

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 9 JANUARY 2019

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Somerset County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence, District Councillor S Dowding and Mrs C Richards (Clerk)

PARISH FORUM: None.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Somerset County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence and District Councillor S Dowding reported on current matters of interest.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018 & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 5.1. Environment – Councillor Skinner – no reports of any fly tipping. Attention was drawn to some fly tipping in Culverhayes Lane and at Quantockside.
- 5.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harrison – a parishioner had been the victim of an internet crime where their computer had become locked and they were held to ransom.
- 5.3. Rights of Way – no report.
- 5.4. Roads – Councillor Andersen – works had been finished at Culverhayes, which would hopefully have a positive impact this winter. He thanked County Councillor Mrs Lawrence for her help with this matter.
- 5.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – Councillor Grellier – one of the Group had found human faeces inside the bus shelter at Church Lane. Councillor Grellier had put notices asking people not to use bus shelters as toilets. Councillor Harrison had reported this to PCSO Peter Bolton but had received no reply. District Councillor Dowding had asked WSC Environmental Health if there was anything they could do.
- 5.6. Quantock Hills & Farming – Councillor Rawle – the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme were proposing to build a new car park at Crowcombe Park Gate. This would have affected the Parish as they were going to restore the original car park back to heathland by the use of spoil from Halsway Quarry. This proposal would also affect the water supply for Halsway. The Quantock Commoners had informed them about the water supply and they have now said they will look for alternative places for the spoil.

The Quantock Commoners were still complaining about the fencing at Bicknoller Quarry as they felt it should have been enclosed all the way around. They also advise that the old wire was never taken away by West Somerset Council when they erected new fencing in the left hand corner and sheep have become tangled up in this. District Councillor Dowding agreed to look into this.

6. PLANNING

6.1. Applications:

3/01/18/014: Rowan Cottage, 12 Trendle Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EG: Erection of single storey side extension (No objections).

ABD/01/18/001: Newton Farm, Newton Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EU: Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations (No objections).

6.2. Decisions:

3/01/18/001: Manor Farm Barns, Woolston, TA4 4LN: Conversion of barns to residential unit including alterations to fenestration/roof lights and erection of a single storey extension (part retention of works already undertaken)(Granted).

7. FINANCE

7.1. The Budget & Actual; Cashflow 2018-2019 was noted.

7.2. It was resolved to authorise the issuing of the following cheques –

Chq No. 187 Clerk's Expenses (26 September 2018-9 January 2019)	£53.25
Chq. Nos. 188 & 189 – Clerks Salary & Tax (January-March 2019)	£454.74

8. BUDGET & PRECEPT 2019-2020

It was resolved –

- To pay the Somerset Playing Fields' Association Subscription this year in case the Parish Council required any advice regarding the play area. It was noted the Bicknoller Village Hall Committee had advised that as far as they were concerned this need not be paid.
- Not to renew the Community Council for Somerset Membership when it became due.
- To keep the precept at £3,675.00. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the precept form.

9. ASSETS LIST 2018-2019

It was resolved to include the equipment held by the Volunteer Group and to look into the matter of whether Woolston Moor should have a valuation put on it. The ownership of Little Moor was also questioned and the Clerk agreed to look into this.

10. STANDING ORDERS

It was resolved to adopt these with no alterations.

11. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Section 106 Funding – Letter of Support for Bicknoller Village Hall Committee
Councillor Mrs Skinner drew attention to a recent accident at the top of Halsway Hill and questioned whether anything could be done about speeding cars in this area. County Councillor Mrs Lawrence agreed to ask David Peake, SCC Highways, if he had been notified of this accident.

12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

13 March 2019	7.00 pm
15 May 2019	7.00 pm
22 May 2019 – Annual Parish Conference	7.00 pm
10 July 2019	7.00 pm
25 September 2019	6.30 pm
13 November 2019	7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: