

Minutes of a Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 26th March 2015 at The Woolwell Centre

PRESENT:- Councillors P W Hitchins (Chairman), M Blake , Mrs L Crowe, C Ellis,
Mrs S Lusk, F Turner

ALSO PRESENT:- Mrs M Small, Clerk to the Parish Council
County Councillor J Hart

APOLOGIES:- Councillors Mrs C Lane, Mrs C Bruce-Spencer
PC Tamsyn Dingley

OPEN FORUM

- (a) A question was asked as to when the web is to be updated and it was hoped to be updated before the next meeting.
- (b) A bound copy of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey results was shown and the Chairman thanked Mr Rod Lane who had undertaken much of the work.

POLICE REPORT

A written report was read from PC Tamsyn Dingley. There had been two reported crimes in the last month - On 09/02/15 harassment – No further action taken due to lack of evidence and on 15/02/15 common assault – this was dealt with by way of a Restorative Justice via an apology.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Hitchins reported that the TAT 2018 restructuring is meaning rapid staff changes and employment of temporary staff. The objective is produce a paperless office and encourage people to work in the community.

There is a proposal that the depot at Ivybridge might be closed and this is being reviewed. Councillor Hitchins has made representations as to how well Woolwell will be serviced if the depot closes. There have been some litter issues in the Parish during the last month at Tamerton. It is thought that it is the same person. Unfortunately the lead operator for fly tipping will no longer be available.

The District Council has received a very good audit report, which stated that the District is well run.

English Heritage Trust has announced a new module and they will look after places and Historic England will give advice on finance and grants.

Councillors Hitchins represented the District at River Cottage, Axminster for the East Devon Civic Dinner and Exeter Lord Mayor's Civic Banquet.

Dartmoor National Park

A new Communications Director has been appointed. The Park has appeared on Country File. There are many activities planned over the Easter period. Also, there is a very good exhibition of Life on Dartmoor during WW1 and a DVD is available.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

County Councillor Hart stated that the County Council is repairing potholes. He referred to plans for an anaerobic digester at Tamerton. It is likely that this will affect Plymouth more as there will be additional lorries going through Tamerton village.

There is a consultation on the bus service. This will affect the No. 59 which will be reduced to four services a day in each direction. This will mean that the last bus to Bickleigh Camp will be 18.41.

Councillor Ellis raised the issue of Nos. 42 and 83 to Tavistock which arrive at the same time. It was noted that the buses are operated by different companies.

Councillor stated that 31 children from Woolwell who use the school transport service to Lipson Vale will no longer have the service as it is not 3 miles away and it is considered that there is a safe route to walk to school.

Councillor Hart said that he will fund the grit bin in Tramway Road.

8643 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hitchins made a disclosable interest on planning application No. 04/0550/15/O Outline application for erection of single storey dwelling at The Beeches, Bickleigh Down Road as it relates to land which he owns and he will leave the room during discussion of the application.

8644 MINUTES

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February 2015 are signed as a correct record.

8645 MATTERS ARISING

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.

8646 PLANNING

(a) Consideration of applications, as follows:-

04/0585/15/F Two storey side extension and alterations to existing house (re-submission of consent 04/0371/14/F) **Dove Cottage, Maristow, Roborough, PL6 7BZ**. It was **AGREED** to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

04/0398/15/LB Listed Building Consent for change of use and conversion of redundant shippen to ancillary use, **Shippen, Hatshill House,**

Bickleigh, PL6 7AH. It was **AGREED** to RECOMMEND APPROVAL,

(All Councillors declared a personal interest as the applicant's wife, Mrs C Lane, is known to them as a fellow Councillor)

04/0550/15/O Outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of single storey dwelling at The Beeches, Bickleigh Down Road, Roborough, PL6 7AD. It was **AGREED** to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

(Having declared a disposable interest, Councillor Hitchins left the room and it was unanimously AGREED that Councillor Blake takes the Chair for this item. All other Councillors declared a personal interest as the applicant is known to them as a fellow Councillor)

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

There were none to report.

8647 REPORTS

(a) **The Woolwell Centre**

There was no report

(b) **Roborough Recreation Hall**

There was no report

8648 WORKING GROUPS

- (a) Mr Lane stated that it was sad that people are not interested in their future and therefore the Neighbourhood Planning Group will keep plodding on. Consultants will have to be used to finish off the Plan. Application needs to be submitted for further funding as the deadline is the end of April/beginning of May. Mr Lane will clarify this for the next meeting.
- (b) Councillor Mrs Crowe asked that articles for Signpost are received by 13th May.
- (c) The Property Working Group has met and considered the following:-
- (i) It was **AGREED** to await a second quotation for galvanised louvers at the rear of the Woolwell Centre with delegated authority being given to the Chairman and Clerk to accept a quotation.
- (ii) Councillor Turner had investigated repairs to the front door and it was felt it was now too late to make an insurance claim and in any case the repair had been undertaken by a different company. Two options were considered for the doors; Option 1 to remove existing door, install new door including two new external barriers to stop the doors blowing back

£3082 plus VAT. Option 2 repair and service existing door including provision of 2 new external barriers £886 plus VAT. It was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders and not require 2 quotations as the work of Nordic is known to the Council and therefore accept quotation 1.

- (iii) It was **AGREED** to accept the following proposals from RA Electrics for external lighting to the Woolwell Centre:-
 - Proposal 1** Replace perimeter lighting to the front of the building, the car park side of the building plus 2 additional lights to the rear of the building, including a new digital time clock and contactor for the lighting circuit £1613.87 plus VAT
 - Proposal 2** Replace existing flood light to the rear of the building for an LED flood light which will operate via a movement sensor £119.25 plus VAT
 - Proposal 3** Replace faulty units with vandal resistant units like for like on the left side of the building £586.
 - Proposal 4** Replace faulty emergency lights around the building at a cost of £44.13 plus VAT per light.
- (iv) It was **AGREED** to leave consideration of internal doors until a new quotation is received.
- (v) It was **AGREED** to accept the recommendation of The Property Working Group to award the grass cutting contract to Plant Tech from 1st April 2015 in the sum of £2800 per annum.
- (v) It was **AGREED** to purchase a new desk for the office at a cost of £168.
- (vi) It was noted that the office chair has broken and it was **AGREED** to look at the invoice to see if it is still within the guarantee.

8649 FINANCE

(a)	<u>Income</u>	£ p	
	Interest	13.84	
	Fly-be	50.00	Signpost Advert
(b)	<u>Payments</u>		
	02	29.20	Mobile
	PWLB	940.29	Re-pay Loan
	RA Electrical	295.82	Lighting
	RA Electrical	858.60	Lighting
	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

8650 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

8651 CHAIRMAN'S TIME

- (a) It was reported that parking by the shops in School Drive is becoming a problem.
- (b) Councillor Mrs Crowe reported that following problems with parking at Bickleigh when there is a wedding, the church is now providing a list of dates when parking could be a problem.
- (c) Comment was made on the good condition of the hedge cutting in New Road.
- (d) Councillor Hitchins will see if the District Council would provide equipment to enable a litter pick action day to be held.
- (e) It was **AGREED** that no comment is made on the bus consultation.

8652 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23rd April at 7.00pm for the Annual Meeting with Parishioners, followed by the ordinary Parish Council meeting.