



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

Present: Chairman: K. James

Vice- Chairman D. Hale, Councillors: Cllrs J. McDougall, S. Cholwill, K. Bowditch, F. Cogdell.

In Attendance: Clerk.

Apologies: Cllrs B. Beadle, J. Philpott

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 – A bid from TDC has been put in place for the Marine project at Appledore, awaiting outcome of this. The local planning report which was due to be completed in 2023, may now not be finalised until 2026, due to some dispute of objectives and aims. TDC had held a discussion on development of Rural Areas.

2952. Council Meeting Minutes – Minutes 21st June 2022, had been circulated to councillors, and the minutes were agreed by councillors present and signed by the Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st KJ 2nd JMD, all councillors in favour.

2953. Matters Arising –FC asked for progress on the new dog bin. Clerk to order from Glasdon. A discussion on the re-siting of the bin followed, to be moved away from its existing site next to the bus shelter. FC would assist BB with this task when the bin arrived. The new bin to be sited on the grassed area of the car park/village hall, in a suitable and accessible position.

FC referred to item 2942: Highways -Some tarmac 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. He had received an email reply from Highways, informing that an email had been sent by Highways to the Planning Officer at TDC and the Highways Agreement Officer, as failure by the developers to move the hedge back as shown in the plans would lead to an Enforcement Case being raised on the issue.

SC said that a mobile unit has been seen emptying sewage from the new development on a twice weekly basis. Enforcement at TDC to be informed of this.

2954. To Receive Correspondence : Clerk had received Sustainable Survey from North Devon, Communication from auditors PKF Littlejohn and Highways. Also received, contact from the website from a resident, regarding a dead tree in a hedge, along the lane, near Littlebridge Farm, and enquiring of ownership or responsibility for it, as the resident felt that it may become dangerous to property or public in future. As the hedgerow had multiple owners along its length, it would be the responsibility of the owner where the tree had been growing from, and the council had no jurisdiction over this matter. The lane was known as common land and at least one person had a legal right of way along it. Correspondence to be sent as reply to the resident, to this effect.

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

Items due for payment this month were,

£180.00, Grass cutting,

£64.07, Postage and Microsoft annual subscription,

KJ asked for details on payments made to the Football Club for their grass cutting, as the team had been reformed for the next season. 3 cheques for £600 had been cashed on 17.03.21, 15.06.21 and 01.11.21, the first cheque was the payment due in 2020-21, which due to Covid restrictions had not been issued sooner in that financial year. Therefore, the club was in receipt of 2 payments for the financial year of 2021-2022.

Current Account balance agreed at £24,735.77 as at 28th June 2022.

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

2956. Chairmans Report : Nothing to report

2957. Planning –

1/0753/2022/AGMB – Prior Notification for the change of use of Agricultural building to 4 dwellings and associated building operations under Class Q, Agricultural Building at Borough Farm, Bridgerule.

“The council has no objections to the application but have concerns about the properties access to the highway from the location, a narrow lane and note there appears to be no designated parking for the properties “.

All councillors in favour.

Planning Applications Granted Permission : for information only,

1/0292/2022/FUL -Proposed Orangery, Newacott House, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon.

1/0420/2022/FUH – Part-restrospective application, East View, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon.

2958. Councillor Vacancies : No applications had been received yet. Two vacancies to be filled by co-option as verified by Elections Office at TDC. KJ said that TDC would accept co-options until October.

2959. Village Hall and Community Shop Plans for TDC : KB showed the prospective plans to the councillors, and as the shop would be built on parish land, served notice to the council under the Order 2015- Notice Under Article 13, which the chairman accepted and said the council would await detailed plans. Details of dimensions would be needed from floor to eaves and a block plan would be prepared. KB said the proposed shop would be 12 metres in length and 5 metres wide. Some councillors commented that the size was substantial. SC said that the plans included a shop storage area as well as retail space and a café, which would be situated at the entrance to the building, walking through this to the shop area. It would be built adjacent to the playpark, at the far end of the car park. The entrance would be towards The Green, with an emergency exit at the back of the building. All councillors in favour of the proposal in principle, and KJ asked if it could be designed to look visually appealing. KB would now submit the plans to TDC.

2960. Highways –Newacott Cross to Bridgerule Industrial Estate on the B3254, some potholes had been filled in, but it was felt that the condition of the road is dangerous and in poor condition. Clerk to report to Highways.
Potholes at Borough Cross to Borough Park, Marhamchurch and Harlick.

2961. Car Park : -.Ongoing issues with parking at the Chapel car park, particularly large vans parking there for long periods. Parking space was being used , preventing temporary parking for parents collecting schoolchildren and members of the chapel congregation. A letter could be written to the owner of vehicles parking there.

2962. Clerks Report : HMRC had been in contact regarding the Vat reclaim made in April and had passed it for payment. A reference code had been supplied to use in future claims. No progress yet for the online banking application.

2963. Exchange of Information :

Has the playpark been completed yet ? No date had been received yet from Playforce for the supply of the last item and completion.

The picnic bench had been assembled at placed at the riverside area, it would need to be moved slightly to higher ground. Some people were noted yesterday as using it for their picnic. DH to check the plaque sizing and slat position before ordering.

2964.Meeting Closed 9.10 pm.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 16th August, 2022 at 7.45p.m

Signed by Meeting Chairman :.....

Date of signing :