

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair) , Bruckner and Warren
Dist Cllrs Nutley , Rogers and Major
Clerk - Karen Gilbert 3 Members of the Public

24/05/01 - Election of Chair

Cllr Briddock indicated his willingness to remain in the Chair if there were no other nominations . Cllr Bruckner proposed seconded by Cllr Warren that Cllr Briddock remain as Chair - following which he signed the acceptance of Office form
The role of Vice-Chair was deferred to 06/24

24/05/02 - To consider any Co-options to fill vacant seat.

One application had been received - from Sharon Humphreys - who gave a short presentation . It was **RESOLVED** that Sharon be co-opted to serve as Councillor
After signing the acceptance of Office , Cllr Humphreys joined the Council

24/05/03 - Apologies - Cllrs Meek and Cox - Apologies accepted

24/05/04 - Declaration of Interests - None

Standing orders were suspended

24/05/05. Public participation

A Member of the Public advised that an incident involving a car and pedestrian had occurred in Cherry Tree Lane . The pedestrian requires hospital treatment
It was NOTED that traffic had increased both in number and speed , around the lanes of Bickington following various planning approvals

ACTION - Clerk to write to Highways with Crime number - requesting a reduction in speed limit

The Public present thanked the Council for the new bus stop which made the area much smarter

24/05/06 District / County Cllr reports

Cllr Major introduced himself as the newly elected Ward Councillor

Dist Cllr Nutley

We've just put the first of our new fleet of refuse vehicles on the road.

The 12 refuse collection include 8, 22 and 26-tonne vehicles which are fitted with lower emission Euro-6 engines, and electric bin lifts which reduce noise levels for operatives and residents.

The new vehicles are the first of a 56-vehicle replacement programme which includes kerbside recycling vehicles, sweepers for street cleansing and vans, all of which are more eco-friendly, quieter and more efficient.

We're looking for any old or unwanted buckets, spades, balls, nets etc. to fill our beach toy libraries on the seafront at Teignmouth and Dawlish Warren.

Wanted: old or unused beach toys

The toy libraries have previously proved very popular, and anyone visiting these resorts can borrow items to use whilst on the beach. They also help us support families who may not be able to afford all the little extras for a trip to the beach and encourage people to reuse plastic toys rather than just binning them once finished with.

We would love to see the libraries brimming with toys, so if you have old or unused beach toys, please just place them in one of the chests located on the pier on Teignmouth's promenade and near the lifeguard station on Dawlish Warren Beach.

Dist Cllr Rogers commented on various initiatives to take place in Ashburton - including a scam workshop and a Cost of living session . He encouraged Parishioners to log any anti-social behaviour

Standing Orders were re-instated

24/05/07 - Minutes of April 2024 PC meeting and Annual Parish meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish meeting both held on 8th April 2024 were approved and signed

24/05/08 - PC ADMIN

a) To confirm meeting dates and venues for 2024/ 2025

10/6. 8/7. 9/9. 14/10 11/11. 9/12 13/1/25 10/2. 10/3 14/4. **NOTED**

b) To confirm individual responsibility for

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| a) Snow warden | Cllr Humphreys |
| b) Personnel matters | Cllr Briddock |
| c) Parish Paths | Cllrs Warren and Bruckner |
| d) Emergency planning | Cllr Briddock |
| e) PC rep for Village Hall | Cllr Cox |
| f) Bus shelter | Cllr Briddock |
| g) Defibrillator | Cllr Humphreys |

c) To consider response if any to

Teignbridge District Council will be commencing a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places from Friday 19 April 2024. Details can be found here <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/consultation-and-community-engagement/live-consultations/statutory-review-of-polling-districts-and-polling-places>. **NO RESPONSE REQUIRED**

24/05/09 - Clerk's report

The Police report was **NOTED**

The Clerk advised that she had written to Highways requesting that the potholes / defects be addressed on the diversion route (Drumbridges works - since postponed)

NO RESPONSE

The Clerk was asked to send a card and letter of thanks to Bill Allen , who had recently retired as DNPA ranger

24/05/10 - Update on progress regarding the bus shelter on old A38

It was **NOTED** that the shelter had been erected . The contractor had advised that he would return to repaint those areas where the paint surface had been damaged during storage / transit

24/05/11 - Finance

a) **Approval of cheques - APPROVED**

ZURICH INS	2024 premium	£264.00	
Bickington Church	S137 payment	£600.00	
Karen Gilbert	Expenses 05/24	£77.25	
Hawthorns accounting	Internal audit	£70.00	
James Friend	Erecting Bus shelter	£963.42	CIL money

b) To consider & approve the Parish Council Accounts y/e 31/3/24 exemption form

The Clerk presented the Accounts for Bickington Parish Council for the year ending 31/3/24 The Clerk also presented the Exemption from Audit form

Both were **APPROVED** by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE ACCOUNTS AS ADOPTED AND SIGN THE EXEMPTION FORM

c) To consider/ agree Annual statement of Governance y/e 31/3/24

The Clerk read out the statement of Governance

APPROVED by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

d) To consider & approve Statements on Annual return y/e 31/3/24

The Clerk presented the Annual Return - previously circulated - **APPROVED** by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE RETURN

24/05/12 - Planning

24/00689/TPOE

Removal of Ash Coppice due to Ash dieback & significant Coppice butt rot

The Dartmoor Halfway Inn Bickington TQ12 6JW

NOTED - ALREADY APPROVED -

24/05/13 To receive reports on

- a) **Bickington Village Hall.** A Member of the Public advised that the Blinds had been ordered
- b) **Highway matters** - The Clerk advised that our Highways Officer would fill in the forms for the Grants for two grit bins from C Cllr Khan when time allowed
- c) **DNPA MATTERS** - Cllr Bruckner advised that there was little activity on which to report
- d) **The footpaths** were generally in good condition . Some of the hedges would be cut back after the bird nesting season

24/05/14. CORRESPONDENCE

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

24/05/15 Matters for future agenda -

Suggested projects / use of CIL monies

24/05/15. Date of next meeting. - 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed..... Dated

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