

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 12 JULY 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, A Harrison, R Murphy, M Rawle and Mrs C Skinner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Richards (Clerk), District Councillor S Dowding.

PARISH FORUM: None.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: District Councillor S Dowding reported on current matters of interest.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Somerset County Councillor C Lawrence and Councillor J Grellier.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 10 MAY 2017 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 5.1. Environment – Councillor Mrs Skinner reported that some black bin bags had been tipped at Halsway and had been removed. The litter bin and the flytipping sign at Halsway were both missing; she had reported the bin to WSC and District Councillor Dowding agreed to look into what had happened with the sign. Woolston Moor: she had met with John Payton and Richard Hill to discuss the area to be left uncut this year. Systemic weedkiller would be applied to deal with the Alder and wild strawberries. Councillor Warren reported that Hi Line, contractors working for Western Power Distribution, had undertaken some tree trimming at Little Moor, Woolston, to clear the power lines adjacent to the railway line. The contractors had also advised that the Ash tree beside the gateway into the public area looked as if it would benefit from a safety survey due to rotting at the base. It was resolved to ask Matt Sharp to survey the Ash tree and report back to the Parish Council.
- 5.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harrison advised that following a report of some potential suspicious activity in Trendle Lane, the information was distributed and feedback from residents was favourable. He was going to request a new Neighbourhood Watch sign in Chilcombe Lane.
- 5.3. Rights of Way – Councillor Murphy reported that on the footpath from Church Lane along to the main A358 one of the fences was leaning into the footpath; SCC will investigate and contact the landowner to discuss rectification. SCC has looked at the loose stile on the footpath at Lady's Edge which goes down towards the railway line and also one which is loose by the stables at Lady's Edge and has contacted the landowners and they should be fixed before

the next meeting. SCC had issued a temporary closure of Bridleway WL 1/4 and Part of Bridleway WL 27/2 due to an unsafe bridge. It had been established that the finger post near the bridge was in the wrong position. They are going to move it back to its correct position and put up rails either side of the bridge so that the footpath will be open again. He reported that SCC had advised that WSC were responsible for the bridge and District Councillor Dowding agreed to look into this.

- 5.4. Roads – Councillor Andersen reported that something positive seems to be happening regarding the finger post on the main A358. Councillor Skinner asked if it was possible to do something to slow traffic down at the top of Halsway Hill and Councillor Andersen agreed to bring this up with SCC Highways.
- 5.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – no report.
- 5.6. Quantock Hills & Farming – no report.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1. Appeal:
3/01/16/003 - The Stables, Chilcombe Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4ES: Change of use of land and building from equestrian stabling to Class C3 (Dwelling) and associated building and engineering operations.
- 6.2. Applications:
3/01/17/005 - Rainbows, Paradise Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4BB: Conversion of the existing outbuilding into a one bedroom granny annex to be used as ancillary accommodation to the main house (No objections).
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 (No objections).
- 6.3. Decisions:
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 (Granted).
3/01/17/005 - Rainbows, Paradise Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4BB: Conversion of the existing outbuilding into a one bedroom granny annex to be used as ancillary accommodation to the main house (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 cheque and Direct Debit:

Chq. No. 148 – Zurich Municipal – Insurance Renewal	£303.23
Direct Debit payment to Open Spaces Society on 1 July 2017	£45.00

The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. No. 149, JPC-Design – website hosting	£30.00
Chq. No. 150, Clerk's expenses 10 May-12 July 2017	£63.72
- 7.3. Grant request towards maintenance of Bicknoller Churchyard. It was resolved to make a grant of £250 and Chq. No. 151 was issued for this amount.

8. WATERCOURSES

Councillor Andersen drew attention to the filling in of a watercourse at the new house built at Chilcombe Lane and what implications it may have downstream. It was resolved to write to WSC Planning Department to draw their attention to this matter.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH CONFERENCE – 24 MAY 2017

None.

10. BICKNOLLER TOP 5 PRIORITIES

It was resolved that these remain as agreed at the meeting on 2 November 2017, being 1) Finance towards improvements to Bicknoller Village Hall 2) Finance towards improvements to Bicknoller Village Shop 3) Ongoing maintenance of play areas and equipment 4) Bus shelters 5) Village storage facilities.

11. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

12. DATE OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

It was resolved that this would take place on 20 September 2017 at 6.30 pm.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

20 September 2017	6.30 pm	Full Council
8 November 2017	7.00 pm	Full Council

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: