BICKER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017 at the Methodist Church Hall.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Bowler advised that Bicker Parish Magazine had, unfortunately, ceased. Parish Clerk to write thank you letters for Editor and Distributors. Mrs Webster issued invitation for the Parish Council to attend a carol service, afternoon tea by Bicker Buds after. Requesting update on defibrillator cabinet. Clerk advised, they start at £600. Mr Webster offered to approach local businesses for contribution towards. Clerk to send costs to Mrs Webster. Clerk to ascertain if electricity is still supplied to 'phone box. Asking again what Parish Council is going to do regarding empty allotments? Mr Bowler requesting Parish Council ask Boston Borough Council, if they feel Article 4 is not appropriate for cable route and new sub-station, formalise details whereby only rogue drivers will use Bicker Roads.

Coun Benjamin advised that Triton Knoll have issued sat navs with route on for all drivers.

Present Cllr Barnes

Cllr Adshead Cllr Benjamin Cllr Carrott Cllr Kelly Cllr Pell

& 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES - were received and accepted from County Councillor Brookes, Borough Couns Cooper and Spencer and Coun Chapman.

POLICE REPORT – no presence

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

TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.

Railing at Red Lion reported. Black Sluice to inspect and repair. Parish Council contractor at Donington can deal with phytolacca in spring. Clerk now has code used by ambulance service for defibrillator cabinet. Cabinets start around £600, agenda item for next meeting

TO DISCUSS/APPROVE DONATION FOR REMEMBRANCE WREATH

Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Carrott £30 donated.

DISCUSS/APPROVE NETTING FOR PLAYING FIELD

£671.99 quotation received but advised netting may not be fit for purpose. Clerk asked originals engineers if height could be extended. Awaiting a quote for next meeting.

SUBSTATION UPDATE

Advised National Grid are putting major works at existing sub-station. Couns Brookes and Spencer emphasised the importance to the residents of Bicker and were to speak with MP to see if Secretary of State could be involved.

Triton Knoll, details of grants available, requesting feedback. Bicker to report that initial grants of £10,000 was not large enough in proportion to the amount in the fund.

ALLOTMENT UPDATE

Nothing to report, clerk to request update if Coun Chapman not available to attend December meeting.

FINANCE REPORT -

Came & Co Insurance £773.60 Prop Coun Carrott seconded Coun Benjamin

PLANNING

Amended application for land off Milkinghill Lane – reduced to , clerk to comment whilst Parish Council are in agreement with reduction in density but sustainability and Drainage still not addressed.

MEMBERS REPORTS -

Coun Benjamin – bridge at Fore Lane Back Lane damaged again, believe only option is to widen bridge to accommodate current farm machinery.

Coun Carrott – water on Mill Lane

Coun Pell – flooding at Vine House Red Lion Street.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 14th December 2017 Meeting closed at 7.55p.m.