

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 13 MARCH 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, and M Rawle.

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

PARISH FORUM: None.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Somerset County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence reported on current matters of interest. District Councillor Dowding's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Skinner and District Councillor S Dowding.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 5.1. Environment – the Clerk read out Councillor Skinner's report "the flytipping reported at the last meeting has been cleared. The remains of a car which emerged when the verge was cut at the top of Halsway Hill had now been removed. To date, there are no reports of anymore flytipping".
- 5.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harrison – the District Administrator for Neighbourhood Watch had retired and he was waiting to hear who her replacement would be. He had emailed BT again regarding putting Neighbourhood Watch signs on their telegraph posts.
- 5.3. Rights of Way – Councillor Murphy – nothing to report.
- 5.4. Roads – Councillor Andersen – a resident of Quantock Moor had noticed orange paint sprayed around pot holes in Trendle Lane and was wondering why no potholes above Trendle Lane to Quantock Moor [to the water bar] have been surveyed and marked for repair. SCC Highways had advised that the Highway Superintendent was carrying out an inspection of Chilcombe Lane to find the drainage outfall in response to a drainage camera survey he had organised, when he noticed pot holes at this location and while he was there, he marked them up and put on the system. He did not visit Quantock Moor Lane as he had no reason to do so. Another Superintendent had now inspected Quantock Moor Lane and marked the reported pot holes/defects which had been repaired, with the exception of above the water bar at Quantock Moor. Residents of Woolston had expressed concern regarding the A358 road closure near Sampford Brett. The Parish Council has raised the concerns with Councils and Highways Authorities before, the end result of

which is that Woolston Lane will have signs at both ends saying that it is for residents only. The Parish Council has been told that it was not possible to close the lane at one end to block passing traffic, nor impose a speed limit as the Police do not have the resources to enforce it.

- 5.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – defibrillator training would be on 10 April 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the hire of the hall.
- 5.6. Quantock Hills & Farming– Councillor Rawle – further to his last report about the proposed car park at Crowcombe Park Gate and the use of spoil from Halsway, the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme had now found an alternative source for the spoil.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1. Applications:
 - T/01/18/001: Winsome Cottage, Trendle Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EG: Application to carry out management works to two Lombardy Poplar trees and a group of Cupressus macrocarpa trees included in West Somerset District Tree Preservation Order T/3/52 (No objections).
 - 3/01/18/015: Halsway Manor, Hill Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4BD: Erection of a single storey extension to the north east with various internal alterations (No Objections).
 - 3/01/18/016: Halsway Manor, Hill Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4BD: Various internal and external alterations (No Objections).
- 6.2. Decisions:
 - 3/01/18/007: Combe Hayes, Taunton Road, Bicknoller, TA4 4EH: Outline application with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for the erection of 2 no. Dwellings (Refused).
 - ABD/01/18/001: Newton Farm, Newton Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EU: Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Refused).
 - 3/01/18/013: Broomfield, Paradise Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4BE: Erection of single storey sunroom extension to the side elevation (Granted).
 - 3/01/18/014: Rowan Cottage, 14 Trendle Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EG: Erection of single storey side extension (Granted).
 - T/01/18/001: Winsome Cottage, Trendle Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EG: Application to carry out management works to two Lombardy Poplar trees and a group of Cupressus macrocarpa trees included in West Somerset District Tree Preservation Order T/3/52 (Granted).

7. FINANCE

- 7.1. Budget & Actual; Cashflow 2018-2019 to note.
- 7.2. It was resolved to note the following income had been received:

Wayleave Payment	£100.45
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- 7.4. It was resolved to note the issuing of the following Cheques:

Chq. No. 190, Somerset Playing Fields' Subscription Renewal	£15.00
Chq. No. 191, Hire of Village Hall (Invoice No. 567)	£182.50
- 7.3. Authorisation of expenditure –
It was resolved to issue the following cheques:

Chq. No. 192 JPC Design (domain renewal 1 year)	£19.19
Chq. No. 193 Clerk's Expenses (10 January-13 March 2019)	£46.76

8. EXTERNAL AUDIT – TRAINING SEMINAR

It was resolved (1) to pay for the Clerk to attend this Seminar at a cost of £30 and resolved (2) that the Parish Council would pay for any future courses the Clerk

wished to attend without this having to come before a meeting.

9. INTERNAL CONTROL AUDIT

The ten key control tests which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting was reviewed and it was resolved that no changes were required.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk analysis chart which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting was reviewed and it was resolved that no changes were required.

11. JOHN LEES MEMORIAL

Councillor Harrison had met again with Mrs Lees. At the current time, she was unable to give an estimate for the cost of the work but confirmed she would not be charging for her time, just materials. The first stage would be to sketch out the basic design for which she is keen to have the Parish Council's thoughts and approval before proceeding with the artwork itself. The Clerk confirmed she had received 18 expressions of interest from parishioners in donating towards this work. Mrs Lees also had an idea as another way of honouring John's memory, which is the creation of a village archive of historical records, photographs, etc.

12. DISTRICT & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 2 MAY 2019

The Clerk advised that nomination papers needed to be with the Elections Office at the West Somerset Council by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

13. BICKNOLLER VILLAGE HALL – LETTER OF SUPPORT

An email had been received from the Bicknoller Village Hall Management Committee asking for a letter of support from the Parish Council for the redevelopment and updating plans of the Hall and Community Shop. This letter would be used to support their bid for Section 106 funding and other grant applications sought for the project. It was resolved (1) that the Parish Council provide a letter of support for the Section 106 application and resolved (2) that the Bicknoller Village Hall Management Committee be advised that, should they require further letters of support for other funding applications, they should put their request in writing and these would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

14. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Harrison reported he had received a letter from a Woolston resident regarding the flora and maintenance at Woolston Moor and suggesting an up-to-date wildlife survey is undertaken. It was agreed this matter should be put on the next Agenda. County Councillor Mrs Lawrence advised that Mark Ward of the Somerset Wildlife Trust might be able to offer advice.

15. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

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 8.05 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: