

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023

Present:

Councillors: Mrs J Hanson (Chairman), Mrs D Podlewska, Mrs J Gray, Mr S Harrison, Mrs J Farnworth, Mr K Talling

Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

County Councillor: Mr A Paraskos (arrived during meeting)

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Public Questions and Statements

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

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.

6. Highway Matters

6.1 Footpath Condition in Bickerton

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had surveyed all footpaths in the Parish. They had discovered that many footpaths in Bickerton were in poor condition, with broken surfaces and potholes, with remedial works required. Images had been captured and will be forwarded to County Cllr Mr A Paraskos for action.

The footpaths in Bilton in Ainsty were in a reasonable condition

6.2 Dangerous Bend Main Street Bickerton

Cllrs were still concerned about the dangerous/blind bend at the junction of Main Street and Turnpike Lane after several 'near misses'. They agreed to purchase a mirror as an experiment to determine if a mirror could improve the view for vehicles approaching the bend in both directions.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Funds received

None

7.2 Bank Balance at 31.05.23:

- Charity Business Account £9,639.41

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

7.3 Annual Audit

The Auditor's annual report had been circulated to all Cllrs. There were no comments or queries about the annual report.

7.4 Invoices Received and Paid/to be paid

- £60.00 Boroughbridge Computers – Chairman's Laptop servicing (Paid 31.05.23)
- £75.00 John Gawthrope Internal Audit work
- £627.49 Gallagher – Annual Insurance Policy Renewal
- £36.00 CPRE – Annual subscription
- £900.00 Nick Spence Ground Works Ltd - Bench Seat installations Bickerton and Bilton in Ainsty

- £50.00 Gorgeous Gardens - Grass Verge maintenance to Brick panels B1224
- 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

- Nemosyne Main Street Bickerton – Roof and front extensions (revised scheme)

The Chairman declared an interest in the Application which is adjacent to her home. Cllrs discussed the revised scheme, which had changed slightly from the previous application. They also compared aspects of the scheme with the general comments in the Officer's report concerning heights of Bickerton properties prepared for the proposed Turnpike Lane development. The Cllrs (excluding the Chairman) instructed the Clerk to respond objecting to the revised scheme, listing the planning grounds used in the previous application.

8.2 Planning decision notifications received

Outline Application approved for dwellings on Turnpike Lane Bickerton.

The developer has been negotiating with Planning Officers over the details for the development. This has resulted in a revision to the scheme which reduces the number of dwellings to 19 instead of the proposed 21, with no garages now being proposed to any property. The number of affordable dwellings on the development has now been reduced from 8 to 5 only, with 1 bedroom bungalows now proposed and suitably placed instead of 2 storey dwellings to reduce overlooking. The revised scheme shows substantial changes to the original proposals, although increased traffic issues remain and Cllrs expressed concern at the apparent 'cramped' layout and lack of parking spaces. Cllrs agreed to continue to monitor the application.

8.3 Planning Decision Notifications received

- Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of dwelling house and its domestic garden
APPROVED

8.4 Planning Enforcement

- Illegal containers Elmfield Main Street Bickerton
- Highfields Tom Cat Lane Bickerton – erection of external timber buildings without planning consent.
- Work to trees with TPO's Tom Cat Lane Bickerton

Nothing had been heard from the Enforcement Officer who was known to be on holiday. County Cllr Mr A Paraskos suggested that the Arboricultural Officer may be able to take action over the removal of trees with TPO's on Tom Cat Lane.

9 PC Administration

9.1 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement on the Audit return.

All Cllrs present without abstention confirmed that they had read the statement and authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Audit document on their behalf.

9.2 Parish Council Vacancy.

The resident in Bilton in Ainsty who had expressed interest in joining the Parish Council, had been unable to attend the meeting this evening. He hopes to attend the July PC monthly meeting.

9.3 CPR Defibrillator Training

Two further courses are to be held for the remaining local residents who expressed interest in attending a course.

9.4 412 Bus Service

Nothing new to report. The item will be removed from future agendas

9.5 Computer Upgrades.

The Chairman's laptop had been serviced by Boroughbridge Computers, so that PC documents can now be accessed.

9.6 Revised Allowances for Clerk

The Clerk no longer has a telephone landline and has moved to a new broadband supplier. This will reduce the costs of these services which will be reflected in the next quarterly invoice from the Clerk, at the end of June.

9.7 Review of Rent for Tickled Trout Car Park

The lease for the car park at the Tickled Trout was due for review in March 2023. Cllrs agreed to ignore the review for 12 months in view of inflation, causing difficult trading conditions. The Chairman and Clerk will meet the owners of the Tickled Trout during the summer to discuss the current trading conditions and the car park lease.

9.8 New Bench Seats Bickerton and Bilton in Ainsty.

The new bench seat had been installed in Main Street Bickerton. Within 24 hours of the installation, the existing bench seat had been vandalised. NY Police were informed. Repairs had been carried out by a local resident, but replacement of the bench seat was now necessary. The original bench seat had been purchased by the Bickerton Welfare Fund (later the Bickerton Village Society). The original plaque will be retained and reused on the replacement bench seat.

The damaged bench seat in Bilton in Ainsty had been replaced with a new bench seat, to commemorate the Kings Coronation. The damaged bench seat had been retained by a local resident in Church Street Bilton in Ainsty and will be reused in St Helen's Church Yard. The Chairman and Clerk have spoken to the local resident and had agreed that a new bench seat was appropriate to the grassed area in Moor Lane. The local resident in Church Street and residents in Moor Lane had agreed that the proposed new bench seat would be a welcome addition to the street furniture. County Cllr Mr A Paraskos had agreed to make a donation to the cost of the new bench seat installation in Moor Lane.

All Cllrs present without abstention agreed that no new bench seats would be purchased until a grant offer had been received from North Yorkshire Council.

10. Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting

Future celebrations

11. Dates for Future monthly Meetings

19 June 2023.

Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm

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