

**BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010**

A meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr D Venner (Chairman), Mr M Andersen, Mr J Anderson, Mr M Cox, Mr K ter Braak

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M ter Braak (Clerk), Mr S Dowding (District Councillor), Mr A Trollope-Bellew (County Councillor)

REPORT FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: before the formal start of the meeting, Mr Trollope-Bellew and Mr Dowding briefly reported on matters of current interest.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Mrs Randell.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2010:** the minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- 3.1. Following the PC's donation of £50 towards G.L.E.A.M.'s fighting fund, the PC has now been made a Life member of G.L.E.A.M.
- 3.2. Following a query raised at the last meeting, the Clerk clarified the exact status of the Parish Council as Trustee of the Village Hall. The PC is a Holding Trustee for the land and buildings and all other assets of the Village Hall. However, the day to day management of the Village Hall is the responsibility of the members of its Management Committee.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** the Chairman had attended the Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee meeting on 26 February. The agenda papers will be circulated.

**5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- 5.1. Environment - update (Julian Anderson):
  - Fly tipping at the bus stop opposite Church Lane and at the junction of the A358 and Culverhayes Lane was reported to Alan Bulpin of WSDC. It was collected by Veolia within hours.
  - Quantock Eco was successfully launched on 12 February. We are now in discussions with Holford and Sampford Brett to see whether they would like to join the six villages already supporting Quantock Eco.
  - Forthcoming events - Quantock Eco has been invited by Taunton Deane, Sedgemoor and West Somerset local authorities to participate in an event on 10 April in Bridgwater. We will give a PPT presentation, participate in workshops, and man a Quantock Eco stand. On 17 April Quantock Eco Bagborough Group will host an Energy Efficiency Workshop from 9:30 am to 1 p.m.
  - Finally, Mr Anderson announced his resignation from the Parish Council. Now that Quantock Eco has been well launched, and the Eco Team separated from the PC, he felt that his proactive part on the Council had been accomplished, and that it would be best to make room for someone else. His resignation was accepted and the Chairman thanked him for all the work he had done during his 3 years as Councillor.

- 5.2. Footpaths: damaged fencing along WL 1/5 (Bicknoller Combe to Quantock Moor) will be repaired by the Quantock Commoners.
- 5.3. Police Liaison: nothing to report.
- 5.4. Roads update: Mike Andersen had met with Highways to look at various problems, as follows -
- The road surface outside St. George's Church is adopted public highway. Highways are prepared to tarmac this area if requested. The Clerk will write to the PCC to advise them of this.
  - Repair of potholes in Chilcombe Lane & Culverhayes to Upcott Lane - the Area Highway Superintendent will be asked to inspect these areas and arrange for repair of any potholes above the intervention limits.
  - Rotted fencing by entrances to 31 & 33 Church Lane - a works order will be placed in the new financial year (April 2010) for replacement of the existing rotted fencing.
  - Repair of street name plate posts at Chilcombe Lane/Trendle Lane - this has been reported to WSDC.
  - Upcott Lane - concrete slab on side of road. Its location will be checked and any necessary work arranged.
- 5.5. Young People: Mrs Randell has been working with the Rector, Val Plumb, to look at ways of bringing the church to the young people. An event had been organised recently where the young people washed cars to raise funds for Haiti, with the church serving coffee and cake. Mrs. Randell is also thinking of ways in which other organisations in the village can involve the young and would be happy to hear any suggestions.

About half the tea towels have now been sold and it is hoped that the remainder can be sold via the Village Shop.

## 6. PLANNING

- 6.1. Planning matters: nothing to report.
- 6.2. Applications:
- 3/01/10/001 - Mrs Sallyann Heller, Lady's Edge, Bicknoller. Demolish existing storm damaged stables, tack room and fodder storage. Replace with barn to include integral sectional stables, tack room & storage for fodder. **A site meeting was held on 30 January - no objections.**
- 6.3. Decisions:
- T/3/52 - Tree Preservation Order, Hove-To, 2a Trendle Lane. Fell 3 Lombardy Poplars, grind out stumps and replant site with Oak or Beech. **Refused.**
- 3/01/09/007 - Mrs C Chester, Middle Halsway Farm, Crowcombe. Retention of manège for use as a riding school. Erection of barn and formation of vehicular access & parking area. **Refused.**
- 3/01/09/012 - Mr J Waters, Treetops, Newton Lane, Bicknoller. Demolition of existing flat roof side extension. Building of side and rear extensions with pitched roofs to match existing house. **Granted.**
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**7. FINANCE**

7.1. Authorisation of expenditure -  
the Meeting noted the issuing of the following cheques:

chq.no. 177	Countryside Art (re tea towels)	£193.78
chq.no. 178	Bicknoller Parochial Church Council	£250.00
chq.no. 179	G.L.E.A.M.	£50.00
chq.no. 180	Forum 21 (postage costs re CD project)	£20.50

the following cheques were authorised:

chq.no. 182	Mrs M ter Braak (expenses)	£17.39
chq.no. 183	Mrs M ter Braak (salary Dec09-March 2010)	£183.48

7.2. Actual 2009-2010; Budget 2010-2011: the year end actual figures were noted and the budget for 2010-2011 was agreed.

7.3. Review of assets - the revised asset list was agreed and signed by the Chairman. It was resolved that the Clerk will carry out an inspection of all assets and report to the PC meeting in May.

**8. GRIT BINS IN VILLAGE:** it was agreed that the Parish Council will buy bags of rock salt when necessary and ask parishioners in strategic places to store the bags for use in icy weather.

**9. COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME FOR PARISH:** it was agreed to ask a representative from the SW Ambulance Service to attend the Annual Parish Conference on 27 May to explain the requirements for a First Responder Scheme in the parish. The most important thing will be getting sufficient volunteers and a notice about this has already been put in Pumpings.

**10. ANNUAL PARISH CONFERENCE - 27 MAY 2010**

- 10.1. Arrangements re speaker - see item 9 above.  
 10.2. Catering costs - It was agreed to provide savoury snacks (up to £30) and wine. The wine will be purchased on a sale or return basis.

**11. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

- 11.1. Mike Andersen will attend the Chairmanship training course run by SALC on 22 April. The cost to the PC will be £20.  
 11.2. Councillors Venner and ter Braak will attend a briefing session about Hinkley Point on 29 March run by West Somerset Council and Sedgemoor Council.

**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Thursday 15 April	7 p.m.	Parish Council-Planning (provisional)
<b>Thursday 20 May</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Parish Council - Full</b>
<b>Thursday 27 May</b>	<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>ANNUAL PARISH CONFERENCE</b>