincide with every second grass cut of the Play Park in St Anne's Chapel.

The frequency and cost for grass cutting at the Play Park needs to be finalised.

**Action Clerk**

I am still working on a long term solution for the payment of car parking and WC charges that District Council want to implement. The current situation where local businesses need to provide a coin for notes exchange is both unacceptable and unsustainable. Venus & Beach Shop exchanged £470 on May Day Bank Holiday and Hannah had to provide a pool of £3,900 for the ten day period. SHDC have considered my idea of combining WC & parking charges into a single contactless payment. My hope is that this will relieve Hannah and Venus Café of any need to provide change and lessen queues for the loos which will appear to remain free. There will be no old fashioned (1850!) coin boxes to empty, no Out of Order loos because coin boxes are clogged or full, no staff needed to empty coins, no opportunity for funds to go astray as all monies will go straight to SHDC electronically.

This initiative is supported by C.Cllr. Gilbert who thinks it could be rolled out across the entire South Hams.

Following a discussion between Cllr. Getley and a Mobile Telephone Engineer, I met with the main owner of Burgh Island to explore the use of cupola to house mobile phone signal booster equipment, which could bounce a signal to other points of the Parish. The Head of Maintenance on the island confirmed this was feasible. It may also be possible for the church spire and other buildings to house similar devices, providing greater and improved coverage across the entire Parish. Such installations could attract grants of between £300 and £1,400 from the hosts; perhaps a welcome boost to the church bell fund.

Gigaclear, Telnet and Connecting Devon are to talk at a public meeting about the implementation of ultra-fast broadband across the Parish. Perhaps the Parish Council should adopt a local expert to help interpret the technicalities and translate the concept into words the average person can understand. Phil Shea would be a good person to take on this role.

Cllr. Case reminded the meeting that as this was not an agenda item and as such a discussion and any decision needed to be deferred to a future meeting.

**Action Clerk**

The Avon Estuary Patrol Boat had been reinstated and should cut down on unreasonable behaviour. Buoys had also been placed in Bigbury Bay to limit speeds and make it safer for swimmers.

Waves Edge – the owners are appealing against the condition imposed to lower the ridge height by 12 inches. They hope to overturn this decision. If individuals think this is inappropriate they should write to the Inspectorate - John Simes has web address. The Parish Council also need to consider their position on this matter again, having opposed the additional height at every stage so far in the process.

Warren Cottage - the internal & external work is continuing apace, the grounds look improved and they are hoping to open the café in late August.

The new menu at the Pilchard is well accepted by locals and visitors alike and more staff have been trained to drive the Sea Tractor which reduces the wait for the transit.

Two trees on the island have received Tree Protection Orders last week.

Every pub/cafe in the area is seeking additional staff for the summer.

#### 4.0 Planning related matters

2052/18/HHO Foxhole – Application for a single storey ground floor extension. Having reviewed the plans on line and discussed at the meeting itself, the Councillors were of the opinion that the proposed changes were in keeping with the area and improved the property. Cllr. Rosevear proposed the application be supported. Cllr. Case seconded the proposal which was agreed by the Councillors with the exception of Cllr Huntley who abstained from the vote.

#### 5.0 Finance: Approval of payments to be made and presentation of finance statement

Cllr. Carson proposed the recommended payment be accepted which was seconded by Cllr. Rosevear Smith and all councillors agreed. Clerk was to raise the following payments:  
£30.00 – Bigbury Memorial Hall – hire charges for the use of the hall for Parish Council meetings

#### 6.0 Agenda items for next meeting

Resident A raised a concern about additional car parking spaces at the Oyster Shack – this was to be included on the agenda for the September meeting. **Action Clerk**

**IMPORTANT NOTE – IT WAS DECIDED TO BRING THE DECEMBER MEETING FORWARD BY ONE WEEK TO WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The meeting closed at 7:00pm - the next meeting is to be held on WEDNESDAY September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

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