

BICKNOLLER PARISH COUNCIL – 28 APRIL 2021

A (remote attendance) Extraordinary Meeting of the Council was held at 8.07 pm.

PRESENT: (Remote attendance): Councillors J Anderson, S Dowding, A Harrison, Mrs C Skinner and M Rawle.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor C Warren

IN (remote attendance): County Councillor Mrs C Lawrence, District Councillors M Rigby and A H Trollope-Bellew, Mrs C Richards (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2021 & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2021 were approved. Given the current circumstances, the Chairman would sign these when conditions allowed.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None.

5. CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that Kevin Ogilvie-White had resigned as a Parish Councillor on 18 April 2021, thereby creating a Casual Vacancy. The Casual Vacancy has been advertised and unless ten electors for the Parish give notice in writing by 11 May 2021 to Somerset West & Taunton Council requesting an election be held, the Parish Council can fill the vacancy by the co-option of a new Councillor at a future meeting.

6. BICKNOLLER SHOP LEASE

The Clerk stated the Village Hall Committee had advised that the 5-year Lease was due for renewal and was asking the Parish Council as Trustees to sign this. The Parish Clerk confirmed the Parish Council is a Holding Trustee for the land and the building and all other assets of the Village Hall. However, the day-to-day running of the village Hall is the responsibility of the Members of its Management Committee. Following discussion, it was resolved that Councillors Warren and Dowding would act as signatories to the Lease.

7. FINANCE

7.1. It was resolved to issue the following cheques:

Chq. No. 246 – JPC Design – domain renewal	£19.19
Chq. No. 247 – Repayment of CIL Payment to Somerset West & Taunton Council (issued to Bicknoller Parish Council in error)	£799.47

8. INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Zurich Municipal in the sum of £317.78 and a cheque for this amount would be raised when conditions allowed.

9. PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

The Clerk confirmed that regulations that allow local authorities to hold meetings remotely would cease with effect from 6 May 2021. This would mean that local authorities, including local councils, must return to face-to-face meetings from 7 May 2021. She asked all Parish Councillors to read the Risk Assessment previously written for face-to-face meetings.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5 May 2021 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed: Date:
Chairman