

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 8 MARCH 2016

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, and Mrs C Skinner.

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

PARISH FORUM: None.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Murphy and M Rawle and District Councillor S Dowding.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- 2.1. Councillor C Warren declared a personal interest and spoke on Item 15 - Woolston Moor, Boundary Issues.
- 2.2. Councillors M Andersen and A Harrison signed the dispensation form in relation to setting of the precept to cover the period 12 January 2016 to 31 May 2019.
- 2.3. A Dispensation Form in respect of items relating to the Bicknoller Village Hall to cover the period 5 October 2015 to 31 May 2019 had previously been signed by Councillors (Minute No. 2.2., Meeting 5 October 2015).

3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2016 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of 12 January 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman congratulated the Bicknoller Volunteer Group for their work in keeping the village tidy.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 5.1. Environment - Councillor Mrs Skinner - there had been no reports of flytipping. She had been asked by a parishioner if a list of recycling and rubbish collection dates for Bank Holidays could be displayed on noticeboards; the Clerk advised this had been done.
- 5.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – no report.
- 5.3. Rights of Way – no report.
- 5.4. Roads – Councillor Andersen - with regard to the damaged finger post opposite Church Lane bus stop on the A358 (Williton side), Highways had advised that the driver's insurance has agreed to pay for the repair, and an order has now been issued to remove the post and repair. Highways had confirmed that the drainage works in Dashwoods Lane had gone well and they were pleased with the works. He had notified Highways of a blocked gully in Chilcombe Lane near the large oak tree below the stables entrance which appears to back up in any rain and sends everything down the lane and where potholes have now started to appear; Highways confirmed they would inspect it and the area has now been marked so hopefully work would be undertaken soon. Councillor Grellier was concerned at the number of

heavy lorries going up through Chilcombe Lane and questioned whether this was why the potholes were appearing. Councillor Andersen agreed to keep an eye on this.

- 5.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – Councillor Grellier reported that nothing had been undertaken due to the weather but works would start again soon. He had replaced the noticeboard by the old post box in Dashwoods Lane; a note of thanks had been received from the parishioner who had requested this. The Clerk confirmed she had written to Stogumber Parish Council asking if they would be willing to make a contribution towards the cost of repairs to the bus shelters at Woolston Moor and was awaiting a reply.
- 5.6. Quantock Hills & Farming – no report.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1. Applications:
3/01/16/001 Yard Farm, Kingswood, Stogumber, TA4 3TW: Replacement of roof tiles with natural slate, replace two existing rooflights with conservation velux roof windows and install one new conservation velux roof window (Listed Building Consent)(No comments.)
- 6.2. Decisions:
3/01/15/015 – Quantock Barn, Woolston Lane, Sampford Brett, TA4 4LN: Erection of a wooden shed for storage of a lawn tractor and other equipment, such as trailer, hedge trimmer, etc, associated with maintenance and use of the two paddocks. (Granted).

7. FINANCE

- 7.1. Budget & Actual: Cashflow 2015-2016 – noted.
Resolved to note the closing balance at year end is £6,095 and this amount will be carried forward into the next financial year,
- 7.2. The meeting noted the issuing of the following cheques:
Chq. No. 104 – Mr K Cook, Table Tennis Club (SCC donation) £250.00
Chq. No. 105 – Bicknoller St George PCC Churchyard £25.00
The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:
Chq. No. 106 – Community Council for Somerset (membership 2016-17) £40.00
Chq. Nos. 107 & 108 – Clerk's salary & tax (January-March 2016) £309.97
Chq. No. 109 – Clerk's expenses (12 January-8 March 2016) £34.09
Chq. No. 110 – JPC-Design (website domain name) £14.39
- 7.3. Review of Financial Regulations: Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and, subject to nothing the addition of paragraph 9.4. it was resolved to adopt these.
- 7.4. Clerk's hours – to consider request from the Clerk for an increase in working hours: It was resolved to increase the Clerk's working hours from 2 to 3 hours per week with effect from 1 April 2016.

8. REIVEW OF STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and, subject to noting the addition of paragraphs 1.13, 23.3 and Section 26 and amendment to item 7.2, it was resolved to adopt these.

9. BICKNOLLER PLAYGROUND

- 9.1. It was resolved to make a further grant of £1,000 towards the Bicknoller Playground project on the proviso that should the project not proceed the monies will be repaid.
- 9.2. It was resolved to write a letter of support for the project.

10. WOOLSTON MOOR

10.1. Noticeboard in Woolston: Councillor Harrison asked whether another noticeboard on which general posters could be displayed could be purchased. It was resolved that Councillor Harrison would look into this matter further. The question of whether the building on which the existing board was situated was listed and whether planning permission would be required for a new noticeboard and the Clerk was asked to check this with West Somerset Council.

10.2. Estate Agents sign on Woolston Moor: It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Stag's estate agents asking them to remove their sign with immediate effect as they had not sought the permission of the Parish Council to erect the sign on the Moor.

11. CHILCOMBE CROSS: ATTENUATION PONDS

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

12. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Noticeboard at Woolston
- Chilcombe Cross – attenuation ponds.
- Woolston Moor – annual review

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

12 April 2016	7.00 pm	Planning (Provisional)
10 May 2016	7.00 pm	Full
24 May 2016	7.00 pm	Annual Parish Conference

14. TO CONSIDER EXCLUDING THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved that this item be considered after the exclusion of the press and public because of the likelihood that exempt information would otherwise be disclosed relating to Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Item 15 contains information that could release confidential information relating to legal advice.

15. WOOLSTON MOOR – BOUNDARY ISSUES

The Chairman advised the Council's Solicitors was working on the deeds to take into account the recent negotiations and when done they would be presented to a future meeting and would form the basis on which an annual review of the area would be undertaken.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: