

Bridestowe Parish Council

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Bridestowe Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Meeting held – **Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7.30 pm The Ark, Bridestowe.**

In attendance: Clerk, Parish Cllrs Young, Thirtle, Proctor, Burder, Pritchard and Hodgson, Borough Cllr Mott, Representatives of Baker Estates Developments (2), members of the public (7).

1. **Apologies.**
None.
 2. **Approval of minutes of last year's annual parish meeting held on 20/03/2024 and any matters arising.**
The date of the meeting is noted as April 2023 rather than March 2024. The Clerk will update this. Councillors present agreed the minutes showed an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Thirtle, seconded by Cllr Proctor and agreed by all.
 3. **Members of the public who wish to speak/ask questions.**
None.
 4. **Parish Council Chairs' annual report**
Cllr Young welcomed all those present to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The Chair highlighted some of the main points from her written report and advised that the full version would be available in BaSE and on the website.
 5. **Close**
The meeting was closed at approx. 7.35pm.
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1. **Apologies.**
Cllr Bickle.
2. **Possible Declarations of interest.**
None.
3. **Public Open Question Time.**
Cllr Mott shared that Bridestowe Scout Group are seeking new committee members from the community.

**** The Chairman brought forward item 7.5****

7.5 0783/25/FUL Land Adjacent Cemetery, Pool Hill - Residential development of 30 dwellings, the formation of access, public open space and associated works. – The Chairman opened the meeting to members of the public to allow them to voice their opinions on the application. Mark Edwards and Nicole Stacey from the development company responded to concerns raised and answered questions. Views from the public were both in favour and against the application with concerns including flooding, overlooking, development size, traffic, access and lack of respect for the cemetery. Cllrs considered all points raised and a vote was held. Cllrs Hodgson and Thirtle abstained. Cllrs Proctor and Burder objected whilst Cllrs Young and Pritchard voted in favour. As no clear decision could be reached Cllrs agreed to submit a comment highlighting all points raised.

4. Approval of minutes of meeting held March 5th, 2025.

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

5. Matters arising.

5.1 Sporting Green play equipment – Cllrs discussed the ROSPA report and Gerald's weekly inspection reports and agreed that action needs to be taken to improve the equipment, and this will be an ongoing project. It is hoped that some funds will be available from S106 money when any housing developments are granted permission.

5.2 Allotments – Cllrs acknowledged that no landowners had come forward and no progress has been made.

5.3 Warm Spaces Grant – Cllrs thanked Cllr Young for arranging the event and shared positive feedback. Cllrs agreed to the expenses incurred totalling £123.27 leaving £76.73 for a future event.

5.4 Bus services – Cllrs acknowledged the responses from the various organisations approached and agreed no further action.

5.5 Parish Paths Partnership Scheme – Cllrs agreed to join the scheme and instructed the Clerk to proceed. Proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all.

5.6 School parking – Cllrs acknowledged the response from the principal and agreed no further action.

5.7 Bin emptying – The Clerk confirmed the bin schedule and Cllrs agreed to add the bin near Millaton Lodge to the collection schedule. Proposed by Cllr Burder, seconded by Cllr Pritchard and agreed by all.

5.8 Defib pads – The Chairman reported that the village defib had run out of warranty. The Clerk was instructed to clarify the ownership of the defib and the best course of action with regards to continued use with regular servicing or replacement of the unit. Cllrs agreed that purchasing paediatric pads was important and should be purchased separately if a new unit is not required. The Chair advised that a £500 anonymous donation had been received towards the project.

6. Repair of fallen wall in the Sporting Green

Cllrs discussed the two quotes received and agreed to proceed with Bakers Building. Proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed by all.

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

7.1 Proposal for a new dwelling from a member of the public (no submitted application) - removed.

7.2 0591/25/HHO Stable TopBridestoweEX20 4ER – Cllrs agreed to support the application, proposed by Cllr Thirtle, seconded by Cllr Pritchard and agreed by all.

7.3 0778/25/HHO Plot 1, Development site at SX 516 892 - Householder application for Construction of pitched roof detached double garage. - Cllrs agreed to support the application, proposed by Cllr Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Proctor and agreed by all.

7.4 0716/25/FUL Little White HouseBridestoweEX20 4NS - Proposed private foul sewage treatment plant & associated drainage - Cllrs agreed to support the application, proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all.

7.5 Minuted above.

8. Accounts for payment:

8.1 Accounts for payment: DALC membership £248.39, PlaySafety Ltd £110.40, WDBX Bin Emptying £190.94

Current account statement balance on 28/03/2025, 2025, £16441.05. Cashbook circulated to all Cllrs.

Cllrs agreed to pay the invoices raised, proposed by Cllr Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Hodgson, agreed by all.

9. Correspondence: Mostly circulated to councillors.

9.1 DALC, WDBC; DCC: Newsletters, District Cllr Reports, County Cllr Reports – acknowledged.

9.2 Highways surface dressing update - acknowledged.

9.3 Highways traffic notice - acknowledged.

9.4 Senior Green Spaces and Recreation Officer at WDBC requesting a preference for outdoor facilities in connection with the Baker Estates development. – Cllrs agreed the preference would be to receive funds for off-site projects such as the provision of allotments and/or to improve the Sporting Green equipment as opposed to a small on-site open space.

10. Agree date of next meeting (proposed date for the annual parish council meeting Wednesday 28th May 2025) and close meeting.

Cllrs agreed the annual parish council meeting will be held on Monday 19th May 2025 at 7:30pm. Meeting closed at approximately 9.22pm.