

## **BICKER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Methodist Church Hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Webster – thank you for donation towards peel board, order has been placed. Finding it difficult to place notices as handle is in Post Office. Clerk to speak with supplier. Also water in notice board. Clerk to report. Requesting update on dangerous bridge at cemetery. Reported to Richard Waters. Coun Brookes to speak to him. Cherry tree in cemetery – on closer inspection although half rotten the other half is quite firm and requires a chain saw. Coun Benjamin offered the chainsaw.

**Present**            Cllr Kelly  
                         Cllr Benjamin  
                         Cllr Chapman  
                         Cllr Pell  
                         Borough Cllr Cooper  
                         Borough Cllr Spencer  
                         County Councillor Brookes  
                         PCSO Williams  
                         & 2 members of the public.

**1/17 APOLOGIES** – were received and accepted from Coun Barnes, Adshead and Carrott

**2/17 POLICE REPORT** – only one incident, an assault in Drury Lane.

**3/17 NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Pell.

### **4/17 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK**

At last a date had been given for flailing of hedgerows in Cowbridge Road, Longhedge Drove for February.

### **5/17 TO DISCUSS BBC TRANSFORMATION FOR STREET LIGHTS**

Although it had already been agreed to take over maintenance and cost of running street lights, thought was now required regarding changing to photocell lights at a potential saving of 45% per year. Photocell lights are on timers which shut down at 12.00 midnight and re illuminate at 5.30 a.m. After discussion and on the knowledge that the lights can be changed at any time in the future, it was proposed Coun Chapman and seconded Coun Benjamin, that photocell lights would not be accepted.

### **6/17 SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Nothing to report

### **7/17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

Allotment Society had been disbanded but members keep in touch with Coun Chapman. Front boundaries marked, back to be marked weather permitting. Amy Goodacre has offered to plough when weather permits. She has equipment and insurance.

### **8/7 FINANCE REPORT**

COUNCIL PAYMENT AUTHORISED APRIL			
	WAGES + EXP BT ETC	CLERK	380.00

Approve payments Approve Precept

Coun Chapman presented a proposed budget and expenditure which showed good housekeeping for the year. With the additional costs of street lights and the knowledge that the precept hasn't increased for four years and may well be capped for Parish Councils in the future it was proposed Coun Chapman seconded Coun Benjamin that precept be increased to £16,000

### **9/17 MEMBERS REPORTS –**

Coun Benjamin – temporary boarding at Fore Lane/Back not safe

Coun Pell – street light out School Lane. surface water in bad weather at the junction of A52/Mill Lane. Clerk to obtain photographic evidence when flooded and report to Highways.

### **10/17 CORRESPONDENCE -**

Citizens advice – requesting donation towards work of Mid Lincolnshire area

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.