

# BICKER PARISH COUNCIL

## PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Webster asked update of the new village sign, Coun Barnes advised application to Wind Farm would be made. She confirmed that the peel board was completed and is on display in Church for a while before being fitted in bell tower. Asked for an update on access to water butts. Coun Chapman advised that it may be possible to stone the approach and was to speak with the nearby tenant to ask if he would be prepared to do the works.

Three fencing panels broken again, Dawson's' Bridge, Village Hall and Post Office, becoming a continual problem and with Highway cut backs wonder what will be done going forward.

## ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, at the Methodist Church Hall.

**Present**

- Cllr Barnes
- Cllr Adshead
- Cllr Benjamin
- Cllr Carrott
- Cllr Chapman
- Cllr Kelly
- And 1 member of the public

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR** and Completion of Declaration of Office

Coun Carrott proposed Coun Barnes serves another year, seconded Coun Chapman, no further nominations. Declaration signed.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Coun Chapman proposed Coun Kelly to serve a second year

**APOLOGIES** – were received and accepted from Cllr Pell Borough Councillors Cooper and Spencer and County Councillor Brookes.

### **TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

- **BICKER UNITED CHARITY** – proposed Coun Carrott, seconded Coun Adshead that Couns Barnes and Chapman represent again.
- **BICKER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE** – proposed Coun Carrott seconded Coun Chapman that Coun Kelly represent again.

**POLICE REPORT** – no presence, although the Parish Council were aware of problems with footballs again with properties in Lowgate Avenue.

**TO APPROVE NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes proposed Coun Chapman seconded Coun Kelly.

### **CLERKS UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING**

Replacement head for horse ride arrived but damaged. Wickstead offered a credit and some paint if it was felt it could be prepared here as opposed to being returned. Coun Chapman believed it could be repaired.

### **SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Clerk has meetings this week with Triton Knoll and National Grid. Triton Knoll keen to attend Parish Council meeting to discuss concerns.

### **ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

All unused allotments now cleared. To be sprayed and then cultivated. Jonathan Pearson charging out at £25 per hour.

Original talk of notice board at entrance showing plan, numbers and tenants. Received offer from tenant to make.

If works proceed to stone area to water butts, clerk to contact the electricity board requesting a contribution.

To discuss increase in rent before renewal in March.

### **FINANCE REPORT - £16597.23**

End of year accounts distributed, healthy contingency. In line with ne financial regulations the following have to be approved in strict order.

Approve Annual Governance Report - proposed Coun Chapman seconded Coun Kelly

Approve Annual Accounts – proposed Coun Carrott seconded Coun Chapman

Approve Payments – annual subscription to LALC £240.72. proposed Coun Chapman seconded Coun Benjamin.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

BSIDB – detailing new purpose for repair or replacement of structures. Basically will not repair or replace unless extent of damage restricts the flow in the drainage channel

Request from Kevin Lane Sansam if a skate park could be put in the playing field. Clerk advised cost of Doningtons. Individual group of youngsters sent out questionnaires, obtained grants for work and run and maintain the park now. A huge commitment without volunteers. Coun Adshead advised that from previous experienced they are a potential source of problems. Not really room without losing too much play area. Clerk to write and advise him.

### **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr Benjamin – cemetery untidy again, to speak with contractor

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Meeting closed 8.05