



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.45 pm. at Bridgerule Village Hall.

Present: Vice-Chairman: Cllr K. James
Councillors: Cllrs D Hale, J. McDougall, S Cholwill, S. Hillier-Cholwill
In Attendance: Clerk.
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Apologies: Cllrs. B Beadle, C. Houghton, J. Philpott.

2820. Declaration of Interests: The chairman asked that interests be declared as they arise.

2821. Public Session: No questions raised.

2822. Councillor Vacancies: Statements from three interested parties had been given to all councillors and a vote was taken from councillors present at the meeting. Mr. K Bowditch and Mr. F. Cogdell were voted onto the council to fill the two vacancies. Register of interest forms to be forwarded to TDC.

2823. Police Report : No report given.
JM reported a barn at Dux Woods had been burgled recently.

2824. County Councillors Report : No report given.

2825. District Councillors Report : Torridge had been discussing proposed Council Tax figures ,the precept, and its allocation for the coming year but the figures had not yet been agreed but are due to finalised shortly. Active Torridge Ltd, the company managing leisure from April has appointed a general manager. The 1610 Leisure centre has had to close for 6-8 weeks due to boiler problems. TDC are looking at producing a "5 year plan" by the end of 2023.

2826. Council Meeting Minutes : Minutes of 15th November 2021 agreed by all councillors and signed by the Vice-Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st Cllr McDougall, 2nd Cllr .Cholwill.

2827. Matters Arising : Dog bins – a request to TDC had been made to re-site the existing bin further away from the bus shelter.
Purchase of another bin was discussed, siting and sizes. KJ and DH to visit site of other existing bin near the river to assess further before next meeting. The new website is currently under construction and the link to view to be emailed to councillors to view before finalising.

2828. Jubilee Tree update : Westward Housing requested that the council give an undertaking to maintain, prune and water the Cherry trees to be sited on the green. All councillors in favour and confirmation of this to be sent to them.

2829. Village Christmas Tree: The council were prepared to make a donation of £100 towards the costs of the tree and lighting to a resident who had organised the display, however the resident thanked the council for their generosity by letter and returned the donation to the council, by cheque. The resident wanted it noted that they would continue to pay all costs incurred, now and in future themselves.

2830. Bench in Memory of E. McArthur : Costs of the bench, fixings and plaque were discussed. It was agreed that a site meeting take place with DH and KJ to plan siting and space needed for the bench by the river area and discuss further in January.

2831. Accounts and expenses due for payment:
A Foster – Website on account payment £200,
A Harvey- Clerks expenses, printer ink and stamps £25.82

DALC – Clerks training course x 2 £72.00

Current account balance as of 29.11.2021 £8787.68.

Finance sheets given to councillors for information.

Proposed 1st KJ, 2nd S HC. All councillors in favour of all the above.

Cllr H-C asked if the account named in the finance sheets “Playing field” could be re-named as “Sports Hall”, the change of name to be amended on future finance sheets . Proposed 1st KJ, 2nd FC. All councillors in favour.

2832.Planning :

**1/1157/2021/FUL Extension to dwelling and alterations,
Newacott House, Bridgerule, Devon. EX22 7EA.**

“The council support the application but oppose the roof terrace for reasons of privacy and overlooking”.

1/1050/2021/FUL

**Barn at Knowle Farm, Marhamchurch, Bude. Conversion of barn to holiday unit.
Application had been granted permission.**

**1/1152/2021/FUL Barn at Little Bridge Farm, Bridgerule. Conversion and extension of existing barn
to form dwelling. The application has been withdrawn.**

2833.General Budget:

Was discussed and budget sheets to date given to councillors. A query was raised regarding two payments made for the grass cutting at the Football club, it appeared no payment was made during 2020, clerk to verify with bank statements. It was decided to go ahead with purchase of new playpark equipment and place the order, as there would be an increase in prices in January. The sports hall and plans for it, were discussed.

2834.Highways:

Potholes at : entrance to the Green, Newacott to Merrifield Cross, Furze to Dux Cross, the hole at Dux lane has become larger. The signpost at Bridgemoor Cross has been damaged and needs repairing. Clerk to report to highways.

2835.Village Hall:

Nothing to report.

2836.Correspondence :

The clerk had received a request for the April minutes, these have now been published on the website.

A letter from a resident regarding a Christmas tree in the village, (see item number 2829).

A letter from a resident regarding parking problems on the road to Borough Cross. Worker's vehicles were parking along the road and in the passing space by day, making it difficult for buses and other vehicles to pass. Clerk to report to Highways.

A letter from the Community Liaison Officer, Derril Water Solar Farm, regarding a possible meeting to be held in the New Year. They will be in touch again in due course.

2837.Chairmans Report:

Nothing to report.

2838.Clerks Report:

Clerk had been reviewing policies and governance documents for new website. Change of correspondence address for the bank in process. Four Grant applications have been received to date.

2839.Exchange of Information:

Future plans for the Sports Hall discussed, to be put on Agenda for next meeting.

Car parking at the school.

Usual monthly meetings to remain on Tuesdays, normally the third Tuesday of the month.

2840.Meeting Closed. 9.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 18th January 2022.

Signed by Meeting Chairman :.....

Date of signing :