

# BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present; Cllrs Butt , Laker , Lawson ( Chair ) , Meek and Warren  
Dist Cllr Huw Cox and Clerk - Karen Gilbert  
4 Members of the Public

**23/09/01 - Apologies** - D Cllrs Nutley and Rogers - Cllr White

**23/09/02 Declaration of Interests** NONE

### Standing orders were suspended

#### **23/09/03. Public participation**

##### **Report from Bickington Goodwill Community Group**

1.Community soup and pud event marked a year since we started our activities in the village, and have raised nearly £10.000 which funds going to church repair fund various charities and payment of rent

We have set up a savings account in August just for funds destined to be used to repair the church so that it stays in the village which is what people wished .

2. Upcoming events Michaelmas craft fair ,and clothing sale in October which will raise money for cancer, research and British Heart Foundation

3.Teignbridge CVS asked me to mention their upcoming free cost to live in event  
To inform people of help available

Jane Staveley , Village Hall Committee advised on the proposed interior redecoration of the Village Hall and asked whether the Parish Council would be able to contribute

##### **AGENDA ITEM 10/23.**

She also asked whether the glass cased corn dolly , a Parish asset , could be moved as it took up considerable space

##### **ACTION ; CLERK TO APPROACH CHURCH AS AN ALTERNATIVE**

#### **23/09/04 District / County Cllr reports**

##### **District Cllr Cox**

Cllr Cox advised that the contract for new Bin Lorries was being considered but that Electric vehicles were unfortunately not suitable . However the depot was to receive charging equipment and solar panels in readiness of the development of such a vehicle

### Standing Orders were re-instated

#### **23/09/05- Minutes of July 2023 meeting**

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2023 were approved and signed

#### **23/09//06 -To discuss storage of small Parish Council assets - currently housed in Village Hall**

It was **NOTED** that they all appeared on the Asset register

It was **NOTED** that only the glass cased corn dolly posed a problem with regard to valuable space within the middle room of the hall

It was **AGREED** that the Church be contacted to see whether there was room to house the glass case there

**ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT CHURCH - AGENDA DECISION FOR 10/23**

It was **NOTED** that space for the Filing Cabinet had been AGREED some years ago

**23/09/07. - PC admin**

a) To decide whether to amend Code of conduct - per Teignbridge DC - **DECLINED**

b) To agree Councillor attendance at DALC / TDC Meeting on 12th October 2023 **NONE**

c) To decide Council stance on Membership of TALC **NOT AT THIS STAGE**

**23/09/08 - Clerk's report**

The Clerk confirmed she had

- Contacted the alleged owner of the collapsed wall by the Quarry on the road to South Knighton - different owner - so asked that they be informed of the danger
- Chased TDC re the Combined Dog poo/litter bin which had yet to be installed

**ACTION : CLERK & CLLR COX TO CHASE AGAIN**

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

The Clerk advised she had sought lengths men with Chapter 8 training to attend to the A383 shelter refurbishment . One from Ashburton had expressed an interest but failed to give any quote

The Clerk had tried to secure a supply and fit package re the Plastic shelter on the old A38 - but with no luck

Communication with the Transport section of DCC Highways for Contractor recommendations had also stalled

Meanwhile a local contractor was suggested

**ACTION ; CLERK TO ASK FOR QUOTE RE A38 SHELTER**

**23/09/10 - Finance**

a) **Approval of cheques - APPROVED**

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| KAREN GILBERT | REIMBURSE TDC 05/23 ELECTION COSTS | 276.00 |
| DALC          | TRAINING - LAKER                   | 90.00  |
| K Gilbert     | EXPENSES CARD 2 MONTHS             | 125.70 |

**b) Update on progress of VAT reclaim**

The Clerk advised she had received an invoice for the defibrillator - However details were not correct . A correct one was to be requested

c) The Clerk also mentioned that her contract allowed for the Payment of a gratuity upon retirement - under an established formula . She advised that provision be made over the coming few years and confirmed that her employment had commenced in 2009

It was **AGREED** that the budget process commence in OCTOBER 2023

**23/09/11 - Planning**

**APPEAL - BICKINGTON** - Land At Ngr 280016 72763, Bickington. **NOTED**

Appeal against the refusal of 21/01603/FUL: Change of use of land to one gypsy/traveller pitch consisting of one mobile home and hardstanding for a touring caravan and parking with new access

Planning Inspectorate Reference: 3319543.

Council Appeal Reference: 23/00020/REF

**To complete Housing survey ( from TDC ) - DULY COMPLETED**

**23/09/12 - To receive reports on**

- a) **Bickington Village Hall. Report received**
- b) **Highway matters - Grit bins** - It was **AGREED** to consider the purchase of new Grit Bins during the budget setting process
- c) **Footpaths** The paths were generally in good condition . The Newly installed gate could do when some adjustment **ACTION - CLLR WARREN TO ADJUST**

The graffiti at Ramshorn Down was **NOTED**

**ACTION ; CLLR MEEK TO CONTACT CONTRACTOR**

**23/09/13. To discuss future grass cutting in the Parish - NFA REQUIRED**

**23/09/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**23/09/15 Matters for future agenda**

PROPOSED BENCH ON GREEN NEAR A383 and Budget

**23/09/16. Date of next meeting 9th October 2023**

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

Signed..... Dated .....

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