

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 9TH JANUARY 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair) ,Cox , Lawson Meek and Warren
Dist Cllr John Nutley. and Clerk - Karen Gilbert
5 Members of the Public

The Chairman advised of resignation of Sharon Humphreys and the Council wished to record its sincere thanks for everything she has done for the Council and Parish over the years
The Clerk explained that there was no need to advertise for an bi-election to fill the vacant seat and that the Council could decide whether or not to fill before the forthcoming routine Parish Council elections in May 2023
The Council decided that the seat should be filled as soon as possible
The Clerk advised that she had received an expression of interest from Darren Laker - who was present and who then gave a quick presentation
It was unanimously Agreed that Darren be co-opted and after signing his Acceptance of Office and receiving the Code of Conduct / register of Interest forms , joined the Members at Council.

23/01/01 - Apologies - Dist Cllr Huw Cox

23/01/02 Declaration of Interests NONE

Standing orders were suspended

23/01/03. Public participation

A Parishioner commented that he felt that the Village Hall should be given all possible support - it being a valuable Village asset and the only place where Parishioners could meet
Another Parishioner commented on the overgrown condition of the pavements

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM FOR ASSISTANCE

Another Parishioner commented on the Village Footpath noticeboards and when their renovation might be expected. Cllr Cox confirmed that he would print the maps this month which would enable the agreed contractor to commence the works

ACTION ; CLLR COX TO PRODUCE MAPS

23/01/04 District / County Cllr reports

Cllr John Nutley - Full report available from the Clerk

Cllr Nutley commented on the Teignbridge District Council Draft Budget which was due to be considered next month - which made allowances for the current Cost of Living crisis . He stated that Teignbridge would strive to continue to invest in the town centre regeneration and in the provision of Council homes in the District

Standing Orders were re-instated

23/01/05- Minutes of November 2022 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2022 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman

23/01/06 - Clerk's Report

The Clerk commented that she was glad to be back and that she had submitted the 23/24 Precept request to Teignbridge DC

23/01/07 - Finance

a) **Approval of cheques - APPROVED**

Karen Gilbert - expenses and u/pyt wages 12/22 and 01/23

£210.63

b) To consider proposals for financial assistance towards running costs at the Village Hall

After lengthy debate , it was **RESOLVED** to award a one off grant of £1000.00 from reserves to assist in its current cash flow . It was **AGREED** by all that enhanced revenue generation was required as the Parish Council had not precepted any grant funding in 23/24

A further cheque - for £1000 payable to the Village Hall Trust was drawn and signed

23/01/08 - Planning

Non-material amendment (additional window in gable end) to planning permission 20/00894/HOU for conversion of existing workshop into ancillary accommodation including replacement of the roof covering, replacement of existing window and insertion of a window in the gable of the roof Forge Cottage Bickington Devon TQ12 6JX

Ref. No: 20/00894/AMD **NO OBJECTION**

Discharge of condition 3 (soakaways) on planning permission 21/02576/HOU for outbuilding to rear garden Moss Cottage Bickington Devon TQ12 6JS

Ref. No: 21/02576/COND. **NO OBJECTION**

Single storey rear extension and replacement of existing windows, fascias and rainwater goods Wrigwell Cottage Bickington Devon TQ12 6NX

Ref. No: 22/02207/HOU. **NO OBJECTION**

DETERMINATION

BICKINGTON - Land At Ngr 280016 72763, Bickington

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

REFUSED

23/01/09 To receive reports on

a) **Bickington Village Hall** - Already addressed

b) **Highway matters** - It was Noted that the A383 was again subject to flooding and whilst it was appreciated that the rainfall was extreme , the debris and silt had collected again in the newly replaced drainage . It was felt that the Drains should be cleared / jetted especially as so much time / money had been spent in recent months

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS RE A383 DRAINAGE

c) **Footpaths** - Cllr Warren mentioned that some works to footpath gates was required - he would assess the scope of repairs required

23/01/10 Admin - Nothing of note

The Chairman wished to express the Council's gratitude to Lucy Bruckner for her time acting as Locum Clerk

23/01/11 CORRESPONDENCE

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

23/01/12 Date of next meeting **Monday 13th March 2023**

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... Dated

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AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL