



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.45 .pm, at Bridgerule Village Hall.

These minutes are provisional until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

Present : Chairman D. Hale, Vice-chairman K. James,
Councillors: F. Cogdell, J. McDougall, S. Cholwill, , S. Whatmore, K. Bowditch, M. Tape,
In Attendance : Clerk.
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Apologies : J. Philpott.

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

Public Session : No questions raised.

3080. County Councillors Report : No report received.

3081. District Councillors Report : KJ said there had been recent meetings with a company, ExLink regarding the supply of electricity via cable from Morocco through to Alverdiscott, near Bideford. Subsequently, TDC were looking at producing Hydrogen from this and reducing electricity costs. Morocco produces more greener energy and is therefore more sustainable, as it utilises both solar power and wind turbines for energy production. The District Elections are on the 4th May, and village hall will be used as the polling station for Bridgerule electors. He had been congratulated on producing a balanced budget, although parking charges had increased in the TDC district.

3082. Police Report. : Clerk gave a brief update from the April Teams meeting, held with PSCO J. McEldon. They have now identified the majority/all the youths responsible for the spate of anti-social behaviour in the Holsworthy town area recently and they are being dealt with. PC Morgan had been to Bridgerule to the school area to observe at school collection time recently. No further progress has been achieved yet on the high value burglary case at the second-hand shop in Holsworthy. A contact group will be initiated for the Speedwatch Organisers as only 5 groups out of 13 are currently operational and PSCO will be available to help with set up and to advise.

3083. Council Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st March 2023 had been circulated to all councillors and the Minutes were agreed by councillors present and signed by the Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st KB, 2nd FC. All councillors in favour.

3084. Matters Arising : There were no matters arising.

3085. To Receive Correspondence : Clerk had received letter of thanks from Friends of Bridgerule School, the grant will be used to purchase equipment and seeds for their new polytunnel,

Reply from FC, Airband Liaison Officer regarding the pole position in front of property "Colmarvin". DH asked for copy of email to give to residents for their information,

RES- regarding Sale of Derril Water Solar Farm to Ripple Energy, a managed co-operative society whose members will own shares in the company. FC asked if this sale would mean cheaper electricity costs for residents, there may be opportunities in the future for community contributions from the company. Ripple will manage the construction and operation of the project. Planning permission would need to be sought. 10% of the project has been ring-fenced for those in the local area to purchase shares.

Emails from Highways NHO- regarding siting of VAS signs on street lighting columns. The traffic team and Lighting department wished the VAS signs to be removed and placed on posts specifically for this purpose. The VAS on SL1 now needed a battery change, new chargers had been sent from Stocksigns, free of charge this week, as were not included in the kit sent, DH would organise this. It was not clear who would pay for the posts and installation, clerk to ask NHO for clarification. The email from Traffic team also stated that to be compliant the signs could only remain in place for 6 weeks at a time. A SCARF review would need to be undertaken at the Vicarage Hill site.

Complaint from resident regarding siting of Dog Bin along Middle Road. The resident felt that moving the bin from its previous position to its current position was unsafe and stupid and requested the bin be moved further up by the pavement. A general discussion followed and it was agreed to leave the bin in its current location, as other dog bins within the village were also sited similarly, with no footpaths. It was unclear who owned the suggested area for re-location by the resident, possibly a land-owner and part DCC . Either owner permissions would need to be obtained. In its previous position, the council had received numerous complaints spanning years about offensive odours, flies and the bin was unhygienic in that proximity, it was extremely close to the bus shelter and having a detrimental impact on those users and nearby residents. Dog waste had been seen to be deposited in the general rubbish bin rather than the Dog Bin on several occasions. SW asked if the General Rubbish Bin could be taken away temporarily, but clerk advised that these bins, as are Dog bins, are registered and logged at TDC as available for use and are part of the recycling contract for refuse collection, so it would be best to leave where it currently is. Councillors agreed that clerk to write to resident explaining reasons and advising of TDC general waste policy.

3086. Highways and Speedwatch Update: - Speedwatch organiser had risk assessed and identified two likely sites to perform sessions, assisted by Cllr DC from Holsworthy Hamlets. These were the chapel carpark and Lodgeworthy Gates. They were also looking at the possibility of operating from Middle road. One more volunteer member was required. Email received from PSCO McEldon and waiting on completion of online training for volunteers and registration to become operational.

Road Closure – Road past Hopworthy, Pyworthy. Closed Thursday 18th May for 1 day. Alternative route to be signed.

3087. Accounts and Accounts due for payment – Finance sheets had been circulated to councillors, Items due for payment this month were :
DALC Clerk training course £36 and Coronation Mugs, £300.60.
Current Account Balance as at 24th March agreed at £4340.84.
Proposed 1st MT, 2nd SW, all councillors in favour.

3088. Chairmans Report- All existing councillors would take office on 5th May, an uncontested Election and would be delighted to welcome the newest member to the council at the next meeting, Julia Trayford, also uncontested.

3089. Proposed Carpark Sign : - Jag had contacted clerk re the Logo to be used on the sign, with concerns that the logo may pixilate when used. Clerk had contacted former councillor who had provided a logo with better definition. Councillors suggested that if not better, could Jag reduce the logo size.

3090. Planning : No applications had been received this month requiring comments.

Chairman informed for information only , 1/0793/2022/FUL- Barn at Lodgeworthy Farm had been withdrawn and 1/0142/2023/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 no: dwelling at Tackbeare, Marhamchurch had been granted permission.

3091. Kings Coronation and event planning – A complimentary tea had been planned for Sunday 4th May at 4.pm in the Village Hall, organised by SC and the hall committee. SC had received some grant funding towards this and requested attendees to bring their own chair. Jubilee Mugs would be presented to eligible children by the Carnival Queen and DH, council chairman would be in attendance. All residents welcome.

3092. Village Hall Update – KB reported that work was due to begin on the building of the shop in the middle of May. Events planned to raise funds for the shop were, Wine and Wisdom evening on the 19th May, more teams were needed and an evening with Johnny Cowling on the 23rd, both to be held at the hall. SC said that the hall had recently paid Business rates to TDC which were £186 per each month, this was over £500 for 3 months. KJ said he would investigate this.

3093. Annual Review of Financial Regulations - Annual review of Financial regulations by councillors, prior to ratification at the Annual Meeting, with no changes required to be made to these, as they contained a Scheme of Delegation within them.

Banking Mandate-It was agreed to make the following resolution to further assist the application of Bankline for Communities to be actioned after May, to enable online options to be added to the council account. “ Adding or Removing signatories on the account made by request to Nat West Bank will update the existing mandate accordingly for accounts specified to them, and the current mandate will be amended. “ Proposed, 1st FC, 2nd KB, all councillors in favour.

3094. Grass Cutting Services for council owned areas: - No responses had been received from locally placed advertisements. SC and JT possibly knew of contractors in the area and would pass on details to clerk if they were available. Clerk to enquire from contractors in the area and obtain quotes. Services would need to be provided fortnightly and contractors would need insurance and to remove mowings.

3095. Clerks report – End of year accounts had been prepared and sent to G. Pollard Accountancy Services. It would be necessary for the council to undergo an Audit again this year and would not be able to claim exemption on the Annual Accountability and Governance form due to expenditure during the year. PKF Littlejohn were the appointed auditors for the process. Vat details had been prepared for the period September to March and would be reclaimed once accounts had been verified and received.

3096. Exchange of Information : - TDC had given £500,00.00 in payments from the 1st,2nd and 3rd tranches of the Hardship fund, there was further funding available so could this be passed on to anyone in need of help,

Grateful thanks were expressed to MT and son, for the hard work undertaken at the Football field.

3097. Meeting Closed 21.01pm.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 23rdth May 2023 at 7.45pm. Annual Meeting followed parish monthly meeting.

Signed by Meeting Chairman :

Date of signing :