

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Butt , Laker , Lawson (Chair) , Meek , Warren and White (arrived 7.45pm)
Dist Cllr Stuart Rogers and Clerk - Karen Gilbert
3 Members of the Public

23/07/01 - Apologies -D Cllrs Cox and Nutley

23/07/02 Declaration of Interests NONE

Standing orders were suspended

23/07/03. Public participation

Report from Bickington Goodwill Community Group

- 1, We have become a Community interest company CIC which will cover all our events and projects including the allotment site .
 2. Goodwill Community Allotment site - Has 6 plots in use by 14 people so far .
 3. Community payback scheme has started to clear some of the footpath on old A38.
 4. Future events
- Pasty and Cider evening Sold Out
Michaelmas craft and vintage fair
Quality Preloved and vintage fashion sale
Plus our usual Community cuppa and Soup and Pud lunch club .

23/07/04 District / County Cllr reports

District Cllr Rogers

Cllr Rogers advised that there was a possibility that the Mobile Library Service would cease in the near future He advised that the Ashburton Hub is considering offering a service to Bickington where books are ordered online and delivered once a week - when read books could also be collected/returned

Cllr Rogers also commented that rural housing for Parishes was a high priority for Cllrs Rogers / Cox and Nutley - with a Housing Needs consultation coming forward in August 2023

Standing Orders were re-instated

23/07/05- Minutes of June 2023 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2023 were approved and signed

23/07/06 - Bank near Cherry Tree Farm - to discuss and agree action following a report from a resident that the bank is on the point of collapsing into the quarry below

It was **NOTED** that there was a danger to Highway users where the bank between the road and the quarry was failing

ACTION ; CLLR LAKER TO PROVIDE PHOTOS

ACTION ; CLERK TO WRITE TO LANDOWNER

23/07/07. - PC admin

a) To decide whether necessary to form a Personnel Committee

This was **DEFERRED** due to insufficient Members wishing to sit on committee

b) To delegate decisions for planning / emergency payments to Clerk during Summer recess - AGREED by all

c) To agree Clerk's revised contract following increase in hours

Revised contract signed by Chairman

d) To note training requirements

Cllr White to attend event at Marldon on 5th October

23/07/08 - Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed she had

- Arranged for the installation of a multi purpose litter / dog bin by the old telephone exchange
- Written to Highways re signs in A383 to alert motorists to cyclists using road

23/07/09 - Update on progress regarding the two bus shelters, discuss and resolve if required.

A383 It was **NOTED** that no quotes had been received with regards to works to A383 bus stop . Highways had indicated that any contractor would need Chapter 8 qualifications and had also contacted its Public Transport dept to seek further advice

ACTION : CLERK TO CONTACT NEARBY PARISHES FOR SUGGESTIONS

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT ASHBURTON TC TO SEEK ASSISTANCE

VILLAGE SHELTER

The Clerk suggested that any new shelter would benefit from 3 bays and sides (quotes obtained were for 2 bay open sided)

In addition, it was felt that a supply and fit package should be sought

ACTION ; CLERK TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR 2 AND FOR 3 BAY INC FITTING

23/07/10 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

Karen Gilbert	Expenses 07/23.	66.50
DALC	2 x Chairman's course	72.00
K Gilbert	Backpay June / July	164.26

The Clerk acted as emergency signatory even on own cheques - **NOTED**

It was **NOTED** that no progress had appear to have been made with the PCs bankers in changing signatories

b) Update on progress of VAT reclaim

The Clerk advised she was waiting for an invoice for the defibrillator before submitting

c) To consider use of reserves to finance Parish Council projects

The Clerk had circulated the Financial position and further explained the extent to which reserves could be used

d) to prioritise Parish Council projects

This would be considered further once quotes in 23/07/09 had been received

23/07/11 - Planning

Circulated to all Councillors after production of agenda

Location: BICKINGTON - Kingfishers , Manor Mead **Proposal:** Garage extension to front

SUPPORT

23/07/12 - To receive reports on

a) **Bickington Village Hall.**

The window repair had been completed and works to the Garden Wall were being considered . The Finances of the Hall were in a healthy state

b) **Highway matters - To receive an update on which grit bins - DEFERRED to 09/23**

c) **Footpaths**

To discuss and resolve contacting contractor to mend the broken wooden gate on the river footpath from Love Lane - The Clerk had contacted Devon County to repair the gate . It was **AGREED** that this was a vast improvement

Stiles - to discuss contacting the landowners & agree action in response to this

It was **NOTED** that there were a series of stiles along that path near Rentor

The Landowner was present and advised that the stiles were in the best

interests of the farmers as they provided reliable stock proofing - **NFA**

Bickington Footpath map at Chipley Mill, next to Greater Horseshoe school - to discuss/decide whether to also replace this map with the updated one

It was **AGREED** that the noticeboard was in good condition but that it would benefit from the addition of a new map

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the DNNPA ranger who would take a look at the muddy riverside path in Goodstone Woods and also consider whether it warranted the installation of a boardwalk

The graffiti at Ramshorn Down was **NOTED**

ACTION ; CLLR MEEK TO CONTACT CONTRACTOR

23/07/13. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence required major debate - copies having been emailed to Cllrs in advance

23/07/14 Matters for future agenda

Grass cutting and grit bins

23/06/15. Date of next meeting 11th September 2023

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed..... Dated

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