



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.45 pm. at Bridgerule Village Hall.

Present: Vice-Chairman: D. Hale

Councillors: Cllrs J. McDougall, C. Houghton, K Bowditch, S. Cholwill, J. Philpott.

In Attendance: Clerk.

Apologies: F. Cogdell, B. Beadle, S. Hillier-Cholwill

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

2894. Public Session: No questions raised.

2895. Police Report : No report given.

2896. County Councillors Report - Nothing to report.

2897. District Councillors Report – No report given.

2898. Council Meeting Minutes – Minutes 15th March 2022 agreed by councillors present and signed by the Vice-Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st JMD, 2nd CH, all councillors in favour.

2899. Matters Arising – Clerk had received a response from Westward Housing regarding the vacant property, 35 The Green. It had been monitored for a period and assessed for subsidence, a report had been done which proved no subsidence and the property will now be repaired, refurbished and become available for housing in due course.

2900. Accounts and Accounts due for payment : Finance sheets had been circulated and given to all councillors.

Items due for payment this month were,
£75.00, Accountants Fees,
£45.00, Memorial Plaque for Jubilee Tree,
£125.19, 2 Cherry trees, stakes, ties and compost,
£160.00 Grass cutting April,
£40.29 for Ink for new printer,
£97.93 for New Printer,
£84.00 for Playground Inspection.

Current Account balance agreed as at 30th March £21,921.60.

SC mentioned the playground inspection report, where a bin was pictured overflowing. It was decided to organise regular emptying by a nominated person going forwards.

Approval of Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2021, accounts had been circulated to all councillors. Will now be posted onto the council website.

Approval of additional 1 hour per week to clerk's salary, from May, annual pay increase of 1.75% to hourly rate, increase to monthly salary from £264.16 to £313.57 per calendar month.

Proposed 1st, CH, 2nd JMD, all councillors in favour .

2901. To Receive Correspondence: had been received from Playforce IDVerde, regarding new playpark equipment installation. Works were now due to commence w/c 25th April.

A notice regarding this and closure of the park whilst work underway would be arranged for display by SC.

2902. Chairmans Report : Nothing to report.

2903. Additional Signatory and Online Banking Application: - Clerk to be added to the existing signatories to enable online banking for the council's accounts, the removal of a signatory no longer a council member was discussed. This could be done at the same time. Payments made in future this way would be subject to controls, ie, require an electronic permission from an existing signatory and only after full council approval at its monthly meetings, in the same way as a written cheque. A SOP regarding this would be needed. Proposed 1st, JP, 2nd KB, all councillors in favour.

2904. Planning –

1/0245/2022/FUL Erection of implement store, Southview, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon. EX22 6XY

J MD declared an interest and refrained from discussion and voting.

“The council support the application”.

5 for, 1 abstention, carried,

1/0292/2022/FUL – Proposed Orangery, Re-submission of 1/0997/2021/FUL, Newacott House, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon.

“The council support the application”.

All councillors in favour.

1/0295/2022/FUL – Proposed Summer House/Orangery, Sanctuary Lodge, Bridgerule, Devon. E227148 N102209.

“The council has no comment on the above application”.

All councillors in favour.

2905. Highways : - Potholes and poor road conditions at

Dux Cross to Furze Cross, reported to Highways ref: W221508831, assessment by 6/5/22

Furze Cross to Bounds Cross, reported to Highways ref: W221508832, assessment by 6/5/22

Newacott Cross to Merrifield was becoming dangerous,

CH had contacted TDC recently about the road called “Middle Road” regarding ongoing problems with parking, kerbstones, near the new properties there. Was told to contact Highways. CH had contacted KJ about the kerbstones. The road from Borough Cross to Bridgerule village was liable to flooding and needed a site meeting as soon as possible. This road was used by the school bus, which was not operating along this road at present, due to current conditions.

2906. Jubilee Party/Lunch/Celebrations. A bonfire was to be lit at 9.45pm on hilltop land owned by DH on the 2nd June.

A High Tea for Invited Members of the “Coffee Club” of the hall had been planned. JP asked if the event and membership of the club was open to all residents of the village. SC explained that it had been originally set up for retired people and had evolved to be known as the “Village Coffee Club” as a way of local people meeting, although not age exclusive. The tea would also be held on the 2nd June.

Family Games, Tug of War and Fun was planned at 2.00pm at Vinnicombe Park, organised by S HC.

Crowning of Village Jubilee Queen at the hall at 4.00pm and official opening of the new Playpark at 4.00pm,

Followed by a Complimentary Jubilee tea for everyone, it was hoped that the tea could be eaten outside around the park, but in the hall if wet. SC had obtained a grant to provide the tea.

The school had preferred to organise an event for Revel Week.

S HC would organise a “Jubilee Hunt” for the children.

Presentation of Commemorative Mugs to children of the parish who wished to receive them. Letters had been sent out to those eligible. 108 could be needed. A discussion followed a proposal to purchase the mugs, up to a cost of £500, if necessary. Having the parish printed on the mugs would make the cost more expensive, as would the photo of the queen. Proposed purchase of the mugs when numbers needed finalised, 1st KB, 2nd CH, all councillors in favour.

CH had wanted to organise a street party and had approached Glebe House, who were willing to host this, as they could offer wet weather provision, if needed. CH would now inform Glebe House that because other events had been planned it may result in low attendance to run this alongside what has been planned and thank them for their kind offer to host.

Music at the Bridge Inn, the “Country Strong Band” at 8pm to 10pm.

Sunday 5th June, Service at 10.30am at the Methodist Chapel by Mark Shears.

and Jubilee Service at St. Bridget's, at 7.00pm, led by Mary Alcheler.

2907. Village Hall: -nothing to report.

2908. E. MacArthur Bench – It was decided to approach NNB for a price for a bespoke bench, which would accommodate the size of memorial plaque required.

2909. Clerks Report : -. Annual exemption form had been received from Auditors, audit would need to be prepared and submitted, with accounts and reviewed and updated Council Governance policies.

2910. Exchange of Information :

CH said that a new rubbish bin was needed for the village,
SC said that the bus shelter roof had been damaged by recent storms and had sent email to clerk regarding this, email had not been seen or received, clerk to agenda for next meeting and inform Chairman.
Recycled benches from TDC for the new Playpark, they are at currently at Holsworthy Youth Centre, prior to removal.
Rubbish has been accumulating by the Football Field,
Packages and deliveries have been noted being left by doors at Newacott, outside of Highlands. Animals and a caravan in field next door. Can enforcement be contacted?

2911. Meeting Closed 9.00 pm.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 17th May, 2022, AGM at 7.45pm, followed by parish meeting.

Signed by Meeting Chairman :.....

Date of signing :