

## **BICKER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Methodist Church Hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Webster asking how the Parish Council intends to advise residents of outcome of Triton Knoll Parish Liaison meetings. Coun Benjamin advised that there had been no further meetings since the inaugural one. Should further meetings take place to ask Triton Knoll for resume for Parish Council notice board?

Asking why draft minutes are not made available before meetings, in order for the Parish Council to be open and transparent. Advised it is in standing orders that draft notes of meetings are not made public until approved by Council. Mrs Webster asked if a copy, once approved, could be placed in notice board, also requesting a copy of agenda and minutes for herself. Advised that March minutes on website couldn't be opened due to corrupt file.

Defibrillator update. Mr Webster had collected £875 of donations from businesses. List given to clerk for receipts and thank you letters. Looked into alternative company for defibrillator than the one the clerk sent details of. Similar and a little cheaper, also included sign for the village. Council agreed, upon confirmation from Mrs Webster that electricity supply was still in telephone box, the cheaper model is ordered.

Electrician from Bicker Fen had agreed to install equipment free of charge.

Advised Parish Council planning application for 40 houses off Milkinghill Lane had gone to appeal.

**Present**           Coun Barnes  
                      Coun Adshead  
                      Coun Benjamin  
                      Coun Kelly  
                      Coun Pell  
                      & 1 member of the public.

**75 APOLOGIES** - were received and accepted from Couns Carrott and Chapman, Borough Coun Cooper and County Councillor Brookes

**76 POLICE REPORT** – no presence. Clerk had asked if Police cannot attend could they detail of crimes/incidents.

**77 NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Kelly.

### **78 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.**

Flooding in Mill Lane and Red Lion Street reported to Highways

### **79 DISCUSS/APPROVE NETTING FOR PLAYING FIELD**

Manufacturer's not sure original thoughts on filling gaps in trees would be sufficient, looking into another option.

### **80 SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Nothing further to report. No correspondence since last meeting. Amended plans to widen roadway to assist with drainage. On South Holland planning site but not Boston. Clerk to speak with planning.

**81 ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

Nothing to report

**82 FINANCE REPORT - £25541.72**

No payments to approve

**83 PLANNING** – clerk to reiterate to Secretary of State objections to 40 dwellings in Milkinghill Lane

**84 MEMBERS REPORTS –**

Coun Benjamin – Back Lane/Fore Lane bridge repaired.

Coun Adshead – advised reported fly tipping at war memorial to the Chair and Boston Borough Council. Chair cleared in time for Remembrance Day service. Couns Adshead received confirmation that Boston Borough Council are no longer responsible for fly tipping, it is now the responsibility of the Parish Council with clerk's details given. Clerk to check details with Borough Councillor Cooper and Boston Borough Council. Could have significant financial repercussions if this is now the Parish Council responsibility.

Coun Pell – whilst dog walking herself witnessed how disgraceful the footpaths in Bicker are from dog fouling. Clerk to request Security Company to pay Bicker another visit. Dog fouling bin still not in Friest Lane.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.