

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – THURSDAY 15 JULY 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 M Cox, Mrs N Russell, Mr K ter Braak

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M ter Braak (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Mrs Cerys Randell, Mrs Jenny White, Mr Anthony Trollope-Bellew and Mr Stuart Dowding.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2010:** the minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** nothing to report.
5. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
 - 5.1. Environment - update: nothing to report.
 - 5.2. Footpaths: the damaged signpost (WL 1/17 - Chilcombe Lane to A358) and the damaged Quantock Greenway signpost (WL 27/2 - Weacombe Combe to Bicknoller Combe) have not yet been repaired. Mrs White will chase this up and report at the September meeting.
 - 5.3. Police Liaison – update: nothing to report.
 - 5.4. Roads - update. Mike Andersen reported as follows:
 - Luckes Lane, Woolston Moor drainage. A successful site meeting had been held with some Woolston parishioners and representatives from Somerset Highways. The on-going works were discussed and current issues explained.
 - Pathway outside St. George's church. Highways will grade and roll the pathway which will leave it smoother.
 - Water leakage in Chilcombe Lane. Work has now been carried out and a section of pipe replaced.
 - Upcott Lane - the hole in the road has been repaired.
 - Road sign at Chilcombe Lane/Trendle Lane. Nothing has been done so far. Mr Andersen will chase this up.
 - Broken fence alongside culvert at main road end of Church Lane. Responsibility for repair has now been handed over by Highways to the District Council.
 - Woolston - two access streams require cleaning of build up of debris in front/behind the grill. The District Council has been informed.
 - 5.5. Young People - update: nothing to report.
6. **PLANNING:**

A parishioner in Dashwoods Lane had requested a warning pole at the edge of the culvert outside his property. A temporary pole has been put in place.

- 6.1. Applications: the meeting had no objection to the following -
 3/01/10/002 - Mr & Mrs R Smart, Yard Farm, Kingswood. Window and door replacements.
 T/3/52 - Works to Trees in a Tree Preservation Area. Remove branch from Horse Chestnut and lift the crowns of 3 trees at Hove-To, 2A Trendle Lane, Bicknoller.

6.2. Decisions: [none received to date]

7. FINANCE

7.1. Authorisation of expenditure -

the Meeting noted the issuing of the following cheques:

chq.no. 190	Broker Network Ltd. (Insurance policy renewal)	£292.95
chq.no. 191	Bicknoller Village Hall (grant re playground upkeep)	£300.00

the following cheques were authorised:

chq.no. 192	Moore Stephens (re external audit)	£141.00
chq.no. 193	Mrs M ter Braak (expenses)	£101.97
chq.no. 194	Mrs M ter Braak (salary April to July)	£308.58

7.2. Cashflow & Actual to date: the Clerk advised that a site meeting had been arranged with C J Lynch to get a quote for replacing the bus shelter at Church Lane (Taunton direction) using the same design as the new bus shelter at Woolston Moor. It was also agreed to investigate the cost of other bus shelter designs.

7.3. Big Lottery fund grant - end of grant report: it was agreed that the Clerk will return to the Big Lottery the unspent grant funds (£48.96) and the refunded VAT amount of £35.03.

8. **REVIEW OF COUNTY COUNCIL OWNED LAND:** the letter from the County Council dated 24 May 2010 was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should advise the County Council that the Parish Council has no interest in either buying the sites mentioned or having them transferred to the PC.

9. **ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** none.

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 19 August 7 p.m. Parish Council - Planning (provisional)

Thursday 9 September 7 p.m. Parish Council - Full
NB: 2nd Thursday in month

Thursday 21 October 7 p.m. Parish Council - Planning (provisional)