

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.30.pm, at Bridgerule Village Hall.**

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

**Present :**  Chairman: D Hale

Councillors, F. Cogdell, J. McDougall, S. Cholwill, M. Tape, S. Whatmore, K. Bowditch,

J. Philpott

In Attendance : Clerk.

Apologies : J. Trayford.

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

**3342. Public Open Question Time :** No questions raised.

**3343. County Councillors Report :** No report received.

**3344. District Councillors Report :**  No report received.

**3345. Council Meeting Minutes :** Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2024 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and were agreed by all present and signed by the chairman as correct. Proposed 1st JMD, 2nd, SC, all councillors in favour.

 **3346. Matters Arising :** There were no matters arising.

 **3347.**  **To Receive Correspondence :** Received, Invitation to Parish Council’s Collaborative Working Meeting at Winkleigh Community Centre for parishes in TDC, on August 6th or 7th tbc, DH said he would attend to represent Bridgerule.

Sent, Letter to Buzz editor for publication regarding Dog Fouling at the Riverside area.

Highways, x 3 emails.

**3348. Chairmans Report :** DH reported feedback from the recently held Parish council and Ruby Country Practice meeting held on the 27th June, which he and KJ attended. 6 new GP’s would be starting shortly at the practice. Dispensing services for patients were still a concern as the onsite pharmacy was extremely busy due to the closure of the pharmacy within Holsworthy town. The practice had asked all parishes to write a letter of support for the application and provision of another pharmacy in the town for use by patients to improve wait times for collection and provision of medication, as the previously owned pharmacy in the town had now closed. Clerk to write letter in support of this action for chairman to sign. The next meeting was due to be held in September.

**3349. Accounts and Accounts due for payment –**  Finance sheets had been circulated to councillors,

Items due for payment this month were :

A Harvey, Microsoft subscription for lap top, £59.99 and SC Garden Maintenance, £204.00,

Dalc- councillor training course, £18.00.

2nd Instalment payment for grass cutting services to Bridgerule FC of £350.00

Current Account Balance agreed as at 8th July £8,496.52. Proposed 1st FC, 2nd KB, chairman asked for show of hands, all councillors in favour.

**3350. Highways, Vas Signs and Speedwatch :** Speedwatch update- the group organiser reported that the group were awaiting training dates for the group with Speedwatch HQ.

Vas updates, from 13th June to 13th July, Sign 1 Vicarage Hill, 5429 passing vehicles recorded with 792 travelling over 30mph which equates to 1 in 7. Maximum speed recorded 53.2mph with average speed of 25.4mph. Sign 2, Middle Road, battery had needed replacing so data received from 19th June to 3rd July revealed that 4095 passing vehicles with 283 travelling over 30mph which equates to 1 in 14.5. Maximum speed recorded 39.5mph with average speed of 21.9mph.

Proposed road closure – Derril Cross to Killatree Cross, 15th to 21st October, Kier on behalf of SW Water.

Defective Sign reported October 2023, Bridgemoor Cross to Dux Cross, new order raised for directional signs to be installed to finger post in due course.

**3351. Land at Southfields Open Space :**  clerk had requested interested resident to email contact details and phone number to council’s email address at last meeting, but to date this had not been received. No update on the possible License to Use for councillor’s information and consideration. Resident had given DH a proposal letter which has not been circulated to all councillors yet. The proposal mentioned chickens being housed there, which was not agreed by councillors in June. A resident had offered to purchase a fruit tree for the area. Resident had requested an initial 2 year agreement of sorts, and thereafter on a rolling basis. No Dogs Permitted Sign would be required. FC said he would ask the resident for contact details. This would be necessary and required for the setting up of an audit or paper trail for future correspondence and legality purposes and transparency for the council’s records.

 **3352. Planning : For information only, application no: 1/0396/2024/FUL –** Retrospective erection of three antenna masts, shed and equipment for purposes of amateur radio, land at Northwood, Marhamchurch. Application granted permission.

**3353.** **Village Hall/ Shop Update :** The hall continues to operate successfully although there has been problems with the Vodafone booster, there is a technical issue discovered yesterday and the line had been reported as down. It will be repaired in due course. The shop has passed expectations since its opening 7 weeks or so ago, and is operating two months ahead of the predicted business plan. The committee are in the process of applying for a license to sell alcohol at present. Over 3k transactions have been made with an average spend of £4.40. A group of walkers had purchased freshly prepared sandwiches at the weekend which was profitable for the shop and included a donation for shop funds.

**3354. Clerks Report :** Holsworthy Police/parish teams meeting was to be held today, clerk had sent apologies and next month’s meeting was due on the 13th August. Crime stats page had not been updated since last months report. Electoral register changes this month were 15 creations, 3 amendments and 3 deletions. No update had been posted on DCC regarding the speed limit consultation and proposals. Clerk asked if there were any footpaths or bridle ways in the parish as it appeared not to be included in the Parish Paths Agreement with DCC, DH said that there were none in Bridgerule.

**3355. Exchange of Information :**  A rope swing had appeared on a tree by the river, who is responsible for insurance? Clerk to check liability insurance as the swing should not be there and would likely not be covered as it had not been safety checked and should be removed. The situation will be monitored.

A rough sleeper had been noted sleeping in the bus shelter at Littlebridge Cross recently and had acted offensively towards children and residents. They had been using the area behind the shelter as a toilet.

 The individual had been reported to the police and was believed to be known to them but had now thankfully moved to another area.

A resident had enquired what is happening to the bus shelter on Election Day? The shelter is still unrepaired and the resident felt it looked very unsightly and should be demolished if it remained in its current state. FC said materials to effect repair were available but not yet done

Property at Newacott Cross, Enforcement are still involved, although one of the gates has been altered it was noted.

Manhole near the pub was sinking, clerk to report to Highways.

Pothole in the road approaching the bridge had been reported to DCC,

The Football Club had hosted some players from Holsworthy who had used the pitch for training purposes recently,

Could the general litter bin at Littlebridge Cross, by the bus shelter be removed temporarily? It was being used to deposit dog waste in and was causing offensive smells to nearby residents? Clerk said the bin was owned by TDC who emptied it on a regular basis and would enquire if it would be possible to re-site it, alternative sites to be considered. Signs placed on the bin saying no dog waste to be deposited within had been torn or removed and ignored. The practice of dog waste being put in the bin had been occurring for some time.

**3355: Meeting closed at 8.45pm.** Date of next meeting Tuesday 20th August at 7.30pm.

**Signed by Meeting Chairman : …………………………………………………………………………………..**

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