

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair) , Bruckner , Cox and, Warren
Clerk - Karen Gilbert 2 Members of the Public

24/03/01 - Apologies - Cllr Meek **APPROVED.** Cllr White
Dist Cllrs Rogers and Nutley

24/03/02 - Declaration of Interests - None

Standing orders were suspended

24/03/03. Public participation

A Parishioner commented on the percentage increase in the Precept - as stated on her Council Tax demand and also asked if a Councillor could post the Agendas to save the Clerks time and save on mileage expenses

The Clerk explained 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 - hence a higher percentage increase . The Chairman added that any increase on a small amount resulted in a high percentage figure

The same Parishioner commented on the amount of dog waste in the Village . The Clerk suggested seeking advice from the TDC dog warden . It was also agreed to post suitably placed signs on private land

It was NOTED that a Parishioner had returned the noticeboard key to the current chairman

24/03/04 District / County Cllr reports
NO REPORTS

Standing Orders were re-instated

24/03/05 - Minutes of February 2024 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 12th February 2024 were approved and signed

24/03/06- PC ADMIN

Annual Parish Meeting 8th April 2024 - Councillors to set up from 7.15

Public arrives from 7.30 - refreshments served Meeting to commence 7.45

Regular Meeting to commence after APM.

24/03/07 - Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed a link to the financial information requested by a Parishioner on February and that she had completed an annual return on the CIL account

24/03/08 - Update on progress regarding the bus shelter on old A38

The Contractor had advised that he had been delayed but hoped to complete the works before the end of the Financial Year

Cllr Cox advised that he would deliver the shelter as and when required

24/03/09 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

HAWTHORNS ACCOUNTING	PAYROLL	£66.00
KAREN GILBERT	EXPENSES / OFFICE	£66.50

b) To note payment of ICO fee by direct debit at £35.00 **NOTED**

24/03/10 - Planning

Ref. No: 24/00282/AGR Agricultural building
Langworthy Farm Heathfield Road Bickington Devon TQ12 6JU

TO NOTE PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSAL

It should also be noted that this application site is actually the fields opposite Forge Cottage

24/03/11- To receive reports on

a) **Bickington Village Hall.** - Cllr Cox commented that the Hall required new blinds and that skirting board was to be placed all around the interior . He respectfully asked whether the Parish Council might contribute to the costs and the Village Hall wishes to retain its reserves for match funding purposes

ACTION : AGENDA ITEM 04/24

b) **Highway matters** - The Clerk advised that the grants for the supply of two grit bins had been delayed until the Devon County new financial year
Scott Riddell met with Cllr Warren to discuss the site near Rentor
Cllr Bruckner provided what3words location to forward to Scott - in order that he can approve the proposed site over the A38

ACTION : CLERK TO ADVISE HIGHWAYS OF SECOND GRIT BIN LOCATION

c) **The footpaths** were generally in good condition - albeit wet and muddy

24/03/12 CORRESPONDENCE

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

24/03/13 Matters for future agenda -

Village Hall grants / uses of CIL monies

24/03/14 Date of next meeting. -

APM 7.30 for 7.45 start followed by regular PC meeting

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed..... Dated

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MINUTES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL