BIGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bigbury Parish Council (BPC) held on **Wednesday July 14th 2021 at 7:30pm** in

**The Memorial Hall**, St Ann’s Chapel.

Present: Cllr G Rosevear, in the Chair. Cllr S Watts (SW), Cllr K Holland (KH), Cllr S Smith (SS), Cllr V Scott (VS), DCC County Cllr R Gilbert (RG), SHDC Dist. Cllr. B Taylor (BT), Clerk I. Bramble (IB) and 3 other members of the public.

1.0 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and members of the public.

2.0 Open Session

 A member of the public commented that the bus shelter at Bigbury on Sea was in a poor state of repair.

 **IB Action**

3.0 Apologies for absence

 Received from Cllr. Huntley and Cllr Case, and Cllr Scott in advance of late arrival.

4.0 Declarations of interest

 There were no declarations of interest.

5.0 Approval of minutes of June 9th BPC meeting

 GR proposed approval SS seconded and approval was unanimous

6.0 Matters Arising

 IB advised that removal of ex-BPC councillors as cheque signatories was in hand. **IB Action**

7.0 County Councillor’s report

 RG reminded BPC that potholes needing repair must be reported on line and that dry summer weather was the best time to do so for repairs to be most effective. Pothole repair was discussed as a possible task for a Parish Lengthsman and RG advised that DCC has the budget to provide training, tools and materials, however the budget for ‘patching and resurfacing’ was constrained.

RG replied to correspondence from BPC ref. the transport of wide loads/mobile homes, whether DCC are notified of such movements and if there is some way to enforce large vehicles using the roads.

RG replied; *’There isn’t unless widths are greater than 2.9mtrs, in which case abnormal loads rules kick in. 10ft-12ft static caravans and the like are legally abnormal loads and so there is a requirement to obtain a police permit. DCC are never warned about these loads’.*

RG commented too on the much wanted widening of the B3196 Loddiswell to Kitterford Cross and a commitment by senior DCC officers to secure future funding for this although when is not known.

8.0 District Councillor’s Report

 BT reported; that refuse collection is improving though still not as intended but was confident that steps taken would restore the service to what it should be and also pointed out that bottles left in bags by filled bottle banks’, is, in fact, fly tipping;

BT reported that he will be voting to support Climate ‘Emergency Bill’ at SHDC’s full Council meeting.

BT reported also on SHDC’s proposed Community Car and Bike share service.

BT suggested collaboration over a parish lengthsman with other parishes may be helpful and finally

BT noted that although Burgh Island is not a part of the AONB it is ‘looked after’ by the AONB management team.at SHDC. KH then commented that signage for dog free areas on the beach at Bigbury-on-Sea was still inadequate. GR suggested that KH and VS collaborate to produce a recommendation to submit to BT.

 **KH & VS Action**

9.0 Financial statement

 Payments due in July,

 £ 14.39 Mr. I Bramble Ref. June Zoom payment

 £ 8.10-Mr. I Bramble; Clerk’s return mileage @.45p/mile, to the Memorial Hall for June BPC.

 £ 10.80-Mr. I. Bramble; Clerk’s return mileage @.45p/mile, to Bigbury on Sea re July meeting Agenda.

 £ 1.70-Mr. I Bramble: Clerk’s postage to Mr A. Tanner, Internal Auditor and Mrs L. Wainwright.re. Carbon Net Zero course.

 £660.00-Mr. I Bramble: Clerk’s salary April 1 –June 30.

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

 The Cash Book and bank statements have been reconciled to June 30th @ £44,664.16 and the working surplus stands at £28,664.40.

10.0 Planning Related Matters

 1683/21/FUL: The Old School House, The Sycamores Ringmore, TQ7 3HZ. VS reported no objection in principle to this application and proposed BPC submit a response of ‘No Objection’ to SHDC. SW abstained and all other councillors supported the proposal **IB Action**

11.0 Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan.

VS has already circulated comments to BPC and sent them to Ringmore Parish Council. SS proposed we send those to SHDC also and this was unanimously supported. **IB Action**

12.00 Play Park

KH reported that she and CC had discussed further progress on this project and that given CC’s absence this should be carried forward to the September BPC. GR suggested consulting with Tom Coates at Modbury re. Modbury’s new play park to be opened later in July

GR said he would confer with CC and then contact the solicitors for the family trust which owns the playing field to establish details of the trust and more importantly the status of the lease.

A member of the public made the case for the parish establish a sinking fund to cover ongoing maintenance and repair costs of equipment. GR stated that this, together with an annual maintenance budget would be included in any proposals put to BPC.

13.0 Archaeological Dig, St Ann’s Chapel

VS briefed BPC on the finding of Neolithic remains, within a circular boundary, on the development site but noted that the dig has occurred at a late stage in the planning/development process and unless Historic England(HE) ‘schedule’ the site it is likely that the remains will be listed and installed in a museum. However it may be too late and with too little detail remaining on the site for HE to schedule it as nationally significant. However DCC is monitoring the site and if it is believed to be nationally significant it may be possible to save and preserve it, although SW commented the parish does nothing with the existing, undeveloped site of Neolithic remains and asked how the parish could use the site if it is preserved. VS. made various suggestions, should the opportunity be given.

14.0 Bigbury Net Zero

GR suggested that Mr and Mrs Wainwright be invited to the September meeting to give an update.

 **IB Action**

15.0 Parish Lengthsman.

Given the need felt by BPC for a lengthsman and that a member of the public has stepped forward to fulfill the role. GR suggested that SW lead a group to decide on the Lengthsman’s precise function and when established to invite other parishes to comment and possibly participate. It was felt that the lengthsman should be both reactive and proactive. GR proposed a group as above: VS seconded and support was unanimous. **SW Action**

16.0 Devon Wildlife Network

GR suggested information be circulated within the parish to encourage a young person with professional knowledge to become involved. SW suggested that Henry Wainwright be invited to participate; agreed by all. **SW Action**

17.0 Correspondence Received.

IB advised that a member of the public had written to BPC asking for action to be taken to deal with overhanging growth on Folly Hill and undergrowth also on Folly Hill which is obscuring double yellow lines. BPC will continue to make representations to the owners of the land responsible for both issues.

Notification of the following surveys has been received:

* Electric Car and Bike sharing survey, closes 5/08/21;
* Peninsular Transport Survey, closes 17/09/21;
* National Bus Strategy, closes 15/08/21;
* Managing Green Spaces, closes 5/08/21.

Details of the above can be obtained from the Clerk

Notification has also been received of new planning consultations responses:

1148/21/FUL, Herb Heaven, Aveton Gifford

2720/21/FUL, Barby Lodge, Bigbury on Sea

18.0 Any Other Business.

IB advised he will again contact DCC to replace the missing finger post at Bowls Cross and that additional signposting of St. Lawrence’s will be an agenda item for the September meeting. **IB Action**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:00pm

The next meeting will be held in **the Memorial Hall, St Ann’s Chapel at 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021.**

Signed ……………………………………………………

Chairman…Cllr. G. Rosevear………………………………Date………………