

Minutes of a Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 27th November 2014 at The Woolwell Centre

PRESENT:- Councillor P W Hitchins (Chairman), M Blake, Mrs C Bruce-Spencer,
Mrs L Crowe, C Ellis, R Goddard, Mrs S Lusk, F Turner

ALSO PRESENT:- PC Tamsyn Dingley
Mrs M Small, Clerk to the Parish Council

APOLOGIES:- Councillor Mrs C Lane
County Councillor J Hart

It was noted that Frank Turner and Sheila Lusk had completed their declarations of acceptance of office.

OPEN FORUM

It was reported that hedges need cutting back on Woolwell. There is a problem with the communal areas and car parks as these are privately owned.

POLICE REPORT

PC Dingley reported that there had been two crimes in October – one of malicious communication. A person had been identified but denied the allegation and therefore no further action will be taken. Secondly, there had been a theft from the One Stop Shop in School Drive. Several toiletries had been taken but the person could not be identified,

On the 9th November an assault had occurred at Argaum. A person in possession of controlled drugs has been identified.

Two Speedwatch volunteers have given up but two new volunteers have joined and there are four new applications. They will focus on Bickleigh and Woolwell. Police surgeries are on going at The Woolwell Centre. The neighbourhood web site is being reviewed and therefore it is not available at the moment,

Councillor Hitchins stated that the lack of white lining between the two roundabouts in Woolwell Road is a danger and asked PC Dingley if she could write to Plymouth City Council

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

It was reported that fly tipping had occurred in Darklake Lane in front of the gates and that this had been cleared by South Hams District Council.

The Government Rate Support Grants will disappear in 2018 and the Parish Council need to be aware of this.

The new Ward name for the Roborough/Shaugh Ward will not be changed as there is insufficient time before the election.

Councillor Hitchins reported that he had attended Illuminate in Plymouth and he was a signatory to the 1620 agreement.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of County Councillor Hart, there was no report.

8611 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Hitchins declared a personal interest in Minute No. 8615(b) as a Trustee of Roborough Recreation Hall

Councillor Mrs Bruce-Spencer declared a personal interest in Minute No.8615(a) as a Trustee of The Woolwell Centre.

8612 MINUTES

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th October 2014 are signed as a correct.

8613 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 8514 Woolwell Traffic Lane Priorities/white lining. The Clerk confirmed that Plymouth City Council has been informed.

Minute 8586 Neighbourhood Plan funding. The shortfall is to be held until the final claim.

Minute 8587(c) Sign at Old School Cottages. The Clerk reported that the County Council will not provide signs as it is an exit from a private dwelling. Councillor Turner stated that he had spoken to County Highways and as they could not provide signs, he had put up the sign. He would welcome a 40 mph restriction on the road. However, this solution is not on offer at the moment.

Minute 8609(d) Woolwell Centre – lighting in Woolwell Centre car park. Councillor Hitchins presented an alternative quote from Mr Allen. The light at the bottom of the car park is now working. It was **AGREED** to accept the quotation from AE Electrical Contractors in the sum of £715.50p plus VAT to replace the 3 flood lights in the centre post of the Woolwell Centre car park for the LED option.

Minute 8609(f) Quotation for lighting in the park. The Clerk reported an e-mail from SSEC stating that they had already priced the job twice before and would not do this again until the Council were ready to replace the order. The Clerk had gone back to them stating that the Council had planning permission in place. It was **AGREED** to go ahead if the price is held.

Minute 8609(g) Grass cutting 2015. It was **AGREED** that tenders are sought even though the County Council might not be funding grass cutting next year.

8614 PLANNING

(a) Consideration of applications, as follows:-

There were no applications for consideration

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

Approved

04/2225/14/F **19 Leat Walk, PL6 7AT** First floor side extension n

04/2435/14/F **24 Skylark Rise, PL6 7SN** First floor extension over garage for bedroom wit ensuite..

8615 REPORTS

(a) **The Woolwell Centre**

Councillor Mrs Bruce-Spencer reported that the Centre Manager needs to be consulted when landlord works are being undertaken and the current situation is too woolly. Therefore, the Trustees will draft a proposal to clarify the way of working which will be a discussion document, so that there is something in place to work on. The budget to be submitted to the Parish Council will represent a 10% reduction year on year.

Councillor Blake stated that he was not happy as the budget did not identify the exact items on which the Parish Council grant is spent.

(b) **Roborough Recreation Hall**

Councillor Mrs Lane had submitted a written report stating that the Committee wish to thank the Parish Council for the grant recently received for Fire and Health and Safety works carried out to the Hall. The new doors have now been fitted thus improving the security of the building. New flooring to the entrance and all toilets has been laid. Fire signage has been ordered and will be fitted when it has arrived. December bookings are healthy. There will be a Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 29th November between 1 – 4 pm.

The completion of a survey for the playing fields on behalf of the Football Association is to take place. This is the first step in unlocking funds for improvement.

8616 WORKING GROUPS

- (a) Mr Lane reported that the Working Group, with Paul Weston, have now completed the Local Evidence gathering and have produced the report. To comply with Locality rules this now should be loaded onto the Parish Council web site to engage the population of the Parish. The document is over 30 pages long and contains many coloured maps. It is suggested that copies be made for public scrutiny. The evidence has been collected for 7 subjects – natural environment, built environment, housing, business and jobs, transport and parking, community facilities and services, youth, sport and recreation.

At its December meeting, the Working Group will review draft aims and objectives and possible vision statements. Members of the Council, who are not members of the Working Group, are invited to attend this meeting and to participate in the discussions. It is hoped to hold an exhibition of all our findings in February 2015, which will take place over a two day period.

Councillor Blake congratulated Mr Lane as he has undertaken a very difficult and time consuming job with little support.

- (b) Councillor Mrs Crowe reported that Edwin Dobinson will not be able to produce the next magazine and this will be produced in house from January. The Clerk has purchased the programme used. She asked Councillors to help produce articles or she will struggle with content. It was **AGREED** to send a letter of thanks to Edwin.

8617 FINANCE

(a) Income

(b) Payments

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

8618 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

8619 CHAIRMAN'S TIME

- (a) It was noted that a red lorry/horse box is parked outside Lidl and someone may be sleeping in it. It was **AGREED** to refer to PC Dingley.
- (b) Councillor Mrs Crowe asked if there was any development with the gypsy site. Councillor Hitchins replied that there is still a dispute with the local farmer.
- (c) It was noted that there is no grit bin in Tramway Road. This will be discussed further at the Property Working Group.

8620 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22nd January 2015 at Roborough Recreation Hall at 7.30 pm