



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7.45 pm. at Bridgerule Village Hall.

Present: Chairman: K. James

Vice- Chairman D. Hale, Councillors: Cllrs J. McDougall, S. Cholwill, J. Philpott, F. Cogdell, B. Beadle.

In Attendance: Clerk.

Public x 2. Arrived at 8.40pm.

Apologies: Cllr. K. Bowditch.

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

2948. Public Session: No questions raised.

2949. Police Report : No report given.

Crime report received from TDNW Scheme; no crimes had been reported in Bridgerule.

2950. County Councillors Report - Nothing to report.

2951. District Councillors Report – KJ said that the TDC run Leisure Centres were operating well at present. The Maritime project currently underway along the quayside was progressing and hopes were to build a campus in the Bideford - Appledore area, a university standard campus, in conjunction with Plymouth University. Applications for funding for the project were being pursued. The new Environmental Centre for TDC in Bideford was making progress, as the new building was hoped to be carbon neutral, when built. A meeting had taken place today to discuss the shortage of Affordable Housing in the Torridge area. Talks had been held with the Astor Company. There are currently approximately 60 families registered as in need and waiting for housing. There is no 5 year suitable land supply at present and TDC are looking for additional land to increase its holding.

2952. Council Meeting Minutes – Minutes 17th May 2022, had been circulated to councillors and a spelling mistake had been noted in item 2944. It should have read NBB and appeared as NNB. The Chairman with agreement from all councillors amended the abbreviation to NBB and signed this, and the minutes were then agreed by councillors present and signed by the Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st DH 2nd SC, all councillors in favour.

2953. Matters Arising –SC asked if there was any further progress to report on the bus shelter, none as yet, although KJ had inspected it. The vacant property owned by Westward Housing at The Green had not been re-let at present, although works at the property had been noted recently. KJ said he was aware of another association owned property at St. Giles which had been vacant for around 12 months.

2954. To Receive Correspondence : Clerk had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Hillier-Cholwill, this was accepted with regret by the council. Clerk to notify election office at TDC of vacancy.

An enquiry asking if there were any potential developments for housing for local families within the village, Enforcement at TDC had provided a case number for the matter reported to them,

Telephone call from local resident near Littlebridge, regarding loud music, noise and lights from a property nearby to their property, currently used as a holiday home. Lights could be seen on up till around 2 am and noise and music could be heard very late at night and in the early morning from use of the Jacuzzi at the property. The property was next to "Inglenook". DH said he was aware of this issue this week as a family member resided near there. KJ said he would bring the issue to the attention of the Environmental Manager at TDC, and advise the resident to contact this department at TDC who are responsible for Noise and Anti-social behaviour issues, clerk to contact resident.
Sent : Letter to Westward Housing re a large pothole at the bend, on coming into the road to The Green

2955. Accounts and Accounts due for payment : Finance sheets had been circulated and given to all councillors.

Items due for payment this month were,
£1062.00, Picnic Bench,
£372.15, Annual Insurance,
£ 62.32, Paper, Ink, Postage,
£ 91.44, Clerks extra hours March,
£ 180.00, Grass cutting June,
£ 243.83, DALC, Annual Subscription, Training
£ 144.65, Drains and cover for Playpark,

Current Account balance agreed at £25,527.75 as at 30th May 2022.

Proposed 1st KJ, 2nd DH, all councillors in favour.

2956. Chairmans Report : Nothing to report

2957. Planning –

**1/0420/2022/FUH – Part Retrospective application for proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling-
Re-submission of 1/10119/2021/FUH, East View, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon.**

"The council does not approve of Retrospective Applications"

All councillors in favour.

Planning Applications for Information Only,

1/0119/2022/FUH, Conversion of barn to residential dwelling, Application had been granted permission.

1/0295/2022/FUL – Proposed Summerhouse/Orangery, Sanctuary Lodge, Bridgerule. Application had been withdrawn

JMD asked if a date had been set for the hearing of the review for the proposed Solar Park at Pyworthy, KJ said it was under Judicial review and would inform the council of any intended date, when known.

2941. Village Hall : A glass panel in the door had been smashed and would need replacing.

Two members of the public arrived at 8.40pm.

FC asked what was happening about the remaining piece of new equipment for the Playpark, the piece was due to be installed in July .

2942. Highways : Potholes along the road from Furze Cross to Dux Cross had now been repaired. A road closure was imminent for 2 nights on the road in Holsworthy, in the direction of Rydon village.

Large pothole in the road on the bend of The Green, emails had been sent to Westward Housing.

FC said that some tarmacing had been done by the new housing development and Highways had been consulted regarding the hedge on the road from the village to Borough Cross.

Potholes at Newacott Cross to Merrifield, clerk to report to Highways. Reported, Ref : W221523816

B3254 road, Reported, Ref: W221523820.

2943. E. MacArthur Plaque – Artwork from Jag Signs for the design and wording of the plaque to be placed on the picnic bench had been circulated to all councillors, prior to the meeting. It had also been sent to the local artist for their feedback, comments and approval. Additional wording and information had been added from the original design.

The plaque cost quoted was approximately £95.00 plus VAT. DH said he would check the proposed position on the bench top, that the screw positions would be in line with the bench slats before ordering the plaque, as the bench was currently temporarily stored at his property, following delivery. All councillors in favour, unanimously agreed.

2944. Clerks Report : -The Annual Governance Audit had been completed and sent to PKF Littlejohn. The Vat repayment submission payment had not yet been received from HRMC. Clerk had telephoned and informed claims could take up to 60 working days to completely process.

2945. Dog Bins : After discussion, it was decided that another bin was needed, for the area near the Hall. Bins and the post fixings could be purchased from Glasdon, at a cost of £153.98 plus VAT and delivery. It was decided to go ahead and order a red 25l Fido bin. Clerk had contacted Recycling at TDC regarding re-siting the existing bin further away from its present site near to the bus stop. The council would need to arrange to move it and TDC would service it when notified of the new location, along with the new bin when purchased. Proposed 1st BB, 2nd, JP, all councillors in favour.

2946. Exchange of Information :

FC asked how are the plans for the shop progressing? Planning approval was needed before any further grant Applications could be made. KJ to contact Planning at TDC on the matter. It had been hoped the shop would be in existence by the early spring this year.

A brick had been smashed near the Playpark area and shards of it could be seen on the grass.

A bolt and padlock were to be fitted on the gate at the back of the Playpark.

BB said there were difficulties in maintain the grass verges and hedges on the car park site due to parking.

Is overnight parking for camper vehicles allowed in the car park and could a sign be placed regarding this? As the council own the car park land it was decided to Agenda this item for further discussion next month

2947. Meeting Closed 9.11 pm.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 19th July, 2022 at 7.45p.m

Signed by Meeting Chairman :

Date of signing :