

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2025 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, K. Bowditch, J. Philpott,

M. Tape,

Apologies S. Whatmore, J. Trayford.

In Attendance : Clerk.

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

**3515. Public Open Question Time :** No questions raised.

**3516. District Councillors Report :** No report given this month.

**3517. Council Meeting Minutes :** Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2025 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and were agreed by all present and signed by the chairman as correct. Proposed 1st, MT, 2nd KB, all councillors in favour.

**3518.**  **Matters Arising :** The offer of a free First Aid course had not yet been arranged. New council laptop had not been sourced to date.

**3519:**  **To Receive Correspondence:** received email from resident regarding housing requirement.

Correspondence circulated prior to meeting, Minutes from recent Open Space Group meeting,

And Appeal from South West Ambulance for donations towards second Community Response Vehicle, councillors discussed. It was agreed to donate £100 immediately and consider again when allocating charitable grants later in the year, when this budget had been agreed. Clerk to write. 1st FC, 2nd KB, chairman asked for show of hands, all councillors in favour.

**3520 :** **Chairmans Report :** DH said he had recently seen several occasions where the picnic table was being used by the riverside area, and the area is looking lovely at present and proving popular with residents. A local resident has been approached as a potential lengthsman and FC would liase with them regarding the bus shelter which was still not repaired.

**3521 :**  **Accounts and Accounts due for payment -** Finance sheets had been circulated to councillors,

Invoices this month, SC Garden Services, £360.00 for grass cutting

Rawseo Ltd £27.00 Website additions, Community First Insurance, annual renewal £430.80.

Pro-forma, Kedel Ltd, £1390.78 for Rainbow benches for playground.

The above payment to be made when dispatched and requested by Kedel, currently expected end of June, early July.

Current account balance agreed at £10,187.71 on 1st June 2025.

Proposed 1st, KB, 2nd JP, show of hands, all councillors in favour.

**3522 : Playpark Update :** It was reported that the “No Dogs”sign had been broken and needed replacing, FC to source. The playpark was being used by many in the finer days, had a good reputation and was benefitting the shop sales, which was good for both. DH had yet to tighten up the Climbing Wall and would do as soon as practically possible. The A-Frame for the swing set had been noted in the Annual Inspection and needed replacing at some point in the future. Some prices had been looked at; it was agreed to investigate possible grant funding towards the cost of this. The fencing has not been replaced, and it was agreed to obtain a quote from a contractor as this needed to be done.

**3523 : Vas Signs, Speedwatch Update and Highways :** : SW provided Vas data for the month, Sign 1, Vicarage Hill,

15th April -16th June, 6229 passing vehicles, 5365 were speeding. 571 were travelling over 30mph which equates to 1 in 9.4. Average speed was 23.9mph, which is down 0.4. Maximum speed recorded 44.2mph, which is up 2mph.

Sign 2, Middle Road, recorded 5197 passing vehicles, 316 speeding which equates to 1 in 16.4. Average speed recorded was 21.5mph, down to 0.3mph speeds. Maximum speed recorded was 40.6mph which was down 1.6mph.

It was noted that parked cars along Middle road reduced traveling speeds, but traffic was still traveling very fast up and down Vicarage Hill, despite the introduction of the new speed limit.

Highways- DCC update, W241800485- broken Sign at Merrifield. Replacement works had been ordered, no date available. W251847139- Sign at Bridgmoor Cross, still showing on DCC portal.

W25180599- blocked drain at Chapel Corner. DH said that this had now been cleared but the contractor had simply moved the silt from the blocked drain into the Lodgeworthy entrance and would require clearing in due course.

**3524** **: Annual donation/grant to Bridgerule FC towards field maintenance and grass cutting costs :** MT declared an interest and refrained from discussion and voting.

Councillors discussed and agreed to provide £700 for the above, proposed 1st FC, 2nd KB. Chairman asked for a show of hands, 6 for, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

**3525 : Bridgerule Open Space Group :** Approval for the costs of the new gate was discussed, which would be installed shortly, with a padlock, of up to a value of £200. 1st FC, 2nd MT, all councillors in favour.

DH reported that a meeting had been held recently to discuss future plans and was disappointed with the attendance. The committee had formed a page on Facebook promoting the project and had received numerous positive comments from the residents. Neighbours of the Open space had been informed of the groups plans and 3 people were working at the site this evening. The group had decided to meet and work at the site on Tuesday evenings, initially clearing brambles. The group was investigating raised beds for herbs in future and had obtained some pallets to make into compost bins. Group members were looking into running the Open Gardens scheme again and seeking some grant funding for the group from the National Garden Scheme. There had been problems with a resident building a tree house, which had now ceased. A letter had been delivered to the resident. A problem had recurred with a person doing their own thing at the site, outside of the groups and council permission. DH would speak to them.

**3526 :**. **Village Hall/Shop Update :**  The Hall had another potential regular booking, of Pickleboard, being trialled this week. The booking would be on Friday evenings. Accounts for the financial year are due to be received shortly.

The shop had received their Annual accounts, which showed a profit and would be presented at the Annual members meeting to be held on the 21st of July, at the Hall. A part-time Manager had been recruited, who lived in Bude and had a lot of relevant prior experience. The Manager would commence in July.

**3527 : Clerks Report :** Electoral Register changes this month, 5 creations, 3 deletions. The next Parish/police workshop is due to be held tomorrow, the 18th June.

**3528 :** **Exchange of Information :** MT would be absent due to surgery for the next 2 or 3 meeting and gave apologies, would still like correspondence sent. Apologies accepted.

Plans for Revel week were discussed, the week would commence with a Dog Show on the Saturday at Lodgeworthy, there were some parts of the week with nothing planned, Wednesday was “the Ramble” and, on the Saturday, a disco/karaoke had been booked with Food vans in attendance.

**3529 : Meeting closed at 8.10 pm :** Date of next meeting Tuesday 15th July at 7.30 pm.

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

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