

**BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2011**

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, Mrs. C. Randell, Mrs. N. Russell,  
Mr K ter Braak, Mrs. J. White.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M ter Braak (Clerk), Mr A. Trollope-Bellew (County Councillor),  
Mr S. Dowding (District Councillor) & 1 parishioner

PARISH FORUM - no forum was held.

REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Mr. Trollope-Bellew and Mr. Dowding reported on current matters of interest.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Mr. M. Cox.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Mr. Andersen and Mrs Russell declared a personal interest in item 6.1. Planning Application 3/01/11/001 - 15 Church Lane, Bicknoller. They did not speak or vote during discussion of this item.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2011:** the minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
  - 3.1. Matters Arising: the Clerk reported that BickLifts might now be receiving some Travel Pass funding from the County Council, however the exact amount is not yet known.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** the Chairman has been asked whether the Parish Council is arranging any celebrations for the Royal Wedding at the end of April. It was felt that it was too late to find out whether parishioners would be interested in attending such a celebration and, as this was not a separate agenda item, any decisions on possible expenditure could not be taken at this meeting.
5. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
  - 5.1. Environment: more rubbish has been dumped at the junction of Culverhayes Lane/A358. Councillor Russell has been in touch with the District Council who are unsure whether or not they own the land in question. Councillor Dowding offered to speak to the person responsible at the District Council to chase up this matter. The rubbish at Merways Knapp has been cleared away.
  - 5.2. Footpaths: a broken gate along WL 1/9 (Long Combe to Paradise Combe) has been reported to SCC Rights of Way.
  - 5.3. Police Liaison: nothing to report.
  - 5.4. Roads: Councillor Andersen is arranging a site meeting with Highways regarding the repairs needed to the road surfaces at Chilcombe Lane and Dashwoods Lane (where they meet the A358). In addition to these two areas, another problem with the road surface breaking up has been reported at Halsway and this will be included in the site meeting.
  - 5.5. Young People: Quantock Towers Benefice has taken over the running of the youth group, organised by Paul and Lorraine Mansfield. The youth group will meet at Crowcombe Church House and some concern was expressed about the problem of transporting Bicknoller children to Crowcombe. Councillor Randell will investigate further and report back to the Clerk.
6. **PLANNING**
  - 6.1. Applications: the meeting had no objection to the following application - 3/01/11/001 - Mr & Mrs M Andersen, 15 Church Lane. Single storey rear extension.
  - 6.2. Decisions: none outstanding.

**7. FINANCE**

7.1. Authorisation of expenditure -

the Meeting noted the issuing of the following cheques:

chq.no. 204	Somerset Playing Fields Asscn.	£10.00
chq.no. 205	SALC - re Clerks' Workshop 16 February 2011	£20.00
chq.no. 206	Quantock Towers Benefice (re Pumpings)	£16.23

the following cheques were authorised:

chq.no. 207	Bicknoller Village Hall (First Responder hire charges)	£87.00
chq.no. 208	Community Council for Somerset (2011-2012 sub.)	£35.00
chq.no. 209	SALC (2011 - 2012 subscription)	£92.81
chq.no. 210	Mrs M ter Braak - expenses	£84.17
chq.no. 211	Mrs M ter Braak - salary Dec 2010 to March 2011	£212.67

7.2. Year End Actual; Budget 2011-2012. The closing balance at the year end is £3978 and this amount will be brought forward into the next financial year.

7.3. Review of Assets: Councillors reviewed the List of Assets and approved the insurance values for each item. Councillor White mentioned the feeling by some Woolston parishioners that the notice board there belonged to Woolston and not to the Parish Council. The Clerk will check the records to clarify the situation.

**8. PUMPINGS: future format & distribution.** It was agreed in future to make Pumpings available mainly via the parish website. This will save on printing costs and the task of delivering to the whole parish. However, any parishioners who want Pumpings delivered (e.g. those without computers) will be asked to contact the Clerk. The Chairman will mention this decision at the Annual Parish Conference but, to ensure that all parishioners are aware of this new arrangement, one more edition of Pumpings will be delivered to each household and will include a note about the future arrangements.

**9. ANNUAL PARISH CONFERENCE 26 MAY:** catering costs - it was agreed to provide savoury snacks (up to £35) and wine. The wine will be purchased on a sale or return basis.

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

**11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

21 April	7 p.m.	Parish Council - Planning (provisional)
<b>19 May</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Parish Council - FULL</b>
<b>26 May</b>	<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Parish Conference</b>
16 June	7 p.m.	Parish Council - Planning (provisional)