

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 10 JULY 2019

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

PRESENT: Councillors C Warren, J Anderson, S Dowding, A Harrison, M Rawle and Mrs C Skinner.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors M Rigby and A H Trollope-Bellew, Mrs C Richards (Clerk), 3 members of the public

PARISH FORUM: None.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: District Councillors M Rigby and A H Trollope-Bellew reported on current matters of interest.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Councillor Dowding declared a personal interest in Item 9 as he had been involved in the project.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised that Christine Waters had thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £250 for the upkeep and maintenance of the Bicknoller Churchyard.

Subject to noting the above, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman stated that he found it difficult to absorb that there were 2 planning appeals within the Parish at the present time, and the possibility of a further appeal.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 5.1. Environment – Councillor Mrs Skinner – a quantity of asbestos corrugated roofing and a fridge had been left at the top of Halsway Hill, the former had been removed but the fridge is still there. She has sent another email to the Council to ask that this be removed. She had also requested a new bin at the top of Halsway Hill as the previous one has been knocked over. She had met with John Payton regarding Woolston Moor and agreed on the set aside area for this year, which would be the area alongside the road. Mr Payton will top the hedge in the middle but was very reluctant to put weedkiller down.
- 5.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Harrison – planning permission had not been granted for the erection of two new Neighbourhood Watch Notices.
- 5.3. Rights of Way – Kevin Ogilvie-White – nothing to report.
- 5.4. Roads – Councillor Anderson – had reported the overgrown footpath which runs from the end of Church Lane along the A358 up to the beginning of Chilcombe Lane to SCC Highways but had not received a reply. He had therefore ascertained the owner of the hedgerow and arranged for the area to be cut, for which the owner would pay. SCC Highways had advised that, due to a cut back in funding, lane hedgerows would only be cut to a height of one metre instead of the usual two metres. He proposed that the Parish

Council pay a contractor to cut the upper metre this year with the cost next year being paid for by increasing next year's Precept. The mapping of all lanes that need to be cut back should be undertaken, so that clear instructions can be given to the contractor before flailing takes place. It was resolved that Councillors Anderson & Dowding map hedges that require attention and obtain 3 quotes for this work and report back to the next meeting.

- 5.5. Community Resilience & Bicknoller Volunteer Group – Councillor Anderson - he had met with ex-Councillor Grellier when it was agreed that in future ex-Councillor Grellier report directly to the Parish Council through the Clerk rather than through Councillor Anderson. The Volunteer Group would cut back any straggly or dangerous hedge overhang until a decision was made on 5.4. above. These tasks would be delegated by lane. To avoid flooding, it was agreed that Councillor Anderson would, on behalf of the Volunteer Group, approach those parishioners whose responsibility it is to maintain streams and request their permission that the Volunteer Group help them fulfil their responsibility. Parish Councillor Ogilvie-White would take over responsibility for the defibrillators.
- 5.6. Quantock Hills & Farming– Councillor Rawle – nothing to report.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1. Applications:
3/01/19/003: Melbreak, 44 Church Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EL: Erection of single storey extension to the east elevation (No objections).
3/01/19/004: Culverhayes Farm, Culverhayes Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EX: Demolition of timber store building and erection of an annexe to be used as ancillary accommodation. It was resolved that providing the finish matches the existing Grade 2 listed building and the septic tank is of sufficient capacity, the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.
- 6.2. Decisions:
3/01/19/001: Land at Combe Close, Bicknoller: Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of 4 No. Detached dwellings (Refused).
- 6.3. Appeal:
3/01/18/007, Combe Hayes, Taunton Road, Bicknoller, TA4 4EH: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for the erection of 2 No. dwellings.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1. Budget & Actual; Cashflow 2019-2020 was noted.
- 7.2. It was resolved to note that the bank reconciliation was undertaken by Councillor A Harrison on 2 July 2019 when the current account balance as at 14 June 2019 was £6,673.63
- 7.3. It was resolved to note the issuing of the following Cheque:
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| Chq. No. 199 – SALC Affiliation Fees | £115.10 |
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- 7.4. It was resolved to issue the following cheques:
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| Chq. No. 200 – JPC-Design Invoice No. 001082, website hosting | £30.00 |
| Chq. No. 201 – Clerk's Expenses, 9 May-11 July 2019 | £81.14 |

8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS: TO REVIEW

It was resolved to delete the wording "with Councillors M Andersen and J Grellier being the named persons for collecting materials" in item 9.4.

9. REPAIRS TO CHURCH WALL: TO CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

It was resolved not to make a donation towards the repairs to the Church wall as funding had been found and work was due to be completed by the end of the month.

10. LOCAL PLAN: CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)

It was noted that Somerset West & Taunton Council has started work on the new Local Plan for the new Council area. They are preparing to consult on the draft between 19 July and 30 September 2019. The Clerk will let Parish Councillors know when further information became available.

11. HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE, WILLITON: OPENING HOURS

Councillor Dowding advised he had received a complaint from a parishioner regarding the opening hours and it was resolved to write a letter asking if they would consider opening on another day in addition to the current opening hours.

12. DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO SERVICE DELIVERY SERVICE DELIVERY PROPOSAL

It was noted that consultation was out on the closure of Porlock Fire Station and, with further cuts envisaged in the future, the Williton Fire Station could be affected.

13. OAK TREE OUTSIDE BICKNOLLER CHURCH

The Clerk advised that a parishioner had asked whether the Oak tree received any care or had ever been crowned. It had been ascertained by the parishioner that the land on which the tree stands does not seem to belong to anyone. It was resolved there was no action the Parish Council could take other than to monitor the situation.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Hedge cutting
- Dog Litter Bin
- Frack Free Zone

15. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

25 September 2019	6.30 pm
13 November 2019	7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: