

**Minutes of a Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at The Woolwell Centre**

**PRESENT**:- Councillor M Blake (in the Chair), Mrs L Crowe, C Ellis, Mrs C Lane,  
Mrs S Lusk, F Turner

**ALSO PRESENT**:- Mrs M Small, Clerk to the Parish Council

**APOLOGIES**:- Councillors Blake, Mrs C Bruce-Spencer, Goddard  
County Councillor J Hart  
PC Tamsyn Dingley

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**8632 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was unanimously **AGREED** that Councillor Blake takes the Chair for this meeting.

The meeting then went into Open Forum.

**OPEN FORUM**

Rhidian Goddard thanked those who had helped him at the last meeting following his fall.

Mrs Sue George referred to the external lighting at the Woolwell Centre for which the Parish Council is responsible and asked when it is to be repaired as it is unsafe when the Brownies are leaving the Bickleigh suite. Councillor Blake replied that the lighting has been surveyed and a quotation received for the work. This will go to the next Property Working Group who will make a recommendation to Council at the end of March.

**POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Brokensha reported that there had been six reported crimes in January – 3 unsocial behaviour; 2 domestic assaults and a burglary in Churchlands Road (this was not a stranger burglary).

PC Dingley reported that new volunteers have come forward for Speed Watch and they are now going through the vetting process. The vehicle parked outside Lidl is insured, has MOT and is completely legally parked but the Police have chatted with him.

There are reports that rubbish is being dumped in Churchlands Close. It has been photographed and cleared away but no action can be taken. With reference to egg throwing, people have been issued with first stage anti-social warnings.

It was reported that there are at least 7 vehicles parked in Cann Wood View at the junction with Tramway, which are causing difficulties.

It was reported that private parties are being held in the Scout Hut to which people bring their own alcohol. Concern was expressed at possible under-age drinking and litter which is generated.

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

There was no report.

## **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

County Councillor Hart submitted a written report stating that the Budget has been agreed with £46million reduction in spending and a 1.99% rise in Council Tax. Money has been put back for the Emergency funding for the vulnerable, grit bins will continue to be filled, there will be no reduction in the gritting routes, the School Crossing Patrols will be kept for longer so that proper consultation can take place with school, there will be extra funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau and £100,000 has been set aside to give a bit of flexibility to the people responsible for implementing the changes needed to save £1.7million out of the £5.7million bus subsidy.

### **8633 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

### **8634 MINUTES**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 are signed as a correct record, subject to amending Minute No. 8625(c) to show precept of £79,703 and Council Tax Support Grant of £3335.

### **8635 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 8619(c) It was **AGREED** to take the request for a grit bin in Tramway Road to the Property Working Group.

Minute 8619 Highways will arrange for Snow Warden training after March when Councillor Ellis will be available.

Minute 8630(b) A response is awaited regarding parking at Hele Corner.

Minute 8630(e) The manhole cover in Woolwell Road is still surrounded by cones.

### **8636 PLANNING**

#### **(a) Consideration of applications, as follows:-**

04/0283/15/F **6 Honeysuckle Close, Woolwell PL6 7TE** replacement of existing conservatory with extension. It was **AGREED** to RECOMMEND APPROVAL, subject to no neighbour objection.

04/0163/15/F **11 Lopes Drive, Roborough, PL6 7PH** detached rear private motor garage. It was **AGREED** to RECOMMEND APPROVAL, subject to no neighbour objection

04/0363/15/F **7 Leat Walk, Roborough, PL6 7AT** Single storey rear extension.  
It was **AGREED** to RECOMMEND APPROVAL, subject to no neighbour objection

(b) **Decisions taken by District Council**

**Approved**

04/2948/14/F **6 Leat Walk, Roborough, PL6 7AT** 2 storey side extension

04/2627/14/F **43 Church Park Road**, extension and entrance porch

**8637 REPORTS**

(a) **The Woolwell Centre**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Bruce-Spencer there was no report.

(b) **Roborough Recreation Hall**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Lane there was no report.

**8638 WORKING GROUPS**

(a) There was no report on Neighbourhood Planning.

(b) Councillor Mrs Crowe asked that articles for Signpost are received by 13<sup>th</sup> March.

(c) The Property Working Group had met on 19<sup>th</sup> February and made the following recommendation to Council:-

(i) Future Cooling Solutions had submitted their annual maintenance contract in the sum of £1290 plus VAT. The increase is because the new boiler is now out of guarantee. The Working Group recommend that the Council renew the contract and it was **AGREED** that the recommendation is endorsed.

**8639 FINANCE**

(a) Four tenders for grass cutting have been received but as there were some statements to be clarified, it was **AGREED** to defer a decision until the next Property Working Group.

(b) **Income**

None

(c) **Payments**

Appleby Westward	470.40	Printing Signpost
Security Management SW	38.55	Call out
Society of Clerks	103.00	Subscription
R Eggins	240.00	Hedge cutting
RAE	105.30	Lamp in car park
Staff	358.00	Salary
HMRC	89.60	Tax
HMRC	89.40	Tax
HMRC	89.60	Tax
JAB Networked Solutions	72.00	Domain name
The Woolwell Centre	20.00	Office hire
The Woolwell Centre	30.00	Room hire

The Woolwell Centre	1333.33	Grant
Future Cooling	126.50	Maintenance contract

**8640 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**8641 CHAIRMAN'S TIME**

- (a) The lane leading to Leigh Farm needs attention as there are many potholes.
- (b) There is litter at Blackeven Hill.
- (c) An area of pavement opposite the Old Vicarage in New Road has been fenced off for some time. The stream is eating away the boundary.

**8642 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8.00 pm with Property Working Group at 7 pm  
The annual meeting with parishioners is deferred until April as it is understood several Councillors are unable to attend the March meeting.