

Minutes of a meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Friday 16 March 2018, 7.00pm at Roborough Recreation Hall

PRESENT: - Councillors P W Hitchins (Chairman), M Blake (for part of meeting), Mrs S Lusk, C Spencer, F Turner
1 member of the public

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

APOLOGIES: - Councillors Mrs L Crowe, N Prout

8964 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

8965 GRASS CUTTING TENDERS

The Chairman reported that 10 tenders had been sent out but only 4 received back. Subsequently, Councillors met with the other 2 to discuss their tenders in greater depth. It is now recommended to Council that the tender from Plandscape in the sum of £9,500 plus VAT for 10 cuts from March to October. Plus one weed spraying at £450 plus VAT, is accepted. Their main office is in Exeter but they have a presence at Hursley and one of the people who will be doing the cutting lives on Woolwell. They have an apprentice scheme and staff are full-time permanent not seasonal. Also, they have their own in house repair department.

(Councillor Blake arrived)

It is **AGREED** that the tender is awarded to Plandscape (Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Ltd) in the sum of £9,500 plus VAT and £450 plus VAT for weed spraying.

8966 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

It was **AGREED** to advertise the position of Clerk to the Council at 70 hours per month with all hours being office based. The administrative assistant post will not be filled at this moment in time. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 3rd April

Councillor Blake reported on his findings regarding a pension scheme. Councillor Spencer did not agree with these findings. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Hitchins will make further enquiries.

8967 CHAPTER 8 TRAINING

Councillor Turner reported that when Councillor Prout and himself attend the training, they have to take their own protective clothing. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council will purchase this at an approximate cost of £396.