



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th August 2022 at 7.45 pm. at Bridgerule Village Hall.

Present: Vice-Chairman: D. Hale

Councillors: Cllrs J. McDougall, B. Beadle, S. Cholwill, K. Bowditch, F. Cogdell, J. Philpott.

In Attendance: Clerk.

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Apologies: Cllr. K. James.

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

2965. Public Session: No questions raised.

2966. Police Report : No report given.

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

County Councillors Report - Nothing to report. Clerk to email date of next meeting to JM.

2967. District Councillors Report – No Report given. DH said he had spoken to KJ and it was decided to send a card from the council, wishing a speedy recovery.

2968. Council Meeting Minutes – Minutes 19th July 2022, had been circulated to councillors, and the minutes were agreed by councillors present and signed by the Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st FC, 2nd JMD, all councillors in favour.

2953. Matters Arising –SC asked for progress on issues relating to the new development at Middle Road. Sewage could still be seen being collected twice a week from the development by a mobile unit, Kerbstones were broken and some had been replaced more than once already, clerk to email TDC Enforcement. The road to the development was narrow for delivery vans to negotiate the entrance and the road had not been made good outside the homes and the road outside the access was not in a good state, likewise the kerbstones. . Enforcement Acknowledgement: E/22/0021/NIAAP. FC asked could this be relayed to Devon Highways, as the developers had not yet moved the hedge back, Clerk to email Devon Highways.

Item 2953: New Dog Bin – this had been ordered from Glasdon with fixings and post. There would be a short delay in supply, with the company quoting an estimated delivery of 4 weeks from point of order, delivery due at the end of August.

Item 2960 : An email had been received from local Highways manager SB, regarding the condition of the B3254 form Bridgerule Industrial Estate and Newacott Cross, stating that whilst the road condition was not as desired, that stretch had undergone an inspection in July, as part of the six -monthly safety inspection. Defects that met the required criteria had been repaired in accordance with policy and when funds available DCC would undertake patching works on this stretch of road. DH felt this was not acceptable and would like this concern escalated on the grounds of safety and accident prevention and would like JM to be invited and informed of date of next meeting to advise further on any appropriate action to take. Clerk to email JM.

Item 2963: Elizabeth MacArthur Plaque – the order had now been placed with Jag Signs. The bench had been moved from its original placed siting at the riverside, more than once, by persons unknown.

A permanent base was needed to be made for the bench to be bolted onto. An increase in dog fouling in this area had been noted recently as was an increase in litter being left. Costs to be obtained for purchase of a litter bin for the area for the next meeting.

2954.To Receive Correspondence : Advance notification of a road closure had been received from Highways for the Temporary closure of Chapel Corner to Furze Cross, Bridgerule on Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September inclusive. Councillors felt the school and the Bus Company needed to be informed of the closure and clerk to email Highways to enquire if they had been made aware.

Sent : TDC, Grant Evaluation form with some photos of new playpark,
Letter to resident regarding camping in parked vehicle,

2955.Accounts and Accounts due for payment : Finance sheets had been circulated with the minutes prior to meeting and given to all councillors.

Items due for payment this month were,
£198.50, new Dog Bin,
£54.00 DALC, councillor training courses x 3.,

Clerk had checked through payments made to the Football Club for grass cutting for the last financial year. Two payments had been made of £600, both in the year ended March 2021. One payment was for the year 2020-2021 and the other for the year 2021-2022. A discussion followed and it was agreed for the clerk to contact representatives of the Football Club and ask for a grant form to be completed for council records and agenda the payment of £600 for grass cutting for the year 2022-2023 to be approved at the next meeting.

Still awaiting final invoice from Playforce on completion of the Playpark.

HRMC Vat refund of £1508.85 had been paid into the account on 21st July 2022.

Current Account balance agreed at £24,009.00 as at 29th July 2022.

Proposed 1st FC, 2nd KB, all councillors in favour.

2956. Chairmans Report : No report given.

2957. Planning –

1/0780/2022/OUT – Outline application for up to 5 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access, Land at Grid Reference 227726 102911. Bridgerule, Devon.

The Council does not support the application. It notes that the proposed access for the development is to be moved from the existing field access, which provides wider and better access to the narrow road than what is being proposed. The road itself is very narrow, particularly past the bungalows on the approach to the proposed development and moving the access, would mean it to be on the narrowest part of the road and not be safer access, in our opinion.

The council have concerns about parking alongside the proposed development by work vehicles and construction workers, large delivery vehicles using the road to access the site, which could cause traffic problems due to the narrow width of the road and as the village school is situated at the bottom of the hill and suffers from congestion and parking problems at school drop off and collection times, it is felt that the proposed development and its traffic may have a significant and detrimental impact within the afore mentioned area.

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

Planning Applications Withdrawn : for information only,

**1/0499/2022/ FULM - Construction of 42MW Photovoltaic Solar Farm, Land at Monks Farm and Trelana, Pyworthy,
-Re-submission of 1/0249/2021/FULM,
Application of 1/0499/2022/FULM has been withdrawn.**

2958.Councillor Vacancies : Two interested parties for the two vacancies had been notified to clerk, with personal statements. The two candidates would be co-opted on to the council at the next meeting.

2959. Village Hall and Community Shop Updates : The Village Hall had held it's AGM yesterday evening. It would be providing free WIFI to hall users very soon and were investigating possible installation of CCTV for security purposes for the hall and adjoining outside areas. A site meeting was scheduled on Thursday with the Architect and members of the Hall committee regarding the proposed Shop plans.

The playpark was almost completed now, with Playforce due to install the last piece of equipment this week.

Vandalism had occurred in the Playpark at the previous weekend, with lumps of recently laid turf being dug up and thrown around the park and onto the new equipment and the new roundabout had been piled up with earth.

Some councillors felt the police needed to be informed, but SC said the matter had now been resolved in a satisfactory way and the turf and earth had been replaced and equipment cleaned. Possible CCTV may prevent any future problems occurring.

2960. Highways – DH referred to the response received from Highways regarding the condition of the B3254, as mentioned in Matters Arising, item no: 2960. The grooves present in the road had not been repaired and concerns raised about the possibility of an accident occurring along that stretch. DH to contact PC Morgan on this issue and ask if JM could be present at the next meeting and the issue could be further escalated.

2961. Car Park and Overnight Camping : -. The council owns the village hall car park. Users and visitors of the hall can use the area for free parking as can local residents, who need to park vehicles overnight there but camping overnight in vehicles would not be allowed and discouraged. Signage may need to be purchased and displayed for information on the latter and to include abandoned cars as well as overnight camping prohibition in the car park. Information is available on GOV.Uk , Guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions, the link to be forwarded to councillors. To agenda this item for the next meeting.

2962. Clerks Report : The process for online banking had been initiated, with application to add Clerk to mandate. Communication had been received from Holsworthy Police about plans for a new online bi-monthly virtual workshop for Parishes to discuss specific concerns or incidents that may have occurred. The 2nd VAT reclamation had been made.

2963. Exchange of Information :

Can anything be done about parking in the school area? DH would arrange a site meeting with JM, hopefully on the 20th September to coincide with the next meeting to observe. The school principal to be invited.

Is the council aware of Stables with a livery business operating in the Borough Cross area?

Are rules and regulations needed for the movement of earth from New Developments needed? DH said licences are needed in general for this.

Is there any progress on the repairs to the Bus Shelter roof? Councillors agreed it needed repairing as soon as possible, to Agenda for next meeting.

Speed of traffic travelling through the village was felt to be a problem, and speeds of agricultural vehicles too. Could a Speedwatch be arranged, as it was felt the situation could be improved by slower speeds? JP said they would be interested in assisting with this. Could Highways be informed also? Clerk to write to PSCO McEldon.

2964.Meeting Closed 9.31 pm.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 20th September, 2022 at 7.45p.m

Signed by Meeting Chairman :.....


Date of signing :
