

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2024

## Present:

Councillors: Mrs J Hanson (Chairman), Mr D Cross, Mrs L Chasney, Mrs J Farnworth, Mr A Murray

County Cllr: Mr A Paraskos

The Bickerton Grange Farm Manager attended

Prior to the meeting commencing under standing orders, the Chairman thanked the Bickerton Grange Farm Manager for attending the meeting to discuss issues in Bickerton.

The two commemorative bench seats outside Stud Farm in Main Street Bickerton, have now been repaired and reinstalled/secured in their previous locations. The Chairman asked if the Farm Employee who lives in Stud Farm could be asked to assist by using his CCTV to monitor any activities near the replaced bench seats when it is dark. The Farm Manager agreed to ask the Stud Farm occupant if he could help.

The Farm Manager also sought the Parish Council's assistance to address the regular flooding problems on the B1224. This has recently caused repeated accidents when unsuspecting vehicle drivers have aquaplaned through field hedges in the dark, due to standing water on the highway. The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had knowledge of the previous work undertaken, when he liaised with Area 6 to solve this problem some years ago. The Farm Manager agreed to write to the Parish Council formally seeking its support in asking Area 6 to address this problem with some urgency.

The Chairman thanked the Farm Manager for attending the evening meeting.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO, Cllrs Mrs D Podlewska (Vice Chairman), Mr C Cummings.

## 2. Public Questions and Statements

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

## 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2024 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.

## 4. Highway Matters

- 4.1 Meeting with County Cllr & Area 6 at Spofforth Village Hall 29 November 2023  
County Cllr Mr A Paraskos confirmed that the Clerk had still not received a response to various enquiries sent to Area 6 after the November 2023 meeting at Spofforth Village Hall.

## 5. Police Matters

- 5.1 PC Olesqui was unable to attend the meeting but had been in contact by email.

## 6. Financial Matters

- 6.1 Funds received  
None received.

- 6.2 Bank Balance at 31.01.24:

- Charity Account £808.62

There were no questions about the financial statistics circulated for January 2024.

- 6.3 Invoices Received and Paid/to be paid
- Amazon (L T I Grant) £72.40 Anchor Ties for Bickerton bench installation
  - D J Hizzett £235.00 installation of bench seats Stud Farm Main Street Bickerton (paid 05.02.24)
  - PC Websites £105.60 (£88.00 + £17.60 VAT) renewal of **GOV.UK** domain
- All Cllrs present without abstention confirmed approval of the payments.

## 7. Planning and Related Matters

- 7.1 Planning applications received and to be determined
- None received
- 7.2 Planning decision notifications received
- None received
- 7.3 Planning Enforcement
- Illegal containers Elmfield Main Street Bickerton **No news available**
  - Highfields
  - Work to trees with TPOs Tom Cat Lane Bickerton **Ownership still not registered**
- It was agreed to remove the Highfields item from future agendas.

## 8. PC Administration

- 8.1 Vandalised bench seats Main Street Bickerton - reinstallation  
See the discussion prior to the meeting commencing under standing orders.
- 8.2 Damaged Highway Verge opposite to Stud Farm  
No response from Area 6 via Parish Portal
- 8.3/5 Update to PC Adopted Policies  
All adopted policies are currently being reviewed and updated.
- 8.4 Clerk's Annual Appraisal. Salary Review and updated Contract of Employment  
Item completed
- 8.6 Financial Spreadsheet Error  
Cllr Mrs J Farnworth had noted that an increase in the number of lines used in the 'purchases' spreadsheet had not adjusted the 'TOTAL' formula and had caused an error with column totals. The RFO had been advised and a correction made
- 8.7/9 Traffic Accident B1224 – Demolition of Brick Panels to Highway Verge  
The Insurers were appointing Loss Adjusters to deal with the Rebuilding claim. The Loss Adjusters would be able to recommend suitable contractors able to quote for the rebuilding works involved.  
Area 6 have advised that NYC's construction section have been asked to provide a quotation for the rebuilding works.
- 8.8 Highway Verge Maintenance Contract 2024  
Cllrs agreed that the existing Grass Verge Cutting Contractor should be asked to continue to undertake the work in 2024.

## 10. Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting

- Cllr Mr D Cross expressed concern at the lack of advanced warning signs about flooding to the highway after dark
- The mirror on the bend at the junction of Main Street and Turnpike Lane Bickerton has proved successful and can now be replaced by a permanent fixed version
- Damaged lock to Heated Cabinet for defibrillator – Bilton in Ainsty
- March Meeting to be cancelled and replaced by a meeting in August 2024

- The date for the next meeting will be amended to 15 April not 22 April 2024

**11. Dates for Future monthly Meetings**

15 April, 20 May, 17 June 2024

Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm

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