

# MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2023

## Present:

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

**County Councillor:** Mr A Paraskos

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Mr K Talling

### **2. Public Questions and Statements**

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

### **3. Annual Reports**

#### **Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Annual Report had been circulated to Cllrs and there were no comments or statements about the contents.

#### **Annual Report from the RFO**

The annual report had been circulated to Cllrs and there were no comments or statements about the contents.

#### **Annual Report from the County Councillor**

County Cllr Mr A Paraskos outlined the change over after District Councils were subsumed into the new County Council. There will be little noticeable change for the Parish Council with only minor changes to personnel.

### **4. Annual Election of Officers**

Following discussions, Cllr Mrs J Hanson confirmed that she was prepared to continue as Chair of the Parish Council for another year. Cllr Mrs D Podlewska confirmed that she was happy to continue as vice Chair of the Parish Council for another year.

Cllr Mr S Harrison was invited and agreed to join the finance working group in order to increase the knowledge of all members of Cllrs.

All Clls present without abstention confirmed their agreement to the election of the Officers.

## **A monthly Meeting followed the Annual General Meeting**

### **5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2023 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.

### **6. Highway Matters**

#### Footpath Condition in Bickerton

A recent survey of the condition of the footpath surface in Pinfold Close has identified several areas where the surface had degraded and suffered holes. There appeared to be a general deterioration in footpath surfaces throughout Bickerton which needed inspection. Cllrs agreed to produce a map which would be marked to identify defective areas for presentation to Cllr Paraskos.

Cllrs also discussed the potholes in highway surfaces which had been reported via the Parish Portal. These were reported on the Parish Portal to have been inspected by Highway Officers and dealt with. The reported potholes had however been ignored by maintenance Staff when working in Bickerton repairing potholes which had not been reported. County Cllr Mr A Paraskos will discuss with Area 6 officers.

#### Dangerous Bend Junction of Main Street Bickerton and Turnpike Lane

An increasing number of 'near misses' are occurring with White Van delivery agents approaching the bend at high speed and several tractors with long trailers travelling through this bend. Cllrs agreed that action needs to be taken to improve visibility and will consider all options for the next monthly meeting.

### **7. Financial Matters**

#### 7.1 Funds received

- £562.75 VAT refund
- £4,150.00 North Yorks Council half year precept

#### 7.2 Bank Balance at 30.04.23:

- Charity Business Account £10,704.95

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

#### 7.3 Annual Audit

The Auditor has not completed his work in time for this meeting, but hopes to return all documents within the next 7 days.

#### 7.4 Invoices Received and Paid

- Amazon (via Clerk) £86.75 (£72.29 + £14.46 VAT) Adult defibrillator pads
- Amazon (via Clerk) £43.99 (£36.66 + £7.53 VAT) Printer cartridges

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to approve the payments listed.

### **8 Planning and Related Matters**

#### 8.1 Planning applications received and to be determined

- None Received

#### 8.2 Planning decision notifications received

- None Received

#### 8.3 Planning Enforcement

- Illegal containers Elmfield Main Street Bickerton

Legal Officers are being consulted about taking Court action to resolve this problem

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

The former HBC Solicitor who attended a PC monthly meeting is no longer in employment. His records at the time do not confirm his comments made when attending the PC Monthly meeting in 2011, that no expansion of activities above the current level would be allowed. The Enforcement Officer has submitted a report to the County Cllr showing statistics for dealing with this Enforcement Issue.

### **9 PC Administration**

#### 9.1 Coronation Beakers

The presentation of a Coronation beaker to each property in the Parish had been well

received. Several residents had contacted the Parish Council to thank Cllrs for the initiative.

9.2 Parish Council Vacancy.

A resident in Bilton in Ainsty had expressed interest in joining the Parish Council. It had been suggested that attendance at the June PC monthly meeting would allow the interested resident to gauge the work involved, when attending as a Councillor.

9.3 CPR Defibrillator Training

The first course had been held for residents and had proved successful. A second course is being arranged for other residents who have expressed an interest in attending a course.

9.4 412 Bus Service

Tockwith Parish Council continues to lead on this issue and are encouraging local residents to use the service.

9.5 Computer Upgrades.

The Chairman continues to have difficulties using her laptop to access documents sent via the PC web provider. Cllrs agreed that the PC should arrange for professional assistance in resolving the problem.

The Clerk drew attention to the future upgrading to the Windows Operating System, with upgrades to some computers requiring that hardware may need replacing. Cllrs agreed to monitor the situation and its effect on the PC's laptop.

9.6 New Bench Seats Bickerton and Bilton in Ainsty.

The concrete foundation for the new bench seat in Main Street Bickerton have been completed. The new seat will be installed when the concrete has 'cured'.

The existing concrete foundation for the seat in Bilton in Ainsty are adequate and the damaged bench seat will be replaced by the new seat purchased as an asset replacement.

**10. Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting**

Overgrown grass verges on B1224 round the 'Bickerton' Brick display panels

Grass verge cutting on B1224 at road junctions to improve visibility splays

**11. Dates for Future monthly Meetings**

19 June 2023.

Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm

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