

**Minutes, Meeting of Bicknoller Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, commencing at 7pm at the Village Hall**

(in the format to be approved at the next meeting)

**PRESENT:**

Councillors C Warren, M Andersen, G Withers, D Leggetter, M Rawle and J Bishop (after co-option, agenda item 5)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

C Morrison-Jones (Parish Clerk)  
1 x member of the public

**PARISH FORUM:**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of absence received from Cllr A Harrison and SC Cllrs M Kravis and C Lawrence

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr M Rawle declared a personal interest in agenda item 9.2.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

RESOLUTION: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the above Parish Council meeting as a true record, and they were signed by the Chairman

**4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE BELOW AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**5. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION**

RESOLUTION: to co-opt Mrs Jane Bishop onto Bicknoller Parish Council. Cllr Bishop signed her declaration of acceptance of office and joined the council for the remainder of the meeting

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Warren welcomed new councillor Jane Bishop to the PC

*Agenda item 11 was brought forward to this point*

*. The meeting was adjourned, in order that a member of the public could speak about Woolston Moor and matters concerning its management, and then the meeting was resumed*

**11. WOOLSTON MOOR**

Cutting / maintenance for autumn 2023

A plan was provided that annotated 3 areas of the moor that require maintenance. The 'red' area was cut last year.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Leggetter to gain a quote for cutting the specified 'green areas' on the Plan with the view to the quote being considered at the January 2024 BPC meeting.

The 'blue area' to be allocated for cutting in the winter of 24/25

*The member of the public left the meeting at this point and the advertised agenda order resumed*

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

7.1. Environment (DL)

There has been one incident of fly tipping of builders' waste at the top of Culverhayes / A258 junction which was reported and has now been cleared by SC.

7.2. Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch (AH)

Report previously circulated

7.3. Rights of Way (CW)

Nothing new to report

7.4. Roads (MA)

Beware of mud on the roads due to maize harvesting along the A358

- 7.5 LCN meeting (MR)  
Didn't really appear to make progress from the first meeting. Next meeting scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>
- 7.6. Quantock Hills & Farming (MR)  
Stock numbers on the hills are now reduced for winter stocking (700 sheep, no cattle, 30 ponies and their followers)

**8. PLANNING**

- 8.1. To note the following decisions of Somerset Council:  
i) 3/01/23/003. Thorncombe House, Paradise Lane, Bicknoller. Removal of extension, re-rendering of the southwest elevation and the installation of half glazed doors and painted timber doorcase, GRANT 18.9.23
- 8.2. General Planning Updates  
None

**9. FINANCE**

- 9.1. Approve bank reconciliation, 21.10.23  
RESOLUTION: to approve the bank reconciliation, dated 21.10.23, of £15887.60.  
Of this amount, £1,896.67 is held in earmarked reserves.
- 9.2. Consider grant request from Bicknoller Village Hall Committee  
Cllr Rawle took no part in the agenda item  
RESOLUTION: to award a grant to Bicknoller Village Hall of £2000 towards their new curtain/stage lighting
- 9.3. Consider request from Williton Allotments for fundraising support  
RESOLUTION: clerk to write a letter of support from BPC
- 9.4. Income received  
None
- 9.5. Payments to authorise
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| C Morrison-Jones        | £556.55  | Salary, expenses & reimbursements – Sept & Oct |
| Bicknoller Village Hall | £17.50   | November meeting room hire                     |
| SALC                    | £118.76  | Annual PC membership fee                       |
| C Morrison-Jones        | £134.93  | Back pay (April-Oct inc), to be paid 8.12.23   |
| BVH                     | £2000.00 | Grant  |
- The SALC pay award for 2023/24 has now been agreed and the pay increase is to be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023
- 9.6. Items to consider when setting 2024/25 budget  
None beyond normal budget lines

**10. DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

A free defibrillator training session is available annually from SWAT as part of the defibrillator lease arrangement  
RESOLUTION: Cllr Andersen to enquire with SWAT regarding potential spring dates for a training session

**12. BICKWATCH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

No update

**13. ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None

**14. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.58