

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present; Cllrs Butt , Laker , Lawson (Chair) , Meek, Warren and White
Clerk - Karen Gilbert PCSO Tamzin Campbell-Moseley and 2 Members of the Public

23/10/01 - Apologies - D Cllrs Cox and Rogers

23/10/02 Declaration of Interests NONE

Standing orders were suspended

23/10/03. Public participation

PCSO Campbell-Moseley

Tamzin introduced herself , advised that she works from Ashburton and commented that she had also attended a recent Bake and brew morning in Bickington . She hoped that she would be able to attend other Village events / meetings in the future

Recent crime figures include

- 1 x assault
- 1 x seizure of vehicle
- 1 x theft

The Councillors raised various issues , such as the fly tipping and speeding issues - especially on the A383 . The Chairman thanked her for attending

Report from Bickington Goodwill Community Group

1. The recent craft and vintage fair was well attended and we were grateful for the use of Daisy field , next fair is Yuletide in November and is sold out for stalls

2. Upcoming events

Clothes sale has had an amazing response for donations in aid of British Heart Foundation and Cancer research

Spanish night on 3 rd November

And we are out on a free community fire work display/ bonfire with complimentary hotdogs soup, Chilli and mulled wine as away of saying thank you to the local community for their support.

3. We had decided to hire a cleaner to clean the church on a monthly basis (as the regular volunteers are getting older and we would wish to support them) and would be willing to help with other maintenance costs if they arise from our repair fund which is modest at the moment (as up to September fund were given funds directly to the church treasurer) £2500 approximately

4. The allotment site is going very well with £100 of rent going to reinvest in the site

5. We will shortly be planting daffodils in the churchyard as part of the grant from DCC - 2000 bulbs to add to the 1000 we paid for last year .

6 . Community payback scheme

Will not be helping to tidy footpaths due to safety concerns

23/10/04 District / County Cllr reports - None sent

Standing Orders were re-instated

23/10/05 - Minutes of September 2023 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2023 were approved and signed

23/10/06 -To discuss storage of small Parish Council assets - currently housed in Village Hall

The Council commented that this Village asset should remain within the Hall - perhaps on a specially constructed shelf . However , if this proved a problem for the Village Hall Committee , it was **AGREED** by both Council and Church that the Corn Dolly case could be placed in the Church .

ACTION ; CLERK TO INVITE CHURCH AND VH COMM TO LIAISE

23/10/07. - PC admin

Cllr White gave a short report on the New Councillor training which she had recently attended in Marlton

23/10/08 - Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed she had

- Completed the TDC survey
- Submitted the VAT return
- attended the DALC AGM
- paid the TDC election costs
- responded to Buckfastleigh TC re Bus service issues
- chased the issue re defective road surface with DCC - now fixed

It was **NOTED** that

- the bin still had not be installed by TDC - **CLERK TO CHASE**
- the Footpath gate had been adjusted

23/10/09 - Update on progress regarding the two bus shelters, discuss and resolve if required.

OLD A38 shelter

It was **AGREED** that the Council order a Halton Anti-Vandal bus shelter - two bay - in Moss Green at a cost of £2225 + Vat .

It was **AGREED** that the Fixing kit and solar light package also be ordered

It was **AGREED** that the Contractor be engaged at a cost of £800 for removal of old and installation of new

It was **AGREED** that funds be allocated from the CIL monies from the Toby Jug site

ACTION - CLERK TO LIAISE WITH CONTRACTOR RE LOGISTICS

23/10/10 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

Hawthorns accounting	Payroll	£66.00
Karen Gilbert	Expenses / DALC AGM	£88.25
Bickington Village Trust Ltd	rent 07/23 - 11/23 incl	£96.00

The annual donation of £600 towards the cutting of the Churchyard was also discussed
As two Councillors were against this , it was **AGREED** to place the item on the Agenda for 11/23 for decision **ACTION _ - AGENDA 11/23**

b) To consider , in principle , whether Parish Council should contribute toward the redecoration of the Hall

This was discussed at length but it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not contribute - **ALL IN AGREEMENT**

c) The Clerk had circulated the first draft of the Budget . The Councillors wished to form a working party to discuss in detail

AGENDA ITEM 11/23

23/10/11 - Planning - NONE

23/10/12 - To receive reports on

a) **Bickington Village Hall.**

Cllr Laker advised that the Village Hall AGM would take place on 9th November 2023 Jane Staveley is to step down as Chair as is Nigel Horsey as Treasurer . They will be replaced by John Cox and Olivia Northmore respectively

b) **Highway matters - Grit bins -**

It was **NOTED** that the bin on Old Hill has been damaged

ACTION ; CLERK TO REQUEST NEW BIN AND ALSO SALT STOCKS

The High level of fly tipping was also **NOTED** as was the increase surveillance by TDC and the Police

c) **Footpaths**

The graffiti at Ramshorn Down was **NOTED**

ACTION ; CLLR MEEK TO CONTACT CONTRACTOR

23/10/14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

23/10/15 Matters for future agenda

PROPOSED BENCH ON GREEN NEAR A383 , Budget , Churchyard grant

23/10/16. Date of next meeting 13th November 2023

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

Signed..... Dated

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