

BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Woolwell Centre

Present: Councillors Carole Spencer (Chair) (CS), Paul Blight (PB), Brian Hill (BH), Nicky Hopwood (NH), and Lynn Tamsett-White (LTW)

In Attendance: Cllr Barrie Spencer (SHDC) and Helen Broughton (Locum Parish Clerk)

Open Forum

A presentation on proposals for a solar farm in Roborough, near Belliver Industrial Estate was given by a representative of Regener8. They stated:

- A solar farm on the same site was previously granted in 2015*
- It will generate enough clean renewable electricity for 1,280 homes*
- Public trails will be retained, and wildlife corridors created*
- Electricity will be made available for sale locally and plans to allow community to invest in the scheme*
- Public consultation and community consultation will be taking place and the final design will incorporate feedback*
- Planning application is expected to be submitted in November 2022 and once submitted will be subject to further public consultation organised by the local authority*

2022 101 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jackie Taylor (holiday), Larry Taylor (holiday), Wendy Haymes (illness) and Lindy Scott (illness). These were accepted by the Council.

2022 102 Declarations of pecuniary and other interests
Cllr L Tamsett-White declared a pecuniary interest in the Woolwell Centre.

2022 103 Minutes
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2022 be signed by the Chair as a true record.

2022 104 Appointment
It was resolved to appoint Helen Broughton as Proper Officer, Locum Clerk and Locum Responsible Financial Officer on a 4-week rolling basis.

2022 105 Clerks report
The Clerks' report was noted.

2022 106 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

It was reported that the contract for waste collection is being brought in house by the District Council.

From March/April the District Council will be charging £49 per annum to collect garden waste every other week until the end of October and the free service will be ceasing this October.

NH has asked for an assurance (which has been given) that any bins missed will be collected by the end of November.

NH explained that the District Council has a budget gap of £330,000 and without the new waste charge this gap would increase to £950,000. The choice given was therefore to charge for garden waste collection or cease the service. It was noted that nearly every council in Devon now charges for collection of garden waste.

£200,000 has been budgeted for a community composting scheme. It is hoped that the interest in this scheme will grow.

Cllr Barrie Spencer would circulate a written report.

2022 107 Finance

- a) It was resolved that the payments as listed in Appendices 1(a) and 1(b) be approved subject to the Clerk investigating the invoice for weed control as there had been complaints from residents that weeds had not been cleared.
- b) Payment of the following invoices and expenditure received since publication of the agenda were approved:

SUPPLIER	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
ADF Plastics	New Window Woolwell Centre	408	68	340
Future Cooling Solutions	HVAC Servicing Contract	129	21.5	107.5
Electrical & Security Ltd	Fire call out and light repair	504	84	420
Electrical & Security Ltd	Extract Hood replacement	420	70	350
Woolwell Centre	Meeting room hire 14/9	30		30

Expenditure of £850 for preparing land registry plans and CAD site plan required more investigation and was not approved.

- c) The bank reconciliations to the end of July and August were noted
- d) A grant request from Roborough Recreational Hall and Playing Field Trust for £10,000 had been received. There was some discussion and the Council agreed that more information was required to properly consider the application.
- e) A new budget line for Locum Clerk fees and to vire £5,000 from the general reserve to this budget was agreed.

- f) It had been recommended from the bus shelter cleaner that cleaning remains at 3 cleans per year at the same price of £64.50 each. It was agreed to reconsider this following a parish council financial report being prepared by the Clerk.

2022 108 Woolwell Centre

- a) Minutes of the Woolwell Centre Working Group had been circulated.

The water loss bill had now been settled.
The Clerk was chasing the fire damage claim.

A condition report had been received and this would be considered at the next working group meeting.

The lease was progressing slowly.

- b) It was resolved to ratify an agreement from the June meeting to **pay £30,000 to The Woolwell Centre**. This comprises £20,000 from the Woolwell Centre Ear Marked Reserve and the 2nd Instalment of the budgeted grant for The Centre - £10,000. (This will replace the £7,000 requested through the grant application process.)

2022 109 Planning

Application 3061/22/TPO T1: Oak - lateral crown reduction on S side by 2m and crown height reduction by 1m due to excessive shading and to reshape. 21 Leat Walk, Roborough, was considered.

It was noted that the tree does not belong to applicant. It was agreed that Cllr B Spencer would seek clarification from the tree officer and email the Clerk with any response.

- a) The following applications timed out and no comment made were noted:

2410/22/HHO	5 Bowers Park Drive Woolwell PL6 7SH	Householder application to install a replica roof extension
2503/22/FUL	Land at SX 512 631 Roborough Down Plymouth PL6 7AS	Use of land for dog walking & exercise, provision of hard standing, fencing & shelter
2191/22/HHO	2 Kirkland Close Woolwell PL6 7QD	Householder application to add a lean-to conservatory to side of house

- b) The following decisions made by SHDC were noted:

0943/22/HHO	3 Maple Way Woolwell PL6 7SS	Householder application for conversion of existing integral garage into shower room & utility area	Decision: Conditional approval
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1959/22/HHO	24 Bowers Park Drive Woolwell PL6 7SH	Householder application to replace existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension & associated works	Decision: Conditional approval
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2022 110 Neighbourhood Plan Standing Item:

There was no new progress. A further meeting is required to finish the review.

2022 111 Roborough Recreation Hall

- There was a lot of work taking place on the playing fields
- Football teams had increased and now included girls' football.
- A party had caused damage in the hall
- Quotes for kitchen designs were being obtained.
- The road crossing was a concern
- Bookings were up

The meeting closed at 9.30pm