

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023

Present:

Councillors: Mrs J Hanson (Chairman), Mrs D Podlewska, Mrs J Gray, Mr K Talling, Mr S Harrison
Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs J Farnworth

2. Public Questions and Statements

No questions or statements had been received from members of the public.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.

4. Highway Matters

Nothing to report

5. Police Matters.

Nothing to report.

As NY Police no longer attend meetings, this item will be omitted from future agendas.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Funds received.

£2,500.00 Car Park Rent Tickled Trout Pub

6.2 Bank Balance at 31.03.23:

- Charity Business Account £9,008.47

There were no questions about the financial statistics circulated for March 2023.

6.3 Invoice Received

- Clerk's quarterly invoice £1,748.78 (£1,424.78 Salary & Expenses + £324.00 PAYE)
Paid 04.04.23 to meet HMRC payment timetable
- Tockwith Sports Hall £15.00 Room hire
- Parish Council Websites £316.80 (£180.00 + £36.00 VAT) annual maintenance contract
- YLCA £141.00 annual subscription
- T&I landscapes £316.80 (£264.00 + £52.80 VAT) Grass Verge Maintenance

All Cllrs present without abstention approved the total payment of **£2,437.58**

7. Planning and Related Matters

7.1 Planning applications received and to be determined

- Nemosyne Main Street Bickerton – proposed single storey front extension and roof extension

The Chairman declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussions on the application.

Following detailed discussions on the application, all Cllrs present excluding the Chairman agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development by virtue of its scale and massing would detract from the existing street scene.
2. The proposed development would create a property of 2.5 /3 storey which is contrary to the recommendations in the Village design statement adopted by Harrogate Borough Council, which proposes that no development should exceed the height of all existing properties in Bickerton which are two storey high and add to the charm of the hamlet.
3. The proposed development is an over development of an existing property and would be out of character with the adjacent properties.
4. The proposed siting of windows in the extended property will affect the privacy of the existing adjacent properties by overlooking the neighbours.
5. The conversion of the existing garage to a habitable space, will reduce the number of off-street parking spaces available to the extended property and can add to 'on street' problems in the Main Street of the hamlet.
6. The extension to the front elevation of the existing garage will reduce the existing 'right to light' which the adjacent property has acquired for more than 20 years, as defined in the Preservation Act 1832

The Clerk was asked to advise NY Planners of the PC's decision.

- Elmfield Main Street Bickerton – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of dwelling house and its domestic garden.

All Cllrs present agreed to ask the Clerk to respond;

(A) The Parish Council has **No Objections.**

7.2 Planning decision notifications received

- None received

7.3 Planning Enforcement

- Illegal containers Elmfield Main Street Bickerton

The Enforcement Officer has declined to address the Parish Council to discuss his failure to act promptly with this issue.

- Highfields Tom Cat Lane Bickerton – erection of external timber buildings without planning consent.

No progress from the Enforcement Officer. Cllrs asked the County Cllr continues to pursue the issue with the Enforcement team.

8 PC Administration

8.1 Adoption of Annual accounts

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to adopt the annual accounts as circulated.

8.2 Adoption of Updated Financial Risk assessment

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to adopt the updated Financial Risk Assessment. The Clerk confirmed that research is being undertaken to obtain alternative quotations for annual insurance cover, as the current broker can only provide a single quotation.

8.3 Adoption of updated Asset Register and Risk Assessments.

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to adopt the updated Asset Register and Risk Assessments as circulated.

- 8.4 King's Coronation celebrations.
After discussion, Cllrs agreed to purchase a Commemorative Mug to distribute to each dwelling in the Parish. An order will be given to a Company located in the Parish after the design has been approved.
- 8.5 Bickerton War Memorial update
Cllrs agreed to defer discussion on this subject.
- 8.6 CPR/Defibrillator Training
The refresher course for 8 residents in Bickerton will be held on 19 April 2023. A further refresher course for Bilton in Ainsty Residents will be held in St Helen's Church when the demand increases
- 8.7 412 Bus Service
Tockwith PC continues to lead on this subject. Cllrs S Harrison will monitor progress and report any updates to all Cllrs.
- 8.8 Damaged Asset Replacement 2023-2024 – Village Seat in Bilton in Ainsty
The Clerk was authorised to purchase a new hardwood seat to replace the existing seat, preferably from the same supplier as that purchased for use in Bickerton.

9. Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting

11. Dates for Future monthly Meetings

22 May and 19 June 2023.

Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm

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