

# BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Council Offices, The Woolwell Centre, Darklake Lane, Woolwell, PL6 7TR

07508 324699

[parishclerk@bickleigh.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bickleigh.gov.uk)

## Minutes of a meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm at the Woolwell Centre, Woolwell PL6 7TR

---

*Present:* Cllr Brian Hill (Chair), Cllr Paul Blight, Cllr Geoff Pithouse, Cllr Gary Stewart Cllr Larry Taylor, Cllr Jackie Taylor

*In attendance:* Mrs H Broughton (Clerk), 3 members of the public and District Cllr C Oram.

### **Open Forum**

It was raised that noise and bad language from users of the Woolwell Centre was causing some distress to nearby residents. The alleged noise comes mainly from the outside bar area and the smoking shelter where there is a tendency for a number of people to gather. Residents shared with the Parish Council that they have made several complaints to the Police and also to the District Council Environmental Team concerning the excessive noise. Residents have come to the meeting to ask for support from the Parish Council to tackle the noise problem and the Chair stated that he would seek to sit with the Centre Manager and discuss these concerns further. Possible improvements to signage, policing of users by centre staff and the possibility of re-siting the smoking shelter would be points to be raised.

24 16 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Hopwood due to a prior engagement.

24 17 There were no **declarations of interests**.

24 18 It was agreed that the **minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 be signed by the Chair as a true record.

### 24 19 **County and District Councillors reports**

- District Cllr C Oram would circulate a written report at the end of the month.
- As Council resources were being directed towards the General Election there was less to report than usual.
- Waste and recycling services were improving with fewer complaints.
- It was recommended that the Parish Council reach out to Sustainable South Hams.
- Suggestion that the Parish Council could apply to the County Councillor for assistance in the funding of appropriate signage at the Woolwell Centre.

### 24 20 **Clerks Report**

The Action List was noted.

### 24 21 **Finance**

- i. Receipts and payments against budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 were reviewed and noted.

- ii. Bank reconciliations to the end of May 2024 were noted and approved.
- iii. The following payments were approved and it was noted that invoices had been sent electronically to all Councillors and checked/agreed as correct by the Chair.

**Pre-paid**

SUPPLIER	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
Cutec	Microsoft	70.32	11.72	58.60
Woolwell Centre	Room hire June	72.00	0	72.00

**For approval**

SUPPLIER	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
James Hallam	Insurance 24/25	3257.31	0	3257.31
Security Mgmt SW	Keyholding response	115.20	19.20	96.00
H Broughton	Salary	688.84	0	688.84
NEST	Pension	61.04	0	61.04
H Broughton	Refund	45.00	0	45.00
HMRC	Q1 Tax and NI	553.52	0	553.52

**24 22 Woolwell Centre**

- i. Recommendations made by the Working Group on the appointment of contractors for the roof works and PV array were considered and it was agreed to appoint Watertight Roofing and Bloom Renewables as the contractors for these projects.
- ii. It was agreed to apply for public works loan monies at the beginning of August.
- iii. Window and door replacement works were beginning on 29<sup>th</sup> July and Cllr Hill was liaising with the Centre Manager.

**24 23 Planning**

- i. Responses to the following planning applications were considered and approved:

2561/23/FUL - Barn Adjacent Coombe Barton Cottage Bickleigh. Change of use of outbuilding to holiday let. **No comment (subject to any comments subsequently received from Councillors)**

1718/24/PIP - Land at SX 455 606 Station Road Tamerton Foliot. Application for permission in principle to reconstruct a two-storey detached house. **No comment.**

1632/24/TPO - Bumble Bees Day Nursery Woolwell Road Woolwell PL6 7JW. T1: Holly - dying, dropping leaves and branches, reduce down to 3-4m trunk. **No comment.**

1765/24/HHO - 5 Leatside Roborough PL6 7BA. Householder application for single storey side and rear extensions. Porch replacement and enlarged driveway. **No comment.**

1584/24/HHO - 30 Warren Park Woolwell PL6 7QR. Householder application for single storey rear extension with raised patio & under store. **No comment.**

- ii. The following application made by the Parish Council was noted:

1693/24/TPO - 21 Leat Walk Roborough PL6 7AT. T669: Turkey Oak - remove deadwood and reduce the lower SE crown encroaching on property by approx. 2m, overhanging into garden. T670: Red Oak - reduce small low tertiary branches by approx 2-3m, branches growing towards roof.

24 24 **Trees**

A complaint had been made to the District Council regarding trees behind Leat Walk and the District Council's response had been circulated. The Parish Council have made an application for tree works for some of these trees following the commissioned tree survey and it was agreed that no further action beyond the recommendations made in that report be taken. The District Council had advised that the resident could apply for additional works should she so wish.

24 25 **Roborough Village**

Cllr Hopwood was still looking for a contractor to tidy up Roborough Village. Cllr Oram agreed to ask the District Council for an update on the condition of the current fleet of road sweepers and to request that cleaning be extended from Roborough Village to New Road; up to the old school house.

24 26 **Neighbourhood Plan Standing Item:** No further action was planned until the Woolwell Centre upgrade program has been completed as this was taking up a lot of councillors time and effort.

24 27 **Roborough Village Hall:** Cllr Pithouse reported that the Trustees had been very disappointed that the Parish Council had not agreed to help with their project although the reasons were understood. It was the Village Hall's Centenary next year and a rename was being considered. The Trustees had asked if the Parish Council would consider holding some meetings at the Village Hall. This had been previously trialled but the room and Wifi had not been adequate. Cllr Pithouse suggested that the main hall might be better and he would ask for the cost of booking this. The next meeting was taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

24 28 The **date of the next meeting** was noted as 25<sup>th</sup> July

The meeting closed at 9.02pm