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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.45 pm. at Bridgerule Village Hall.

Present: Chairman, D. Hale, Vice-Chairman K. James,
Councillors: Cllrs K. Bowditch, J. McDougall, J. Philpott, S. Cholwill, F. Cogdell, M. Tape
In Attendance: Clerk.
Public x 2

Apologies: Cllr. B. Beadle, S. Whatmore.

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

Public Session: No questions raised.

2999. County Councillors Report: No report given.

3000. District Councillors Report : KJ reported that TDC were finding managing the budget challenging in the current economic climate. There were several projects underway, including the Marine Development plans for Bideford in conjunction with Plymouth University and completion and time scale will depend on levelling up funds from central government. The council is looking at the Council Tax payments and its charges. The Leisure facilities run by TDC are doing well at present although running costs are likely to be in the region of £300k per annum and has 70 Employees. There are currently 70 families in urgent need of housing, with 40 Ukrainian families and a few Syrian families, also on the waiting list. Some of those are housed in caravan parks and TDC are looking at all possible options to find suitable accommodation. DH asked if TDC owned the garages in Bridgerule, on the Green, and would they be suitable for sites for affordable housing? KJ said they were owned by Westward Housing. He also said that TDC does not own much land that could become suitable for affordable housing although they continued to talk with two local housing associations about the current issues with housing. The council were trying to balance the budget for this year and the coming year, as costs generally were increasing across the whole.

3001. Community Speedwatch and Possible purchase of a VAS speed warning sign. Councillors were joined by Cllr DC from Holsworthy Hamlets Parish council, who gave an informative talk and presentation on the Community Speedwatch scheme, how it operates and the benefits and how it can help to decrease speed of traffic by awareness, and the Organiser of the newly registered Bridgerule Speedwatch group. The idea of the scheme is to be educational. Two sites are operational in Holsworthy and there are normally three people at each Speedwatch session, one to operate the radar equipment, one for writing down type of vehicle and registration details and the third as a back up for details. Data collected during the session is input to Speedwatch who determine further action. Letters could be generated according to vehicles speed. During HHPC's last session it recorded 18 vehicles travelling over the speed limit. The group only operate one directional sessions. The Bridgerule group organiser had undergone the online training and is waiting for the Police to look at possible sites. DC said that, if possible, it would be best for the operators to be positioned off the road for safety reasons and would be willing to help with initial organisation and set up, particularly with regard to Risk Assessing sites. Details were also given of the Vision Zero Southwest programme and Alison Fernadez. It was hoped that the Chapel carpark could be used as one of the operational sites for Bridgerule. DC left the meeting at 8.10pm. A discussion followed on the two options of Speedwatch Kit to be purchased and councillors decided that the Starter Kit 2 would be best.

Clerk to organise purchase from the Community Speedwatch site, at a cost of £612.60. Additional High-Vis jackets would also need to be purchased for other members of the group. The Speedwatch organiser was waiting for verification from the Police regarding the newly registered group and a Risk Assessment would be needed to be done on the sites proposed, before police approval for the sites could be given. Organiser would contact Cllr. DC to assist with this. It was agreed the Chapel carpark would be a very likely operational site and others would need to be identified.

Regarding the purchase and costs of the quotation from Stockport Signs, the councillors were in favour of the solar powered option, which could be portable and operate from two locations in Bridgerule. It was also agreed to purchase the Data Capture option and Bluetooth for the sign. The cost of this sign would be £4519.68 including Vat and delivery. DH said that the council had secured some funding, KJ to follow up at TDC from the Councillors Grant Fund and an application had been made, with agreement from CC. J. Morrish, to the Devon CC Area Locality Budget, in the region of £2000 thus far. He had delivered 15 letters to local Bridgerule businesses, asking if they would be willing and able to make small donations towards this project. All businesses he had personally spoken with had shown positive interest. If approved for purchase it would be necessary to apply to DCC for permission to install the sign.

Proposed, to purchase Speedwatch Kit 2, additional High Vis jackets and to agree in principle to purchase VAS sign, when authority granted from DCC 1st KB, 2nd JMD, all councillors in favour.

3002. Police Report : No report given. Crime report received from TDNW scheme, nothing reported for Bridgerule.

3003. Council Meeting Minutes : Minutes of 18th October, had been circulated to councillors and the Minutes were agreed by councillors present and signed by the Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st, JMD, 2nd, KB, all councillors in favour.

3004. Matters Arising - Clerk had contacted Enforcement at TDC, re Melrose Cottage which was likely to come under permitted development, but a case had been raised for investigation, E/22/0315/UND .

3005. To Receive Correspondence: Clerk had received correspondence from Defra and Public Health re Avian Flu outbreak and a poster would be placed in the notice board,
Enforcement at TDC,
Emails regarding the new Dog bin,
NPF- new National Planning Framework policy
Sent: 15 letters to business owners in Bridgerule,
TDC Enforcement,
Annual Rough Sleeper Estimate to TDC,
TDC, Refuse and Recycling x 3.
DCC Transportation Officers x 3

3006. Accounts and Accounts due for payment: - Finance Sheets had been circulated with the minutes prior to the meeting and given to all councillors.

Items due for payment this month were : Clerks expenses of postage and envelopes, £9.56.

Transfer of £1200 to Reserve account from Current Account had been done.

Current Account balance on 25th October agreed at £8831.55,

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

Payment was required to TDC for the plans for the Community Shop, £231, which would later be reimbursed by the Hall Committee, proposed 1st KJ, 2nd FC, all councillors in favour.

3007. Chairmans Report : The Chairman wished to thank Cllr. FC for help in moving the new picnic bench from its location to further away from the river, which had risen to an extremely high level. The plaque had not yet been installed on the bench, but this was due to be done shortly. He also welcomed Cllr. MT to the council, following his recent co-option. The newly purchased litter bin for the Riverside area had arrived.

3008. Charitable Grants : Applications for the year 2022-23 had been received from, Village Hall, Bridgerule Parochial Church Council, Friends of Holsworthy Library, Devon Archives and Southwest Heritage Trust, Holsworthy Rural Transport.

JMD declared an interest and refrained from voting and discussion. It was decided to award as following for the year,

Village Hall -	£500 towards costs of Wifi installation for the Hall,
Bridgerule PCC -	£600 towards upkeep and maintenance of churchyard,
Friends of Holsworthy Library -	£150 for library upkeep and warm place,
Holsworthy Rural Transport -	£300 towards running costs,

No award was made this year to Devon Archives. The village school would not receive any grant funding at present, due to expected costs of the VAS sign. DH said that if funding could be obtained from businesses, the council could

consider a donation to the school in the early spring when council funds had been determined. Councillors agreed with this suggestion.

Proposed grants be paid as detailed above 1st, DH, 2nd SC. Votes, 7 for, 1 abstention. Carried.

3009. Planning –

1/0074/2022/REM – New build Development, developer name suggestions, Macarthur Way, Macarthur Close, Macarthur Drive.

KJ said that the new road for the new development could not be confused with the existing road, Mill Road. The new development with the new road, would lead off from Mill Road, and as such required a name. A discussion followed and it was proposed, 1st KJ, 2nd KB that the new road in the development to be named as **Macarthur Close**. All councillors in favour. Clerk to submit preference and decision to TDC Planning.

3010. Village Hall and Community Shop Plans:

Plans for the Community Shop had now been submitted to TDC. The Village Hall had nothing of note to report this month.

3011. Car Park and Highways : A second letter had been placed on the car parked for several months in the car park, asking respectfully for it to be moved, giving the owner 10 days to remove. Application would be made to TDC after the 25th November as an abandoned car. The vehicle was untaxed and had no MOT. FC said that the manhole cover in the road, near to The Forge and the Bridge Inn had sunken badly. Clerk to report damage to Highways, ref W221554341. Potholes reported at Newacott Cross to Highlands, road in poor condition, ref W221554346, Potholes reported on road near Churchtown Farm and Bernards House, ref W221554353.

3012. Car Parking at School Area: to be added to Agenda for next month’s meeting.

3013. Clerks Report : The first Holsworthy NPT virtual meeting with PC Morgan is scheduled for 17th November.

Clerk had received contacted the NatWest regarding the online application made in August, which had not progressed further. Advice from Natwest was for the signatories to contact the bank again and ask for the links to be resent to re-able the application to go further. KJ and SC received information details for the application as named electronic signatories for the application.

3014. Exchange of Information: -

The area adjacent to the Playpark , in the car park, had become very wet and muddy due to the recent wet weather. It needed gravel to be put down to improve the area.
Christmas – are there any plans for decorations?

3015. Meeting Closed 9.13pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15thNovember at 7.45pm.

Signed by Meeting Chairman :

Date of signing :