

Bridestowe Parish Council

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Bridestowe Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting held – Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.30 pm The Ark, Bridestowe

In attendance: Clerk, Parish Cllrs Young, Thirtle, Proctor and Burder, District Cllrs Mott and Southcott, members of the public (3).

1. Apologies.

Cllrs Pritchard, Hodgson and Bickle.

2. Possible Declarations of interest.

None.

3. Public Open Question Time.

Members of the public attended to request that the bus services were reinvestigated as they felt there was a lack of suitable options from the village. Cllr Mott advised it might be possible to use some S106 money from the Baker Estates development to invest in this. Cllrs agreed to support the request and will write to the county council and the bus companies to see what can be achieved. It was suggested that if members of the public also wrote letters the matter may gain more traction. Cllr Mott agreed to raise the matter with County Cllr Lois Samuel.

4. Guest Speaker – Jon Boyd, Public Rights of Way Officer to discuss the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.
Cancelled.

5. Approval of minutes of meeting held January 15th, 2025.

Cllr Proctor proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all. The chair signed a copy.

6. Matters arising.

6.1. Cleaning of multiplay equipment in the Sporting Green – update from Cllrs.

Cllr Proctor reported that when he last checked it was slippery and wet. The Cllrs had all looked at the latest report from Gerald. The Clerk advised that the ROSPA inspection was taking place in March. Cllr Young agreed to put a notice in BaSE to try and arrange a volunteer day to clean up the equipment. A full review will take place upon receipt of the ROSPA report.

6.2 Allotments – discuss interest received and possible locations.

Cllr Young advised that no landowners had come forward following the notice in BaSE. Cllrs agreed the plot owned by Leawood was too expensive, had no water and was generally not suitable. Cllrs will continue to explore options.

6.3 Warm spaces grant – discuss and agree event details.

Cllrs agreed this would take place on Thursday 27th March. Further details to be confirmed.

6.4 Natwest Signatories – clerk update.

The Clerk reported that all but one of the outdated signatories had been successfully removed. The DOB required to remove the remaining one has been obtained. The Clerk will hold on to this until a further change is needed and process it as one.

7. Annual Parish Meeting

Cllrs agreed to combine this with the next parish council meeting on April 23rd commencing at 7:30pm.

8. Emergency Plan

Cllrs discussed the version by Devon Communities Together. District Cllrs Mott and Southcott advised it was not compulsory. Cllrs agreed to update the local version created by Cllr Young and to share it with the community.

9. Planning - discuss and agree comments of support/objection.

9.1 3827/24/FUL Springfields Residential HomeBridestoweEX20 4ER - 3827/24/FUL Springfields Residential HomeBridestoweEX20 4ER – Cllrs agreed to support this application, proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Burder and agreed by all.

9.2 0593/25/PAT Station Road Bridestowe Application for prior notification of proposed development for proposed telecommunications mast. Cllrs acknowledged this application, no comment required.

10. Accounts for payment:

10.1 accounts for payment – none.

Acknowledged.

10.2 Clerks salary – agree to pay by monthly standing order rather than cheque.

Cllrs agreed to amend the payment method, proposed by Cllr Burder, seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all. Cllrs Young and Thirtle signed a letter instructing the bank.

Current account statement balance as of February 13, 2025: £16953.14. Cashbook circulated to all Cllrs.

11. Correspondence: Mostly circulated to councillors.

11.1 DALC, WDBC; DCC: Newsletters, District Cllrs Report, County Cllrs Report.

Acknowledged. No further action.

11.2 Multicultural Festival Tavistock

Cllr Young agreed to share in BaSE.

11.3 School Parking

Cllrs discussed the issues that were seen with inappropriate and unsafe parking during school drop off and pick up. Cllrs agreed to write to the DMAT and the primary school to ask them to remind parents and guardians to park legally and responsibly even if that means parking further away. The letter will also include a suggestion that the children use an alternative exit as there is no pavement on Rectory Road.

11.4 Local Government Update

Cllr Mott shared an update on the devolution process. The Clerk will circulate the email to all Cllrs.

11.5 Sourton & Bridestowe Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Mott confirmed there was no requirement to review the plan after 5 years and that it can continue until its expiry or until an amendment is necessary.

11.6 Bins

The Clerk read a response from WDBC regarding the bins in the village. The bin on Launceston Road near Millaton Lodge was missing, and the response did not clarify how often they should be emptied. The Clerk will follow this up again.

**** Enter Part II**** (Closed to public & press)

12. Cemetery

Cllrs discussed the cemetery regulations and agreed to review the situation at the end of the summer.

**** Exit Part II****

13. Agree date of next meeting (proposed date Wednesday 23rd April 2025).

Cllrs agreed the date. The meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at approximately 9pm.