

**Minutes of a Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 28th July 2005
at 6.30 pm at Woolwell Community Centre.**

PRESENT:- Councillors Mrs N. Barnes, C. Ellis (Vice-Chairman), S. George, Mrs C. Glover, R. Goddard, J. Smith , B. Spencer and P. W. Hitchins (arrived late).

ALSO PRESENT:- Mr Barry Isaacs – Western Web Ltd.
Miss A. Price (Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillors Miss S. Ellis and County Councillor J. Hart.

In absence of Chairman, Councillor Mrs Barnes took the Chair.

Parish Website

Councillor Mrs Barnes reported that she was responsible for website access for the South Hams District Council and that the website should be pleasing to the eye and easy to use. Councillor George circulated printed website pages and the layout of pages was discussed. Ownership of individual pages was discussed. Information could be supplied on the website including maps, population, shops schools, community areas which could be useful for new people moving into the area.

It was agreed Councillor George to be the one Councillor to liaise with Barry Isaacs to avoid confusion. It was also agreed to have a small working group to discuss the website, complete the plans and bring back to the full Council Meeting. It was agreed Councillors Spencer, Goddard and George form the working group. It was agreed to make the website available to the visually impaired by duplicating the site with text only. A page where people send in comments was also discussed and it was agreed to have no advertising on the website.

The timescale to be next meeting and it was agreed to delegate authority to Councillor George to make changes to the website.

OPEN FORUM

Councillor Mrs Barnes gave the Chair to Councillor Hitchins.

There were a number of local residents present and their concerns were expressed including signatures obtained to the following points.

1. All undersigned expressed their concerns in respect of the lack of care, the grass cutting *itself*, the times it has been done this year, even when done 'leaves a lot to be desired', so much grass, it should be picked up otherwise it will be impossible to cut next time, the cleaning up after, of the footpath and the highway [H & S].
What does the Contract Say?

2. It is understood that when 'THE GREEN' was handed over by the MARISTOW ESTATE to THE PARISH COUNCIL, the HEDGE CUTTING top & outside to the side and rear of Jump Close, Leat Walk and Blackeven Close should continue as previously done, in the late September, October time
3. Trees on the green look untidy; some of the lower limbs should be removed [it is understood that this was looked into some three years ago]. What was the outcome?
4. H & S concerns regarding footpath from Village to Leat Walk and the continuation to Caron Lane.
5. Pavements at the far end of Leat Walk H & S issue.[leaves dried and matted,-, when wet would become slippery. Who is responsible. {Please take a walk}. . .
6. Recycling issues [No Local System in place] who is responsible.
7. Concerns expressed about the footpath in Tavistock Road leading from Leat Walk to the Methodist Church the grass on either side and the overhanging trees when wet.
8. Who is responsible for the trees on the bank (to rear of the small,grass area by Royal Mail Post Box in Tavistock Road?
9. Driving of vehicles across the green especially along the path.
10. Entrance from Caron Lane to ' The Green' not maintained.
11. Disable Wheelchair access from Leat Walk to path leading to Blackeven Close '.'
12. Concerns expressed re H & S issues such as GRASS POLLEN affecting Asthma, Hay Fever and other Allergies.

Slow response to complaints made to Parish Council by the residents.

POLICE REPORT

There was no police representative present. It was agreed the clerk write to PC T McKeown and invite him to next Council Meeting to give an update on the current situation in the area.

REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor unable to attend

REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Hitchins reported that the leisure services were not up for re-negotiation to a wider group of contractors. The estates were going to re-valuation. It was also being planned for all data files to be electronically archived and paper files to be destroyed. South Hams reported to be the safest district in the country. Recycling was being discussed and new leaflets to be distributed starting with Totnes and Ivybridge. It was hoped someone would come to a Meeting to discuss.

7664 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd June 2005 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7665 MATTERS ARISING:-

- a) The points raised in the Open Forum by the residents was discussed and it was agreed to the following:-
1. Concerns noted.
 2. Beech hedges will be cut to an agreed height of 8ft during the early Autumn. Clerk to contact Mr Eggins.
 3. Professional Tree specialist is to be engaged to inspect and report on trees before work being carried out. Clerk to contact Richard Prowse.
 4. Maristow Estates to be contacted. Clerk to contact..
 5. This problem already in hand.
 6. New system being launched in the Autumn with information leaflets being circulated.
 7. Responsible authorities being contacted. Clerk to contact Mr Halliday.
 8. The trees are the responsibility of the residents.
 9. Not to be encouraged.
 10. Maristow Estates to be contacted. Clerk to contact.
 11. Responsible authorities being contacted. Clerk to contact Mr Halliday.
 12. No comment.

It was also agreed that the clerk put the the above answers and a copy of the grass cutting schedule on the Notice Board and include the comments received from Devon County Council regarding the grass cutting in the Bickleigh Parish.

b) Lown Hall Scout Hall

A letter received from Stroud Stitson partnership solicitors regarding the Scout Loan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that it would be almost impossible to get someone to take out a mortgage on their property. That the Council would be looking to have the loan repaid and would not be writing any balance off. It was also agreed to release the loan in stages. The Council were prepared to accept a promissory note from the scouts as a group or individually, with a first charge on the building and a charge on the land lease if Plymouth City Council agreeable. The Council also agreed that the Solicitors to act on behalf of the Council and contact the scouts explaining the way forward.

7666 **PLANNING**

(a) Consideration of applications:-

- 04/1168/05/F Replacement agricultural building – Henshears Farm, Roborough, Plymouth.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
- 04/1139/05/F Erection of 2 storey side extension to dwelling – 12 Lopes Drive, Roborough.
Council did not agree any recommendation, but would like to comment on concern over parking provision and possibly over development and two neighbours will be writing in with objections.
- 04/1132/05/F Loft conversion – 27 Forest View, Woolwell.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
- 04/1095/05/F Construction of first floor side extension – 16 Birch Close, Woolwell, Plymouth.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
- 04/1106/05/F Erection of conservatory – 49 The Village, Bickleigh.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
- 04/1273/05/F Retrospective application for the siting of oil tank – St Martin’s Chapel, Maristow, Roborough, Plymouth.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
- 04/1275/05/F Construction of front porch – 1 Croft Park, Woolwell.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.
- 04/1289/05/F New porch enclosure under existing roof – 20 Champion View.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval.

(b) Decisions taken by District Council

Granted

- 04/0872/05/F Erection of conservatory – 39 Bowers Park Drive, Woolwell
- 04/0894/05/F Erection of conservatory – 21 Redwing Drive, Woolwell.
- 04/0953/05/F Replacement of bay window – 22 Merlin Close, Woolwell.
- 04/0972/05/F Erection of conservatory – 2 Kestrel Way, Woolwell.
- 04/0995/05/F Construction of stabling, barn, round pen and ménage – Barnam, Ham Farm, Bickleigh.
- 04/0911/05/F Replacement of 2 velux windows with domer windows – Duskhunter Cottage, Roborough.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Site visit with Road Safety Office – Tuesday 2nd August at 10.00 am. Councillors Hitchins, Spencer and Goddard to meet at Woolwell Community Centre car park.
- b) Details of DAPC Annual General Meeting on 01-10-05 received.
- c) Information on two training courses, new chairman, planning received.
- d) Information on work of Vitalise, formerly the Winged Fellowship trust received.
- e) Letter from Devon County Council regarding weather causing grass and weeds to grow very fast and contractor having a job keeping up with resulting demands.
- f) Three publications regarding South Hams Local Development received.

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CHAIRMAN' S TIME.

- a) Councillor Hitchins agreed the clerk write to Richard Prowse to liaise with Councillor George regarding the trees on Roborough Green, and to ask for a schedule for tree maintenance on Roborough Green and Bickleigh Parish.
- b) Councillor Hitchins reported that the wall on the lower side of Bickleigh to Shaugh road just past the Shaugh Holt junction was down in three places. It was agreed the clerk write to Mr Halliday.
- c) Councillor Smith reported that he was concerned that the Woolwell Community Centre had cancelled at short notice Len Jackman' s functions on two occasions, and the manning of the centre at weekends was discussed.
- d) Councillor Spencer reported that the Royal Marines were monitoring the speed of traffic flow through Bickleigh Village and would send a report to the Council.
- e) Councillor Spencer was pleased to see the Royal Marines more involved with Bickleigh Parish Council and dialogue opened up.
- f) Councillor Ellis reported on potholes in Lee Lane opposite Caron Lane. It was agreed the clerk write to Mr Halliday.
- g) Councillor George reported ragwort in the hedge at the end of School Drive. It was agreed the clerk write to Devon County Council to report and also to ask for any leaflets on ragwort.
- h) Councillor George stated that he was disappointed that there had been no feedback on the financial situation of Woolwell Community Centre.

- i) Councillor Goddard reported on the last Woolwell Community Centre Board meeting he had attended. It was agreed the clerk write and request a written report, or a representative to be present at the next Council meeting.
- j) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that a licensing request for extended hours, 10.00 pm until midnight had been submitted by the Lopes Arms.

7669 FINANCE -

(a) It was agreed that the following payments be made:-

Woolwell Community Centre	£28.00	Room Hire
Public Works Loan Board	£940.30	Fixed loan repayment for August
Miss A Price	£303.24	Salary July 2005
Miss A Price	£22.70	Postage and stationery July 2005.
Ward & Chowen	£235.00	Various properties survey

Omitted to be included in minutes of 23rd June 2005.

Assistance to Woolwell Community Centre. £2,000.00

7670 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22nd September 2005 at 7.30 pm at Woolwell Community Centre.