

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 12th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

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

23/06/01 - Apologies -None

23/06/02 Declaration of Interests NONE

Standing orders were suspended

23/06/03. Public participation

Stuart Rogers , as Postmaster of Ashburton , spoke on plans for a new Hub to house the Library , Banking facilities and Post Office . It was hoped that it would be operational by September . He agreed to keep the Council updated

Bickington Goodwill Community

1.Soup and pud lunch on Saturday raised £367 for repair fund and farming charity great to see new face from Plymouth too .

2.Goodwill community allotment site

The first phase is all gone (7) and being cultivated ,Sourcing funding for composting toilet in the near future.

3.Other events planned our pasty and cider evening august 4 th

Prosecco and cream tea July 23 rd

4.Community newsletter (2). Going well 180 delivered including South Knighton and Chipley 50 by email too and 30 to Lemonford

Thanks to Karen and Cassie for helping with layout and printing and Bev and Helen with extra deliveries

5. Plant pot recycling

Collection point at Grannypats drop off used plastic pots and other can reuse for free Bin outside nursery

6 New logo on posters

People before profit which sums up what our community group is about

Support to the village hall trust in may was £112 as rent payments

7. Had a helpers Thank you high tea as part of volunteering week a couple of weeks ago had 28 people attend which was lovely and we are grateful for all the support from the village and beyond.

23/06/04 District / County Cllr reports

Cllr Cox advised the meeting that the Household support Fund is open for those struggling with the Cost of living situation - details on TDC website

He also mentioned that the Tidy Teignbridge fund is open for grant applications

The Queen Street , Newton Abbot pedestrianisation is before HATOC and consultation has opened on plans to build social rental flats on the Car park at Sherborne House

Standing Orders were re-instated

23/03/05- Minutes of May 2023 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting were contested

The Clerk was asked to replace

23/05/08 - Parish Council admin

It was **RESOLVED** that meetings remain on the second Monday of the month on alternate months in the Village Hall in Bickington. 10/7. 11/9. 13/11. 8/1. 11/3.

It was **RESOLVED** to add an extra date in June whilst the new Council settled

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*Due to a prior booking immediately before the Parish Council meeting , the Council discussed options to change meeting location . It was agreed by all Councilors (sic) to continue to meet at the Village Hall and start as soon as possible after 7.30pm
The frequency of the Parish Council meetings was also discussed and Councilors (sic) agreed to revert back (sic) to monthly meetings from June*

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that Minutes are intended to be concise and to contain resolutions / actions and only just enough information to make sense of the resolution

She confirmed that no decision would have been allowed to change to monthly permanently and the matter was not on the Agenda for decision

The following words were deleted from the amendment

and Councilors (sic) agreed to revert back (sic) to monthly meetings from June

And to add

The Council agreed to set up a working party to look at the Bus Shelter

It was **AGREED** that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman

23/03/06 To Receive a report on Bus Shelter following site visit

The report had been previously circulated to all Councillors

The Clerk asked for a copy which actually covered all the Bus shelters and lay -bys/ bus stops and cited replacement bus shelter , existing A383 shelter alterations inc decoration and additions to infrastructure , addition of bus stop signs , lighting , benches , litter bin and timetables , tree works and replacement of road markings to all bus stop areas , gutters and fascias

The Clerk asked for a spec for the Building / installation costs to be able to obtain quotes which with costs for additions would give an overall costs for the desired works

ACTION ; CLLRS BUTT . WHITE AND WARREN TO WORK ON SPECS

ACTION ; CLERK TO APPROACH HIGHWAYS FOR ROAD MARKINGS

ACTION ; CLERK TO REQUEST BUS STOP SIGNS IN FIVE LOCATIONS

A member of the public mentioned that a bus was stopping on the brow of the Hill and opposite a junction by the Toby Jug and agreed to email pictures to the Clerk to enable her to contact the Bus Company

23/06/07. To decide whether to revert to monthly meetings

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council meet monthly (except August) and that a review take place in January 2024

23/06/08 - To discuss and agree level of Clerk's working hours

The Clerk advised she was employed for 5.7 hours per week . Whilst it was commendable that the new Council wanted to be more pro-active , the knock on effect together with increased meetings could not be accommodated within those hours
It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's hours be increased to 7 per week

23/06/09 - Parish Council admin

The Clerk advised she had
resent the request and emails to TDC re dog bin - holding email received
reported the Road surface in Newton Abbot - now mended
sent Insurance cover to all Councillors

23/06/10 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

Hawthorns accounting	payroll/audit	156.00
Dalc training (Butt)	New Cllr training	90.00
Karen Gilbert	1/3 share in scanner	145.80
Karen Gilbert	expo 06/23 + error	113.75

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

23/06/11 - Planning - NONE

23/06/12 - 12 To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall.

Village Hall Report

DL is now liaising with Nigel Horsey and Karen Saunders about the Hall. KarenS is the point of contact re hall matters.

The 2023 year has been booked - second Monday of each month except August.

The 2024 year has also been booked on the same basis.

Monthly invoices will go to the clerk

The hall have made a request that the PC considers paying via BACS as we are the only people using the hall regularly that still pay by cheque.

DL has also made contact with Becca who uses the hall before us.

KarenS asked DL to mention:

- 1. Wooden windows should be replaced towards the end of June*
- 2. Quotes are being sought for all the hall curtains*
- 3. There are ants in the kitchen - they are looking at options to deal with this*

b) Highway matters - To receive an update on which grit bin might be under utilised

No suggestions for moving any bin had been received

It was suggested that 3 new bins be purchased by the Parish Council

ACTION CLLRS WHITE AND MEEK TO SOURCE SITES FOR 3 BINS

Cllr Butt asked the Clerk to investigate the possibility of signs on the A383 to ask motorists to slow down for cyclists

ACTION ; CLERK

c) Footpaths - To receive an update on Goodstone Woods Bridge

It was reported that the bridge was on the list for repair . The muddy footpath had dried in the warm weather

It was also reported that the Broken footpath gate at the bottom of the village had been secured with rope there was graffiti on the stone at Ramshorn and there was an apparent need to replace the Styles to the fields leading to the River Lemon with gates **07/23**

23/06/13. CORRESPONDENCE

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

23/06/15. Date of next meeting 10th July 2023

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed..... Dated

THE PARISH COUNCIL MUST EMPHASISE THAT THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT MINUTES
AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL