BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bigbury Parish Council (BPC) held on Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 7:45pm in The Memorial Hall, St Ann’s Chapel. .

PRESENT: Cllrs: E Huntley (EH) (Chair), G Rosevear (GR), S Smith (SS), C Case (CC), V Scott (VS), S Watts (SW), DCC Cllr. R. Gilbert (RG), SHDC Cllr. B. Taylor (BT), Clerk I. Bramble, (IB) and eleven other members of the public.

1.0 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and members of the public.

2.0 Open Session

Local residents expressed considerable concern over recent overnight parking of motor homes in the Warren carpark. Discussion of proposed solutions followed, including barriers and rigid enforcement of parking restrictions, specific alternative sites for overnight stays for motorhome owners and that it would be undesirable to drive holiday makers away. Also we were reminded that the Warren car park should remain accessible to the vehicles involved in transfer of waste and sewage from Burgh Island and it became clear that there can be no simple, single solution. Dist. Cllr. Taylor reminded us that SHDC is carrying out a 12 month ‘market test’ in selected car parks in the district at the end of which further consultation will take place before deciding whether or not to continue. However the Bigbury on Sea car parks are not included in this ‘test group’ and so will have to lobby for a solution specific to them.

Residents also complained about the initial weeks of the new ‘super recycling scheme ’, and Cllr. Taylor reported that SHDC was investigating the problems that have arisen, ranging from shortfalls in the delivery of bins to missed collections. Further reports will be made on this issue.

It was noted that the Bowls Cross signpost had oce again been knocked down but strangely with the finger signs and post left undamaged, in spite of the sizeable and weighty concrete foundations being pulled out of the ground completely. IB will obtain quotes for new signs but the positioning of the post will also be investigated with highways. **IB to action**

The matter of the now closed footpath on Folly Hill, behind Bigbury on Sea was raised with the request to reinstate it. CC advised that the open access agreement with Folly Hill Farm was now closed but that other footpaths existed

that remain open and serve to replace the access that was provided by the now closed footpath.

Also issues concerning the Waves Edge development in Challaborough were brought to the council’s attention and Distr. Cllr Taylor stated that SHDC were treating these as enforcement issue for investigation and would report in due course.

3.0 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr. Rosevear..

4.0 Declarations of interest

CC declared an interest in Bolt House in agenda item 10.0.

5.0 Approval of minutes of April BPC meeting

Cllr Watts was concerned that for Agenda Item 10.0; 0386/21/FUL the minutes did not make clear that the provision for ancillary accommodation meant that it was intended for residential accommodation only for restaurant staff and management when on site. VS commented that ‘ancillary’ meant ancillary to the restaurant for the specific purpose of the restaurant.

EH proposed approval, KH Seconded and unanimously approved.

6.0 Matters Arising

IB raised the Climate Change training course and asked if BPC wished to appoint a councillor to attend. KH said

she would consider and the editor of Bigbury News was suggested as a nominee. IB is to see clarification of the joining procedure and definitive costs, assuming it will be Zoom course. **IB action**

7.0 County Councillor’s report

Cllr Gilbert expressed delight at his re-election for a further term as our County Councillor and thanked those who supported him throughout and in the election. The Council is now dissolved, to be reformed under a new Chairman at its first full Council Meeting on May 27; that Cllr J. Hart has been re-elected as leader by the Conservative group which holds a controlling majority and is forming a new cabinet which is expected to be ratified, also on May 27.

CC raised the matter of the cost of the new road junction works opposite the Flete House entrance near Ermington and RG reassured those present that this was not coming from DCC’s budget but from Central Government to make safe a road and junction indentified from statistics as needing urgent safety improvements. SW raised the matter of pinch points on the Loddiswell to Kittaford Cross road and RG reported that this is an issue DCC now recognises and RG is optimistic that it will be addressed by DCC as opposed to being ignored.

8.0 District Councillor’s report

BT reported that SHDC is still lobbying to solve the problem of holiday home owners avoiding both council tax and business rates.

SS asked if SHDC kept a centralised list of all properties in the district with agricultural ties and whether BPC could gain access via SHDC to the land registry.

BT reported that the Korniloff application is on hold awaiting its re-allocation to a new planning case officer. A new appointment is in the pipeline but BT anticipates slow progess on this application.

9.0 Financial statement

Payments due in May:

£ 37.14 by DD to BT for Memorial Hall

£ 14.39 Mr. I Bramble re. April Zoom payment

£ 5.10 Mr. I Bramble re. Postage

£ 200.70 Mr. I Bramble re Purley Paper for Bigbury News

The cash book has been updated to April 30th 2021 for uploading onto the Bigbury Community Website upon BPC approval.

The Cash Book and bank statements have been reconciled to April 30th @ £47,014.87 and the working surplus stands at £31,015.11

10.0 Planning Related Matters

1240/21/HHO: Bolt House, Folly Hill, Bigbury on Sea, TQ7 4AR:

Following a site visit VS reported concerns about a first floor balcony which would be contrary to SHDC’s ‘Guide to Barn Conversions’ (GBC) and concerns about overlooking from the balcony on to neighbouring properties. There would be no concerns about a floor to ceiling window with an internal barrier. VS proposed objection due to its harm to the appearance of a listed barn conversion and to overlooking of neighbouring properties. SS seconded and SW, KH and EH supported this proposed objection, while CC abstained.

0953/21/CLE: East Green Bigbury, TQ7 4AN.

At the time of this meeting SHDC had already approved this Certificate of Lawfulness application.

1280/21/HHO: Land at Ashford, SX678 487 Boarshill, Aveton Gifford.

Councillors had no objection to this development and VS proposed support, SS seconded and support for this was unanimous.

0907/21/HHO: Ringmore Drive, Bigbury on Sea, TQ7 4AZ

Councillors did not object to this application. SS proposed support KH seconded and support for this was unanimous.

1228/21/HHO: Lincombe Barn, Bigbury, TQ7 4BD

VS reported that there are many errors in this retrospective application and the drawings submitted, e.g. it does not include the unapproved external staircase, which BPC contends should be removed as a condition of approval if the case officer is minded to approve. A member of the public commented that the many unapproved changes are to maximise revenue from what is now a holiday let and that the SHDC ‘Guide to Barn Conversions’ (GBC) and the NHP have not been understood and have been ignored. VS referred to the GBC with regard to windows and other significant additions not in keeping with this heritage asset, e.g. external flues and oil tank. BT voiced concern that if this application was approved it would provide a blueprint for future barn conversions. Other councillors queried whether the inaccurate drawings etc., were reasons in themselves for planners to refuse approval. On the basis of breaches of adopted local policies and its setting now being harmful to the South Hams AONB VS proposed objection. This was seconded by EH and the objection supported by KH, SS, SW. CC abstained.

4253/20/FUL: Korniloff, Bigbury-on –Sea, TQ7 4AZ.

Previously discussed in BT’s report and with a revised application and the appointment of a new case officer pending no further discussion took place.

Motor Homes Parking in Parish Car Parks.

This had been discussed in detail in the Open Session and the question arose as to where motor homes could be allowed to park overnight. Bigbury Golf Club Manager stated they would not not be allowed in the club car park. CC requested that locality officers and parking wardens know exactly what the restrictions are and the action allowed to enforce them. A suggestion was made that car parks be chained and locked between 9:00pm and 8:00am and BT was asked to take this forward to SHDC. BT replied that SHDC was looking at solutions with some urgency.

St Ann’s Chapel Street Naming

The developer of the new estate has asked for parish suggestions for a name for the new road through the estate. VS asked why that re-routed section of the B3392 needed to be named? SS suggested that each house on that section of road could be named but the cul de sacs off the main road were a different matter and that developer’s letter was unclear about that and that clarification will be sought. **IB Action**

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IB reported that work was underway to submit the return by June 30.

Correspondence Received

Correspondence had been received ref. Waves Edge, Challaborough and the footpath on Folly Hill behind Bigbury on Sea. Both of these issues had been raised in the Open Session. SHDC had reported on the Devon County Council Elections, Neighbourhood Plan Referenda and the Police and Crime Commissioner election.

AOB

No other matters were raised.

The meeting ended at 21:50.

The next meeting will be held in **the Memorial Hall, St Ann’s Chapel at 7:30pm on Wednesday, June 9th**

Signed ……………………………………………………

Chairman…………………………………Date………………