

BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council which was held on Thursday 28th July at 7.30pm in the Woolwell Centre.

Present: Councillors Carole Spencer (Chair) (CS), Paul Blight (PB), Wendy Haymes (WH), Brian Hill (BH), Lindy Scott (LS), and Lynn Tamsett-White (LTW)

In Attendance: Cllr Barrie Spencer (SHDC) and Sally Smale (Parish Clerk)

Open Forum

1 member of the public was present.

Woolwell in Bloom gave an update on the Jubilee Garden work and thanked the Council for their support donating and installing the Jubilee Bench. It was noted that the competition judges had indicated BPC support was outstanding.

2022 91 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hopwood (previous engagement), Jackie Taylor (holiday) and Larry Taylor (holiday)

2022 92 Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

WH and LTW declared a pecuniary interest as employees of the Woolwell Centre.

2022 93 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 23rd June 2022

It was resolved to approve the minutes

2022 94 County and District Councillors reports:

Apologies had been sent from **Cllr John Hart (DCC)** who sent the following report:

- Phil Norrey (the Chief Executive of Devon County Council) is retiring shortly and the County Council are shortly advertising for his replacement. Meantime the DCC's recently retired County Solicitor (Jan Shadbolt) has come back to run the council as Interim Chief Exec.
- The Plymouth and South Devon Freeport business case is with Government at the moment. Plymouth and Sherford is due to be approved shortly, Langage is to follow in the Autumn. The new management board is in place with the MD of Princess Yachts as Chairman
- The Government has now approved the creation of the Great South region comprising the following councils; Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Torbay, Somerset, Dorset, and Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch. This will be the amalgamation of the 3 Local Enterprise Partnership areas and they will work together with local councils to improve the prosperity of the South West
- Congratulations to those responsible for the raised flower beds. JH hopes the parish win something in the competition.

Cllr Barrie Spencer's full report is attached:

- The waste contract with FSC has finally been terminated.
- Bickleigh has finally got high speed broadband
- He and Cllr Hopwood have been visiting local groups and organisations asking for ideas for S106 funding – **BPC to consider ideas for the Council to submit**

- SHDC is revising “Better Lives for All - <https://southhams.gov.uk/better-lives-for-all>
And BS is asking residents in his ward to contribute and ensure smaller rural areas are given more prominence.

2022 95 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- Memorial bench plaque** – it has been agreed that it would be black with white writing and the inscription to mirror that on the Jubilee bench in Roborough village. **JT to progress**
- Refurbishment of Bickleigh telephone box** - no update. **BS has offered £500 from his locality grant towards the project**
- VAS** - BS to familiarise BH with the data downloading process. BH to be responsible for this in future
- New website** – Work is progressing well to develop the website. **Proposed by CS, seconded by PB and all in favour of purchase of the London Bridge Down facility for use in the sad event of the monarch’s death for the reduced price of £50 + VAT**

2022 96 Finance

- The payments as listed in App 1 were approved together with the additional invoices received since the publication of the agenda:
Electrical and security Ltd £1662.00 Emergency lighting for The Woolwell Centre
Cleanwise £64.50 Bus shelter cleaning for July
Expedite £2438.40 Drawdown for the Woolwell project work
GA Solicitors £1673.40 Legal fees for work on the Woolwell Centre leases
Rialtus £154.80 Annual support fee
Clerk to request more detailed description of work actioned from 2 contractors in future
- The bank reconciliation for the end of June was noted
- The 1st quarter budget report was considered. Clerk reported an over spend on The Woolwell Centre 3 months into the year and a discussion followed regarding work prioritisation and procedures for invoicing and payment. There is £4,184 remaining in the ear-marked-reserve for The Centre which will cover the over spend and possible flexibility in other cost centres to cover future expenditure. **Clerk to arrange a finance committee meeting to consider the options.**
It was agreed that the monies remaining of the £20,000 from the EMR passed to The Centre for emergency fire-safety work will now be returned to The Council for administration and VAT purposes.
- The grant application from the Church for £1,300 was considered. Discussion ensued regarding the proportion of the parish represented by the church and the history of previous regular payments to the Church. A vote resulted in 1 Councillor in favour and 3 against allocating the grant (There were 2 abstentions)
- It was agreed to renew the clerk’s membership with SLCC

2022 97 Policy

It was agreed that the Chair would replace members of all Committees when needed to maintain a quorate and would be a participant on working groups.

2022 98 Woolwell Centre

- Update:** Expedite have now produced electronic drawings of the building and are working on a report presenting options for making the building more energy efficient. This will enable BPC to get costings in preparation for a Public Works Loan application.
- The update on the status of the leases was deferred to the next meeting**

c) Legionella monitoring. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek quotations for monthly monitoring

2022 99 Neighbourhood Plan Standing Item:

Notes from the last meeting will be distributed and another meeting called in August to complete the review.

2022 100 Roborough Recreation Hall.

No update

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.



Sally Smale
Bickleigh Parish Clerk