

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Butt , Laker , Lawson (Chair) Warren and White
District Cllrs Nutley and Rogers
Clerk - Karen Gilbert 3 Members of the Public

23/11/01 - Apologies - Cllr Meek and Diss Cllr Cox

23/11/02 Declaration of Interests Cllr White - Planning 23/01826/CLDE

Cllr Warren in item 10b Grant for Graveyard maintenance

Standing orders were suspended

23/11/03. Public participation

Bickington Goodwill Community CIC update

1. We had a very successful clothing sale a few weeks ago and raised over £1000 for various charities - thanks to the hard work of volunteers.
2. We employed a cleaner for the church and she will do 3 hours a month at a cost of £50 plus materials funded from donations.
3. Planting of daffodils in church yard is on going
4. Last Saturday's soup and pud lunch club was very well attended and one of the charities was the poppy appeal
5. The free fireworks and refreshments last week were amazing and were attended by lots of families and we intend to do the same again next year
6. This coming Saturday is our Yuletide craft fair

A Parishioner also wished to thank Parishioner and Councillors who gave their time to assist in the Clothes sale

Vernon Coon , PCC asked that the Council considers the grant in a favourable manner - as had been the custom in previous Years

23/11/04 District / County Cllr reports

Cllr Rogers advised that the Ashburton Hub covering Banking / Post office and advice was up and running and that preparation was underway to ensure that Library facilities for Bickington Residents remain in the future

Cllr John Nutley

Future High Street Fund - The proposed 6 screen cinema that was going to be part of the redevelopment of the market complex will now not be going ahead, instead and which will please a lot of people, some of the funding will now be invested in upgrading the Alex Cinema. This is of course subject to full council approval.

We are looking to provide a support package to Care Leavers which will include: A Council Tax discount for care leavers up to the age of 25. The policy is yet to be drafted and will be subject to final understanding of the financial implications and agreement with our precepting authorities. The proposals will reduce to EO, the Council Tax liabilities of all qualifying care leavers who live alone after all other discounts, reductions and exemptions have been exhausted. A lesser amount of discount will be applied where there are others in the property who are jointly and severally liable for council tax.

We are also looking to support by giving free leisure centre membership which would provide access equivalent to the 'Jam Packed' membership, providing access to pools, classes, gym, courts, sauna and steam.

Access to work experience opportunities, where available, up to the age of 25 The key rationale for the recommendations is to provide support, in line with corporate parenting guidance and best practice, to a vulnerable group of young residents who have been supported by our local care system.

We had a Teignbridge 100 briefing for the proposed development on the Sherbourn Car Park in Newton Abbot for 23 social one and two bed dwellings,.these will be for all age groups. Although it will mean the loss of 23 car parking spaces, it will give much needed homes. For those that do not know where this is, if you are coming from the cricket field car park to the junction on the Kingsteignton Road, the site is on the left hand side adjacent to the offices where the old Job Centre used to be.

Cllr John Nutley

We will be looking to develop more social housing and will be refurbishing properties for accommodation for the homeless which is on the increase. At the moment we are spending around 2300,000 a year for temporary accommodation.

Standing Orders were re-instated

23/11/05 - Minutes of October 2023 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2023 were approved and signed

23/11/06 - To note DCC procedure for placing private bench on Green and to decide on DCC obligation for Parish Council to maintain and insure

Cllr Lawson agreed to help the Parishioner fill in the form required by DCC for the placing of a private bench on DCC land

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would maintain it and insure it - requesting a small sum from the Parishioner to cover costs . The Council asks that a resin bench is purchased if possible

ACTION ; CHAIRMAN/ PARISHIONER TO COMPLETE FORM AND SEND FOR PROCESSING

23/11/07. - PC admin - Nothing

23/11/08 - Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed she had requested a sticker for the new multi-purpose bin by the old telephone exchange to demonstrate that dog waste can be placed therein

She had also circulated the Police report to all

23/11/09 - Update on progress regarding the two bus shelters, discuss and resolve if required.

OLD A38 shelter

The Clerk had been unable to order the shelter as she had been misinformed that payment must be made online . The Chairman had also enquired to be told a pro-forma invoice could be supplied

ACTION : CLERK TO REQUEST PRO FORMA INVOICE

23/11/10 - Finance

a) **Approval of cheques - APPROVED**

K Gilbert	expenses 11/23	57.08
Marldon Parish Council	Training - Cllr White	30.00
K Gilbert	Reimburse amazon stationery	48.29
K Gilbert	backpay April - November 23	230.00

An invoice for £26.00 was also presented for payment without the necessary receipt
The Clerk / RFO explained that she was unable to check the purchase and it should not be paid yet. The Chairman commented that the contractor would not return to the store and requested that the matter be forgotten

It was felt that this was unfair - the Council unanimously **AGREED** that payment be made - the Clerk's advice having been **NOTED**

J Heywood	purchase and fitting of lock (s)	26.00
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b) To decide whether or not to contribute the sum of £600 for graveyard maintenance as budgeted 23/24

The Clerk explained that the legislation around this was controversial and that there were possibly changes afoot to allow this. She also advised that many Councils do make such a payment. She confirmed that the sum of £600 had been allowed in the 23/24 budget / precept

Standing orders were suspended

Mr Coon, PCC, advised on the sections off legislation which would allow this

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There was lengthy debate after which the Chairman proposed that payment be made - FOUR Councillors against.. Cllr Warren indicated he was for the proposal but withdrew his vote in view of his declared interest

It was **RESOLVED** that **NO** contribution be made

c) To consider suggested budget for 2024/2025

Cllr Laker circulated the working party suggestion with two minor alterations

The Council had advised the Clerk that the retirement gratuity in her contract would not be made as the legislation covering this was repealed in 2012 at which time her contract should have been amended. No alternatives/compensation were suggested

DEFERRED TO 12/23

d) To set the precept for 2024/2025 **DEFERRED TO 12/23**

e) To note the receipt of Vat paid. £ 376.72. **NOTED**

f) To complete Direct debit form for ICO annual payments - **UPON RENEWAL**

23/10/11 - Planning -

Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land for siting of residential mobile home

Chipleigh Farm Bickington Devon TQ12 6JW. Ref. No: 23/01826/CLDE

NO COMMENT

Ref. No: 21/01603/COND1 | Validated: Fri 27 Oct 2023 | Status: Issued

Discharge of condition 3 (access removal) on planning permission 21/01603/FUL for 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 Land At Ngr 280016 72763 Bickington

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NOTED

Teignbridge Local plan 2020 - 2040 consultation - defer to 12/23

23/11/12 - To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall.

The AGM had taken place - John Cox was the new Chairman

An increase in the Hall charges was to be made in the New Year - more details to follow

It was **NOTED** that the internet connection was now no longer free and that a cleaner was now required following an increase in usage

b) Highway matters - Grit bins - Nothing to report

c) Footpaths - Nothing

23/11/13 CORRESPONDENCE

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

23/11/14 Matters for future agenda

FLYTIPPING

PRECEPT

LOCAL PLAN

23/11/15. Date of next meeting 11th December 2023

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.35PM

Signed..... Dated

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