

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 11th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Meek (Chair) Warren and White. District Cllr Nutley
Clerk - Karen Gilbert 10 Members of the Public

23/12/01 - Apologies - Dist Cllr Cox

23/12/02 - To elect a Chairman/ Vice Chairman

Cllr Meek agreed to chair this meeting with Cllr Warren as Vice Chair

23/12/03 Declaration of Interests - NONE

Standing orders were suspended

23/12/04. Public participation

Pat Lawson and Darren Laker chose to read out their resignation letters

Various Members of the Public expressed their regret upon their choosing to leave and thanked them for their excellent contribution whilst Council members

Parishioners asked that they be co-opted back

The Clerk explained that the electoral process was laid down by Government and that therefore the Parish Council was unable to do so

The members of the Public also requested the meetings should remain monthly rather than revert to bi-monthly

23/12/05 District / County Cllr reports

Cllr Rogers had provided a flyer on the Ashburton Hub covering Banking and Post office services - copy available upon request

Cllr John Nutley

Cllr Nutley advised that there were no pressing matters to report - adding he was always available should the Parish Council require help or advice

Standing Orders were re-instated

23/12/06 - Minutes of November 2023 meeting

Deferred to 01/24

23/12/07 - Update, if any ,on Parishioner application to place private bench on Green

The Clerk advised she had heard nothing since the last meeting

A Parishioner gave an update brief on the current position

23/12/08. - PC admin

a) **The Clerk explained the Electoral process** - that if 10 Parishioners were to contact TDC per the Notice posted / held by TDC , then an election would be held at a cost to the Parish . If this did not occur , TDC would advise the Council that it would be able to co-opt .

b) **To decide on the frequency of meetings for 2024**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should continue to meet on a monthly basis - at least until such time as vacant seats were filled

23/12/09 - Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had contacted Bickington's County Councillor / Highways to request that monies be kindly directed from her locality Budget for 2 new grit bins - which would ensure that the bins were added to the DCC maintenance schedule - to be advised that she had already given money to a Community compost Toilet in Bickington

After numerous interjections from the Public , the Clerk asked the Chairman to remind those present of the governance affecting Parish Council meetings
The Chairman asked that there be no interruptions

23/12/10 - Update on progress regarding the two bus shelters, discuss and resolve if required.

OLD A38 shelter

The Clerk had ordered the bus shelter as instructed at a cost of £3621.48 - having sought reassurance that the delivery to the desired location would be achievable
Cllr Warren explained whilst en route , the driver advised that the shelter was on a pallet which could not be manhandled and that the delivery vehicle did not have the correct equipment on board - it was therefore diverted to a transfer depot awaiting further instruction . The Council **AGREED** to arrange for transport / relevant assistance to complete delivery to Bickington

23/12/11 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

K Gilbert	expenses 12/23	77.75
SLCC	Part 2024 subs	33.00
Bickington VH	Rental 12/23	24.00
K Gilbert	Pay increase 12/23	30.33

The Clerk advised the meeting that due to the resignations , there was now only one signatory amongst Councillors . It was **AGREED** that the Clerk sign cheques in this absence but she had insisted this be. **MINUTED**

b) To consider suggested budget for 2024/2025

The Clerk read out the budget line by line for transparency . She added that costs were higher due to the Cllr and Parishioner requests to continue with meetings on a monthly basis . In addition , the Clerk/RFO suggestion to increase the 23/24 budget by £1000 was not taken into consideration during her sickness absence last year

The Clerk / RFO also commented that this budget covered essential services / obligations with no allowance for projects or any contingency

The total budget totalled £9175.00 . The Clerk / RFO suggested taking £175 from reserves and requesting £9000 as a precept

The matter was debated and a vote taken . Cllr Warren proposed that the Budget be approved .and a Precept of £9000 be requested from TDC

Vote Meek and Warren for - White against

It was **RESOLVED** that the Budget be **ADOPTED**

c) To set the precept for 2024/2025

It was **RESOLVED** that the Precept for 2024/2025 be set at £9000 (23/24 £6560)

After Vote - Meek and Warren for - White against

d) To decide on additional signatory for Bank account

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Warren apply as signatory - aided by the Clerk

23/12/12 - Planning -

NO new applications to consider

a) To discuss amendments to Teignbridge Local Plan and decide on response if required.

This was deferred from 11/23 . The document link had been emailed well in advance
As no Councillor had read the document , it was **AGREED** not to respond

b) To consider any response to the TDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultation

The document link had been emailed well in advance

As no Councillor had read the document , it was **AGREED** not to respond

c) To support or otherwise , in principle , the proposals to add BT broadband fibre to hall

SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE .

The matter would be further considered when the application was lodged with TDC

23/12/13 - To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall. NOTHING TO REPORT

b) Highway matters - It was **AGREED that the Parish Council could , if necessary , take monies to pay for grit bins from the CIL reserves .**

Two locations were suggested Cllr White kindly **AGREED** to donate 2 bags of salt for which the Council thanked her

ACTION ; CLERK TO LIAISE WITH HIGHWAYS REGARDING LOCATIONS

c) Footpaths - Muddy and well used

The Clerk was asked to report a damaged sign where old A38 meets A383 and also a potential sink hole on old A38

The Clerk reminded Councillors and Parishioners that any Highway defect can be reported online

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>

23/12/14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

23/12/15 Matters for future agenda - NONE

23/12/16 Date of next meeting. - 9th January 2024

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed..... Dated

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