

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 16 DECEMBER 2020

A (remote attendance) extraordinary meeting of the Council was held at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: (Remote attendance): Councillors J Anderson, K Ogilvie-White, M Rawle and Mrs C Skinner.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor C Warren

IN (remote attendance): County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence and Mrs C Richards (Parish Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Parish Councillors A Harrison and S Dowding, and District Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:**
Councillor J Anderson declared a personal interest in Item 5 – Zoom Subscription. He spoke at the request of the Chairman but did not vote on the item.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None.
4. **SOMERSET CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY COMMUNITY FUND – LETTER OF SUPPORT**
Further to Minute 4, Meeting 9 December 2020, the Clerk referred to advice from the Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) which stated “S137 is not an issue in this instance as all parish councils have the power to provide or support community car share schemes by virtue of s26 of the Local Government and Ratings Act 1997. S137 can only ever be used if a power to act does not exist and in this instance such a power does exist hence there should be no problem”. It was further their understanding that all the funds would be paid to Watchet Town Council, who have the General Power of Competence so s137 would not apply”.

Somerset County Council had, without prejudice, advised that any successful funding agreement and award of grant monies would go to the lead parish in the case of a joint application.

The Clerk confirmed that Watchet Town Council had agreed to be the Lead Council for the project, they had advised “the bid will set out which councils are combining to be part of the bid and how the final total of the bid is made up from “contributions” from each council (no money from any council is committed towards the funding bid)”. They had also confirmed “the lead council will submit the bid on behalf of the partner councils and any administration required by the bidding process and any accounting for spend of the grant will fall to the lead council, i.e. Watchet Town Council”.

Parish Councillors were pleased to receive the above information, especially confirmation on the S137 issue, and –

Resolved (1) to rescind the Parish Council's letter addressed to Mr D Croxton, Secretary, BICKLifts, dated 23 November 2020; and

Resolved (2) to support, in principle, BICKLifts in its bid for grant funding from the Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund; and

Resolved (3) to note that the lead partner in the initiative will be Watchet Town Council, funding will be awarded to them to deliver the project and any accounting or legal issues for spend of the grant will fall to them.
5. **ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION**
Councillor Anderson had offered his ZOOM subscription to the Parish Council to use for their meetings for the foreseeable future. At the request of the Chairman he set out the payments he had made for the subscription (copy of invoice with the Parish Clerk). It was resolved to

contribute £65.00 towards Councillor Anderson's ZOOM subscription and to thank him for his kind offer.

6. PLANNING

Decisions: To note -

3/01/20/010: Quantock School of Riding, Middle Halsway, Halsway Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4BA: Change of use of office and employee accommodation to 1 No. residential dwelling (retention of works already undertaken)(Application Withdrawn).

3/01/20/011: Change of use of dairy Cottage annexe into 1 No. residential dwelling (retention of works already undertaken)(Application Withdrawn).

3/01/20/014: Manor Farm Barns, Woolston Lane, Sampford Brett, TA4 4LN: Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 3/01/18/001 to change material from render to timber cladding (Granted).

3/01/20/015: Deesway, 21 Church Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EL: Erection of entrance porch on the north-west elevation (Granted).

3/01/20/016: Chilcombe House, 30 Trendle Lane, Bicknoller, TA4 4EG: Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of 1 No. dwelling and detached garage in the garden to the side with associated access (Refused).

It was resolved to ask Somerset West & Taunton Council (SWT) why Planning Applications 3/01/20/010 and 3/01/20/011 had been withdrawn as they were retrospective applications.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13 January 2021 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: