

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2024

Present:

Councillors: Mrs J Hanson (Chairman), Mrs D Podlewska, Mr D Cross, Mrs L Chasney,
County Councillor: Mr A Paraskos

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 May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2024 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.

4. Highway Matters

4.1 On Line Meeting With County Councillor and Area 6 -29 May 2024

The 'Teams' Meeting with the County Cllr and Area 6 Communications Officer had proved useful with a frank exchange of views about the state of the footpath and road surfaces in Bickerton. Area 6 Officers had prepared a map of works to be undertaken in Bickerton for maintenance purposes. The Communications Manager had agreed to forward a copy of the map to the Clerk for displaying in Village Notice Boards and on the Parish Website. That map has still not been received in spite of two reminders.

4.2 Following a site meeting with the Area 6 Maintenance Manager, warning letters has ben received by several residents in Bickerton about overgrown hedges hanging over the footpaths. This appears to have been a mistake by Area 6 Officers, as residents who had no hedges had received the warning letter.

4.3 Replacement traffic mirror junction of Turnpike Lane/Main Street Bickerton

A suitable alternate mirror has been sourced at a cost of £79.99. It may be necessary to mount the replacement on a pole for stability. Discussions will be held with the owner of the property where the current mirror has been fixed temporarily, if a fixed mounting post is required. All Cllrs present without abstention agreed to the purchase of the replacement mirror an any necessary mounting pole, subject to site discussions.

5. Police Matters

5.1 PC Olesqui had been invited to the meeting but had not responded.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Funds received

- None received

6.2 Bank Balance at 31.05.24:

- Charity Account £7,756.65

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

- 6.3 Invoices Received and to be paid
- Gallagher £634.41 Annual Insurance Policy renewal
 - T & I Landscapes £316.80 (£264.00 + £52.80 VAT) Highway verge Maintenance
 - J C Gawthrope £75.00 Annual Audit Fee
- 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 update available**
 - Work to trees with TPOs Tom Cat Lane Bickerton **Ownership still not registered**

8. PC Administration

- 8.1 Damaged lock to defibrillator Heated Cabinet Bilton in Ainsty.
The issue has been re-examined. The existing cabinet is now an obsolete design and replacement locks or doors are no longer available. The cabinet is still heated and the door whilst not lockable, is still secured with two spring clips holding it firmly closed and weathertight. After discussions, Cllrs agreed to continue to monitor the situation, but declined to agree to spend approximately £700.00 to replace the complete cabinet at this time. Both Parish defibrillators and cabinets are covered on the Parish Council's Insurance policy but have not been declared as "lockable".
The Parish Council has been advised that a replacement battery is required for the Defibrillator in Bilton in Ainsty. The Clerk will order a replacement battery.
- 8.2 Councillor Vacancy
Councillor A M Murray has confirmed that his working shift pattern has been changed dramatically, which precludes him for attending Parish Council meetings. He has agreed to withdraw as a Councillor and review his position when his circumstances improve. North Yorkshire Council will be advised of the vacancy.
- 8.3 Maltkiln Development Update.
County Cllrs Mr A Paraskos explained the current proposals for the development. The Government has appointed a Planning Inspector to review the proposals and will report on progress. Some, but not all local Parish Councils, have previously considered the impact that the proposed development would have on the wider community and had submitted their objections. Further objections can be made by this Parish Council and submitted to the Government Inspector considering the proposed development. Cllrs agreed to provide the Clerk with their individual comments on the effects that the development would have in the longer term on this Parish. The Clerk would prepared a common submission to the Inspector outlining Cllrs views.
- 8.4 Approval of the Annual Audit Document 2023-2024
All Clls present without abstention, confirmed their acceptance of the Annual Governance Statement in the Audit Document and agreed that the Chairman and Clerk could sign the Audit Document on their behalf and submit it to the National Auditor appointed by HM Government.

8.5 Rebuilding of the Village Pillar on the B1224 following an RTA
All the required documentation has now been signed and submitted, so that the approved Contractor can commence the rebuilding works.
Confirmation has been received that the insurer of the vehicle that demolished the brick panel can be pursued for the excess on the policy as part of the insured claim.

10. Councillors Business Items for the next Meeting

- Replacement of the mirror at the junction of Main Street and Turnpike Lane Bickerton by a permanent fixed version
- Damaged lock to the Bilton in Ainsty Heated Defibrillator Cabinet – Bickerton Cllrs involvement
- Maltkiln Development - Cllrs consolidated comments

11. Dates for Future monthly Meetings

15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November 2024

Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm

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