

## BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 10 MAY 2017

A meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors C Warren (Chairman), M Andersen, J Grellier, A Harrison R Murphy, M Rawle and Mrs C Skinner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Richards (Clerk), County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence.

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PARISH FORUM: None.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR: County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence reported on current matters of interest. The Chairman congratulated Mrs Lawrence on behalf of the Parish Council on being re-elected at the recent County Council elections. District Councillor Dowding's report had been pre-circulated and was noted.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor S Dowding.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor C Warren be re-elected as Chairman and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor R Murphy be re-elected as Vice Chairman.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Councillor C Warren declared a personal interest and spoke on Item 9.2. – Planning Decision 3/01/17/002, Upcott Farm, Upcott Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EY.

**5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 8 MARCH 2017 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of 8 March 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

6.1. Environment – Councillor Mrs Skinner had reported some fly tipping at the top of Halsway Hill to the Council. The flytipping sign at Halsway had blown off the tree and District Councillor Dowding had taken it away, but it should be put back. Councillor Grellier agreed to deal with this matter. She had been in touch with John Payton about cutting Woolston Moor and she was due to visit the area next week with him and Richard Hill to discuss the area to be left uncut this year.

6.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harrison gave an update on Neighbourhood Watch within the Parish. The response rate to the recruitment door drop so far remains disappointingly low. The six-monthly meeting was held on 19 April and was attended by PCSO Peter Bolton when the recent burglary in Trendle Lane was discussed. A local increase in “beauty spot” thefts was also reported.

6.3. Rights of Way – no report. The Clerk advised that, following legal advice, the Parish Council had raised no objections to the b13 Notice of an application to register easement or other rights in respect of land at Woolston Moor, Bicknoller.

Councillor Murphy was asked to check the fence on the footpath leading off the sharp corner past the Bicknoller Inn on Church Lane.

- 6.4. Roads – Councillor Andersen had reported two road name signs that were reported as failing in their integrity reported via online tool to WSC. WSC had inspected them and a work order will be raised. The broken finger post at Halsway Cross has been notified to SCC Highways, it is on their list of work that does not have a budget. The Parish Council were still waiting for the finger post on the A358 Williton side to be replaced.
- 6.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – Councillor Grellier reported that a defibrillator had been installed on the front of the village hall. The Volunteer Group had undertaken work on the church bank, continue to cut grass on the A358 and are due undertake work on the drains in Church Lane. Strimmer training had previously been talked about via SCC and County Councillor Lawrence advised it would be coming along shortly.
- 6.6. Quantock Hills & Farming – Councillor Rawle advised he had received a quotation to fence off the quarry and would pass this on to District Councillor Dowding.

## 7. FINANCE

- 7.1. The Clerk confirmed that the closing balance as at 31.3.17 was £5,890.
- 7.2. The meeting noted the issuing of the following cheque:  
Chq. No. 142 – JPC Design (website domain renewal) £14.39  
Chq. No. 143 – BT Payphones (purchase of telephone box) £1.00  
The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:  
Chq. No. 144 – Clerk's expenses (8 March-10 May 2017) £41.87  
Chq. Nos. 145 & 146 – Clerk's salary & Tax (April-June 2017) £452.30  
Chq. No. 147 – Mrs C Richards, reimbursement of cost of Laptop for Parish Council use £299.99
- 7.3. Insurance Renewal – It was resolved to accept the quotation from Zurich Municipal in the sum of £303.23 for 2017/2018 and a cheque for this amount was raised.

## 8. AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017

- 8.1. The Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 8.2. The Accounting Statements 2016/17 was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 8.3. The Annual Internal Report 2016/17 by the Internal Auditor was noted. It was resolved to purchase a gift for the Internal Auditor to thank him for his work.

## 9. PLANNING

- 9.1. Applications:  
3/01/17/004 Cusdons Cottage, Upcott Lane, Bicknoller, Taunton, TA4 4EY: Erection of two-storey extension to the north elevation to link with the utility room (No objections).
- 9.2. Decisions:  
3/01/17/001 Braeside, 12 Dashwoods Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EQ: Erection of side and rear extension to existing bungalow. (Granted).  
3/01/17/002, Upcott Farm, Upcott Lane, Bicknoller, Taunton, TA4 4EY: Application for a prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery, fodder and ancillary equipment (permitted development)(Refused).  
3/01/17/003 Steep Hill, Taunton Road, Bicknoller, TA4 4EH: Erection of single storey extension on the north-west elevation. (Granted).

**10. BT TELEPHONE BOX**

The Clerk advised the agreement for the sale and purchase of the telephone kiosk had now been signed off by BT and they were due to remove the telephony equipment on 12 May 2017. Councillor Grellier advised that £200 should go back to the Community Resilience in Somerset Partnership (CRISP) if this money was not used for fitting the defibrillator in the telephone box.

**11. ANNUAL PARISH CONFERENCE**

Arrangements were made for the Annual Parish Conference on 24 May 2017. Councillors Grellier and Harrison agreed to report on the Volunteer Group and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme respectively.

**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

24 May 2017	7.00 pm	Annual Parish Conference
12 July 2017	7.00 pm	Full Council
20 September 2017	7.00 pm	Full Council
8 November 2017	7.00 pm	Full Council

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....