

**BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 8 NOVEMBER 2017**

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Richards (Clerk) and Somerset County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence

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PARISH FORUM: None.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Somerset County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence reported on current matters of interest.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Warren.

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

Councillor J Grellier, declared a personal interest in Item 6.1. Planning Applications - 3/01/17/015 – 21 Church Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EL: Erection of detached garage. He spoke but did not vote.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2017 & MATTERS ARISING**

3.1. Neighbourhood Plan – A Public Meeting has been arranged for 18 January 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall when Ann Rhodes, Policy Officer (Planning and Environment), Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council, would be in attendance to provide detailed information on the process.

3.2. S106 funding – West Somerset Council had confirmed there was no time limit to apply for the £5,000 S106 funding currently available. They had further confirmed the current funding could only be applied for against Priority 1 of the Parish Council's top 5 priorities.

Subject to noting the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

**5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

5.1. Environment – Councillor Mrs Skinner - some items had been dumped at Halsway Lane but had been cleared by West Somerset Council.

5.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harrison- the six monthly meeting had been held on 3 November 2017 but nothing else to report.

5.3. Rights of Way – Councillor Murphy – nothing to report. The remains of a fallen tree on the greenway where it meets the bottom of Paradise Combe would be dealt with by Mr Salvidge

5.4. Roads – Councillor Andersen - a parishioner had reported blocked drainage in Culverhayes towards Upcott Lane. Highways had arranged for these to be rodded. It was agreed it would be helpful if there could be some roadsweeping at Culverhayes and the Clerk agreed to contact West Somerset Council. Concerns had also been expressed about cars speeding

through Culverhayes but SCC Highways had advised that as there had been no reported accidents nothing could be done at the present time. Attention had been drawn to the hedge trimming that had taken place opposite No. 20 Trendle Lane and thereabouts, by a non-SCC Highways contractor, which had made a terrible mess on the highways. This had been reported to SCC Highways but he did not know if it had been inspected yet. Councillor Anderson stated that the Volunteer Group had cleared the gullies in Trendle Lane only a few weeks ago and there was concern these hedge trimmings could block these again. The Clerk reported that SCC Highways were again offering a supply of salt bags in advance of the winter season. It was agreed not to take up this offer as it was felt there were sufficient supplies available from previous years. Parish Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know by 24 November 2017 if any salt bins needed topping up.

- 5.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – Councillor Grellier – thanked the Volunteer Group for the work they had done on the church bank.
- 5.6. Quantock Hills & Farming – Councillor Rawle – nothing to report.

## 6. PLANNING

### 6.1. Applications:

3/01/17/015 – 21 Church Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EL: Erection of detached garage (No objections).

3/01/17/011 – Manor Farm Barns, Woolston Lane, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LN: Erection of Dutch barn and stone walling to form courtyard for the storage of feed and machinery. It was resolved that the Parish Council did not object to the construction of the Dutch barn itself, but is opposed to the creation of a concrete access route from Woolston Lane between the Alms Houses and Combewater around the western end of the curtilage of the property to the barn. The access from the lane between the adjacent properties is of restricted width, on entrance to the field it passes over the septic tank and soak away for Combewater and the main water supply for Byeways and would seem to necessitate at its northern end the removal of an old orchard which provides screening of the development area from the Almshouses.

ABD/01/17/002 – Manor Farm Barns, Woolston, TA4 4LN: Prior Approval for a proposed change of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development. (No objection). On the recent site meeting, it had been noted that some works had commenced prior to planning approval being obtained and it was resolved to report this to the West Somerset Council Planning Department.

3/01/17/014 - Halsway Manor, Hill Lane (Halsway), Bicknoller, TA4 4BD: Various internal and external alterations (No objections).

3/01/17/009 – The Bicknoller Inn, 32 Church Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EL: Display of 4 No. non illuminated directional signs and 1 No. non illuminated 'A' board (retention of works already undertaken) (No objections).

### 6.2. Decisions:

3/01/17/007 – 17 Church Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EL: Erection of first floor extension to the rear and loft conversion (Granted).

ABD/01/17/001 – The Barn, Chatterwood, Bicknoller: Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations (Granted).

3/01/17/008 – Treetops, Newton Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4ET: Demolition of bungalow with erection of 1 No. replacement dwelling, detached garage with store and changes to field access (Granted).

3/01/17/012 – Oakfields, 3 Honeyrow Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EE – Erection of single storey extension at first floor level on the north elevation with extension of the existing balcony along the east elevation and loss of balcony on the north elevation, new double door on the ground floor of the east elevation, stainless steel flue on the west elevation and replacement rooflights on the east and west elevations (Granted).

**7. FINANCE**

7.1. The Budget & Cashflow 2017-2018 was noted.

7.2. Authorisation of expenditure –

The meeting noted the issuing of the following Direct Debit & Cheque:

ICO Data Protection Registration Renewal – Direct Debit £35.00

Chq. No. 156, CRS Building Supplies Limited £8.54

7.3. The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. No. 157, Clerk's Expenses, 12 July-8 November 2017 £48.64

Chq. No. 158, Clerk's Salary & Tax, October-December 2017 £452.30

**8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS: TO REVIEW**

It was resolved (1) to amend 4.2. to read "Payments by cheque shall be made with two signatories and the two signatories signing the cheque shall also sign the counterfoil".

**9. REVIEW OF ASSETS**

It was resolved to seek an insurance valuation for the ex-BT Telephone Box now it was in the Parish Council's ownership.

**10. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

It was resolved to include a list of village based clubs/groups on the website.

**11. DOG LITTER BIN**

It was resolved to leave further discussion until the Parish Council had heard back from the Village Hall Committee, who were looking into placing a dog litter bin near the shop.

**12. VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS**

It was agreed there was no action the Parish Council could take to stop commercial adverts being placed on the village noticeboards.

**13. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Parish Council Noticeboards
- Woolston Flood Plan

**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

10 January 2018 7.00 pm Full Council

18 January 2018 7.00 pm Public Meeting: Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....