



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

Present: Vice-Chairman: Cllr K. James

Councillors: Cllrs J. McDougall, D. Hale C. Houghton, B. Beadle, K Bowditch, S. Cholwill, F. Cogdell,
S. Hillier-Cholwill, J. Philpott.

In Attendance: Clerk.

Apologies: None.

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

2879. Public Session: No questions raised.

2880. Police Report : PSCO Mark James had emailed report, his last in this post. He gave details of changes within Holsworthy Neighbourhood Police Team, PC Frank Morgan had been appointed Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC M Brown had retired, and a new PS Donna Gutheridge was in post. New PCSO is Jess McEldon, due to start shortly. PC Morgan's email address to be circulated to councillors.

2881. County Councillors Report - Nothing to report.

2882. District Councillors Report – TDC hoping to commence paying the £150 Council tax rebate to properties in Bands A to D in April for those paying by DD. Approximately 25% do not pay this way and those will be contacted by TDC in due course to arrange their payment of the rebate later in the year. Bands E ,F, G, and H will be eligible to apply for some funding from a Hardship fund, if appropriate for their circumstances. Details to be announced later. Torridge are taking over Leisure facilities from 1st April and have a planned programme of investment for them over the next 5 years. Some brightly coloured recycled benches had become available from a park refit within TDC, these to be used within the parish Playpark.

2883. Council Meeting Minutes – Minutes of 22nd February 2022 agreed by councillors present and signed by the Vice-Chairman as correct. Proposed 1st CH, 2nd KB, all councillors in favour.

2884. Matters Arising – SC enquired re item 2582, Bungalow at the Green, had a response been received. Clerk to write to Westward Housing. 1st CH, 2nd, KB, all councillors in favour.

2885. Accounts and Accounts due for payment : Finance sheets had been circulated and given to all councillors.

Items due for payment this month were,

£160.00, Website payment,

£180.00, Grass cutting,

£49.31, Clerks expenses, postage, Jubilee tree.

Current Account balance agreed as at 1st March £23,259.07.

2nd Invoice from Playforce not yet received.

Transfer from Business Reserve of £9250.00 had been made.

BB declared an interest and refrained from voting.

Proposed 1st, FC, 2nd CH, Councillors in favour 9 for, 1 abstention. Carried.

DH said that the Football Field pitch would need to be cut this year, as the football club would not be operating this season. BB would arrange for machinery to be used for this purpose and grass cutting would go ahead. A discussion followed.

2886. To Receive Correspondence: Clerk had received notification from Highways of imminent road closure at Bridgemoor Cross to Dux Cross commencing Wednesday 23rd March, for maximum of 5 days.

2887. Chairmans Report : Nothing to report.

2888. Playpark Update: Annual inspection by ROSPA due in April and some existing equipment being replaced has not yet been removed. After discussion it was decided to go ahead with the inspection for the remainder of equipment and inform inspector that one of the remaining pieces, a climbing frame, will be removed when new equipment is installed. Clerk to email ROSPA. Costs of ROSPA inspection and Playforce to be looked at in future for comparison and value for money, by councillors. Proposed 1st KJ, 2nd SC, all councillors in favour.

2889. Planning –

**1/1157/2021/FUL Extension to dwelling and alterations, Newacott House, Bridgerule, Holsworthy.
The application had been granted permission.**

2890. Highways : - S HC said that the bus route No:6, Okehampton to Bude had been seen having difficulties along the road near Little Bridge Meadows due to the new development workers parking on this road, making it narrower to pass. KJ to pass on to Highways Officer, MC.

CH said that it had been thought that the path from Southfields would be continual ,but a sign had been put up informing that the hedge now belongs to 3 new properties at Southfields.

The Bridgemoor to Dux Cross diversion is full of potholes.

Potholes at Newacott to Merrifield Cross, Furze to Dux Cross noted.

Signposts at Bridgemoor Cross and Dux Cross, one missing and one damaged.

Potholes at Narraton had been repaired.

2891. Jubilee Party/Lunch , Jubilee Tree – Possible venues were discussed. CH suggested the Football field. SC said it could be a " Picnic in the Park", as the new equipment would be installed by then, and held in the hall if wet. Own picnics would be brought by those attending. SC had applied for a grant on behalf of the village hall for Community Mugs and Jubilee events. The possibility of including some of the usual "Revel Week" activities in the Jubilee Celebratory Weekend were also discussed, a Jubilee Queen, a High Tea for the Coffee Club, and the Picnic could be held on Saturday 4th June. To be discussed further at next meeting.

The annual Carnival may not be able to be held due to legislation and the use of tractors. SC had been in contact with villages of Whitstone, Bradworthy and Hartland who were going ahead with their carnivals. Further details and outcome to follow.

Bonfire beacon to be organised by DH on June 2nd at 9.15pm. S HC would approach FOBS, to see if Burgers could be made available earlier in the evening, before the Bonfire was lit.

DH asked if the planting of the Weeping Willow Tree by the river could be done on "Coffee Club" day, and if the eldest member, one of the most senior residents having lived in the village for 70 years would officiate. KB asked if one of the youngest children could also be present at the planting. KJ said he would attend, and the pre-school and School could be invited to attend. SC and DH to liaise on arrangements for the 29th of March. S HC to liaise with the School. CH to organise a Commemorative Plaque for the tree from Sign of the Times, Bude.

Flowering Cherry Trees, CH had asked owners of Bailey Gardens on siting, on Parish Council land, adjacent to parking spaces, which are owned by Bailey Garden owners. FC said that the houses are disconnected from the parking area and SHC said that if the parish owns, could the planting proceed. Flowers had been previously planted there by a former resident of Bailey Gardens. 2 trees , stakes to be purchased, as agreed in November minutes.

2582. Village Hall: -nothing to report.

2583. Clerks Report : -. Annual accounts for 2020-2021 almost finished. They show a VAT reclamation needed for this period. Difficulty in completing workload in hours given, Clerk could be given an extra hour per week and salary adjusted to reflect the increased hours . Clerk gave details of online banking options now available from NatWest, Councillors generally in favour of proceeding with this option soon. Would require additional signatory forms to be submitted, will need full council approval. Date of the AGM, to allow for preparation, KJ confirmed it to be Tuesday, 17th May at 7.45pm.

2892. Exchange of Information :

DH asked what is happening about 106 money? KJ to follow up with TDC, a new report had to be compiled, he would report back.

J MD asked if the Memorial Picnic bench could be put on the next Agenda for discussion? S HC said the project needed to be overseen by a councillor, to progress further. SC said that 2 individuals were prepared to pay the cost of the inset plaque between them. KJ said that the bench would need to be waterproof, and the recycled type may be best, and prices could be sought. Clerk to email original wording suggestions for the plaque to councillors for information.

KJ said that there was some grant money available from his Grant Fund at TDC, for this financial year.

BB asked on progress with Dog Bins? – to revisit in April.

2893. Meeting Closed 9.15 pm.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 19th April, 2022.

Signed by Meeting Chairman :

Date of signing :