

**BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2012**

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 Grellier, Mrs C Lighton,  
Mrs. N. Russell, Mrs C Skinner and Mr C Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M ter Braak (Clerk), Mr S Dowding (District Councillor)

PARISH FORUM - no forum was held.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Mr Dowding reported on current matters of interest.

PRESENTATION BY PCSO: Peter Bolton (Police Community Support Officer) gave a short presentation on police related events in the parish from 18 December 2011 to date.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Mr A Trollope-Bellew.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2011:** the minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
  - 4.1. Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations - the Chairman circulated minutes of the latest Working Party meeting held on 9 January. Preliminary details of the events to be held will be put into the next issue of Pumpings due out at the beginning of February.
  - 4.2. The Chairman thanked Mike Andersen for clearing out the culvert in Church Lane during the recent flooding following heavy rainfall.
5. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
  - 5.1. Environment: Chris Skinner advised that the rubbish left in the layby at the junction of Culverhayes Lane/A358 had been cleared away within the week.
  - 5.2. Footpaths: Carolyn Lighton reported that a tree had fallen down in the bridle way along the main road at Dashwoods Lane. This has now been cleared away.
  - 5.3. Police Liaison: nothing to report.
  - 5.4. Roads:
    - The flooding of the road in Church Lane had been caused partly by a faulty grill in the culvert and partly by the debris left behind following a clearing of vegetation on the banks. It was agreed that Mike Andersen will contact Highways to get the grill replaced and the Clerk will write to the PCC to advise them of the problem caused by the debris which had not been cleared away.
    - Overhanging tree/branch on A358 near Chilcombe Lane - this has now been removed.
  - 5.5. Young People: nothing to report.
6. **PLANNING:** the Clerk had spoken to WSC Planning regarding horses in the field along Trendle Lane. WSC confirmed that, although change of use had been discussed, they do not challenge every instance of horses being put in fields. They are still in discussion with the owner of the field.
  - 6.1. Applications: the Meeting had no objection to the following application -  
3/01/11/018 - Miss J Bishop, The Flat, 8 Dashwoods Lane. Proposed infill of old stone vent on front elevation.
  - 6.2. Decisions:  
3/01/11/013 (Full) & 3/01/11/014 (Listed) - Mr. B. King, Ford Farm, Bicknoller. Installation of a PV solar system on the roofs of an outbuilding, consisting of a total of 20 Suntech 195W panels. **Granted.**

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## 7. FINANCE

7.1. Authorisation of expenditure -

the Meeting noted the issuing of the following cheques:

chq.no. 227	Bicknoller Parochial Church Council	£200.00
chq.no. 228	Tanks Direct (2 x 100 litre grit bins)	£154.80

the following cheques were authorised:

chq.no. 229	Somerset Playing Fields Association	£10.00
chq.no. 230	Bicknoller Village Hall (PC bookings 2011)	£74.50
chq.no. 231	Bicknoller Village Hall (BCFR bookings 2011)	£44.00
chq.no. 232	Mrs M ter Braak (expenses)	£20.02

7.2. Grants & Donations: it was agreed not to make a donation to St. Margaret's Hospice, Taunton.

8. **BUDGET & PRECEPT 2012- 2013:** the Precept was set at £3500. It was agreed that £1500 will be put aside in the next financial year as a fund towards the cost of any services which might be delegated to the parish council by the District Council in 2013-14.
9. **BICKNOLLER PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN:** it was agreed that John Grellier will email his latest draft to all councillors, together with further information on this subject, which will be discussed again at the March meeting.
10. **BED CLOSURES AT WILLITON HOSPITAL:** it was agreed that the Clerk will advise Williton Parish Council that Bicknoller PC supports its concerns about the proposed bed closures at Williton Hospital.
11. **ILLEGAL OFF-ROADING (MOTOR BIKES) ON BICKNOLLER HILL:** the Clerk will write to the Quantock Hills AONB office to advise them about motor bikes on the footpath at Bicknoller Hill. A copy will be sent to the National Trust and Peter Bolton, PCSO.
12. **COMPLAINTS RE DOG NOISE AT CULVERHAYES:** it was agreed that Mike Andersen will contact the complainants to advise them to get in touch with the relevant officer at the District Council about this matter.
13. **BICKNOLLER VILLAGE HALL:** it was agreed that the PC (as Holding Trustees) will grant permission for the Village Hall Committee to put Photovoltaic Panels on the Village Hall roof.
14. **ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** the Clerk will be attending a meeting on 2 February organised by Somerset County Council to discuss future provision of services.
15. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**
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| 16 February     | 7 p.m.        | Parish Council - Planning (provisional) |
| <b>15 March</b> | <b>7 p.m.</b> | <b>Parish Council - Full</b>            |
| 19 April        | 7 p.m.        | Parish Council - Planning (provisional) |