

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 8TH JANUARY 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Meek (Chair) Warren and White. District Cllr Nutley and Rogers
Later joined by Cllrs Bruckner, Cox and Briddock

Clerk - Karen Gilbert 8 Members of the Public inc co-optees

24/01/01 - Apologies - Dist Cllr Cox

24/01/02 - To elect a Chairman

Cllr Meek agreed to chair this meeting

Standing orders were suspended to allow anyone standing for Co-option to address the Council

Lucy Bruckner addressed the Council - her application having been circulated to all in advance . John Cox and David Briddock - both having served previously - offered to fill the remaining seats There were no further applications

Standing orders were reinstated

The Chairman agreed to bring forward agenda item

24/01/07 - To consider any applications for Co-Option.

The Council discussed the applications

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council co-opt Lucy Bruckner , John Cox and David Briddock to fill the three vacant seats

Having completed the acceptance of Office , the three new Councillors joined the meeting

Cllr White left the meeting feeling unwell

24/01/03 Declaration of Interests - NONE

Standing orders were suspended

24/01/04. Public participation

A member of the Public commented on the 3 recent Cllr resignations adding that she thought there was to be an investigation - The Clerk advised that any resignation was a personal matter for the person/s concerned .

Concerns were also raised regarding a vehicle which could possibly fall onto the Highways and also a summerhouse in a semi derelict state

ACTION ; CLERK TO REPORT TO RELEVANT AUTHORITIES

Another Parishioner enquired how the Clerk's expenses were calculated . The Clerk advised accordingly and Cllr Cox added that these had always been made transparent

Jane Staveley gave a report on behalf of the Village Hall commenting that the Hall was in the process of being decorated but that curtains and poles were still required and required some outside funding

24/01/05 District / County Cllr reports

Cllr Rogers - Cllr Rogers commented on the DCC plans to close Public Libraries . Cllr Briddock **AGREED** to meet with Cllr Rogers on this topic on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllr John Nutley

Cllr Nutley advised that there were no pressing matters to report - adding he was always available should the Parish Council require help or advice . He added that he had a locality budget for projects like the Village Hall - as does the DCC Cllr Sarah Parker - Khan and encouraged Jane Staveley to apply

Standing Orders were re-instated

24/01/06 - Minutes of November and December 2023 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 13th November and 11th December 2023 were approved and signed

24/01/07 - To consider any applications for Co-Option - see above

24/01/08. - PC admin

The acceptances of office had been signed and witnessed - **NOTED**

It was **NOTED** that no training was required at this stage

24/01/09 - Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed that

- the Precept request had been lodged with Teignbridge DC
- The Highway defects reported in December had been corrected
- the dates for 2024 had already been booked

It was **AGREED** that the frequency of meetings be reviewed in April 2024

The Chairman **AGREED** to retrieve the spare key from the ex Councillor

24/01/10 - Update on progress regarding the two bus shelters, discuss and resolve if required.

OLD A38 shelter

The Bus shelter was pending delivery to a local farmer

It was **NOTED** that the contractor contacted may not now be in a position to remove the damaged shelter and erect the shelter

Cllr Nutley advised he would also make suitable enquiries for such a contractor

ACTION ; CLERK TO FIND A NEW CONTRACTOR

24/01/11 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

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Following the Co-options , there were sufficient existing signatories

24/0112 - Planning -

NO new applications to consider

24/0113 - To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall. - see Public participation

b) **Highway matters** - The Clerk advised she had contacted Cllr Parker Khan re grant funding for 2 grit bins - which if arranged through the DCC Cllr / Highways would

ensure that they would appear on the Filling rota each year . An application for £440 had been lodged with a further grant application for the balance to be funded from the DCC locality budget in the 24/25 year

Two landslides on New House Hill were mentioned - with the hedge bank failing

ACTION : CLERK TO REPORT TO HIGHWAYS

24/01/14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

24/01/15 Matters for future agenda -

Facebook page , and election of a permanent Chairman

24/01/16 Date of next meeting. - 12th February 2024

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

Signed..... Dated

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