

## **BICKER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Webster asking for allotments questions answered – advised draft minutes from extra ordinary meeting to discuss allotments had not been released. Next stage to forward Allotment Society letter to all tenants.

Reporting again village pump is in bad state of repair.

Reports of large amount's of rubbish at Bicker Bar roundabout. Clerk to report to Borough Council.

Mr Pichel-Juan, Allotment Society Chairman thanked Chair for meeting at allotments. Presented letter for tenants and minutes of last AS meeting presented, showing they would like to make improvements, have many ideas and are to make an assessment of the field. Asked for schedule of payments for last year. Clerk to forward.

Mr Boughen – Viking Link consultation in the village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> April desiring Councillors to attend and oppose the proposals. Can Parish Council make written opposition? With extensions to existing substation, additional pylons, proposed new substation and the proposals for Viking Link Bicker has sufficient infrastructure, as opposed to surrounding villages. Increased traffic once again with unsuitable roads. It is hoped that BBC will support the people of Bicker in their requests.

Mr Bowler reiterating Mr Boughen's comments. Increased traffic, BBC declared road unsuitable for Triton Knoll, should be unsuitable for Viking Link. Conditions for planning permission for the substation were not adhered to. Despite copious complaints National Grid very rarely visited site to experience the problems. Conditions regarding routing of traffic must be adhered to. Couns Brookes and Cooper to speak with planning on matter.

**Present**

- Cllr Chapman
- Cllr Adshead
- Cllr Barnes
- Cllr Benjamin
- Cllr Carrott
- Cllr Kelly
- Cllr Pell
- County Councillor Brookes
- Borough Councillor Cooper
- & 6 members of the public.

**16-33 APOLOGIES** were received from Police

Chair to move agenda item 6 to the end of the meeting and the Council will take in closed session and move to exclude the press and public for the remainder of the meeting after Any Other Business, by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

### **16-34 POLICE REPORT –**

No crimes since last meeting. Clerk to ascertain if incidences should also be conveyed to Parish Council and there had been an incident in April.

**16-35 NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Barnes seconded Coun Kelly.

**16-36 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.**

Cowbridge overhanging trees. Reply from National Grid stating they were not their responsibility. Coun Benjamin and clerk rode the route and annotated a map to show that some of them were definitely ownership of NG. Correspondence to NG and Highways requesting work.

**16-37 TO APPROVE WREATH FOR FALLEN BICKER SOLDIER**

3 examples circulated and at a cost of £17 it was proposed Coun Carrott and seconded Coun Kelly that the chaplet be purchased. Mrs Webster kindly volunteered Mr Webster to make a frame for the foot of the bell tower for the wreath.

**16-38 SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Nothing further to report, but Parish Council will continue to oppose proposals.

**16-39 ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

Following comments from Mr Pichel-Juan Chair and Council agreed to take all information on board and work with the AS to smoothly bring things together. Letter to tenants read, proposed Coun Barnes seconded Coun Carrott agreeable to send. Minutes of last meeting, Chair requested circulated to Councillors for discussion at next meeting, together with quotation for pathway maintenance and thoughts regarding returning unused allotments to Bicker United Charity.

**16-40 FINANCE REPORT –**

**16-40A APPROVE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Barnes

**16-40B APPROVE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2015-2016**

Income £20264.29, expenditure £17020.13, balance £13961.76

Proposed Coun Carrott seconded Coun Pell

Approve payments

COUNCIL PAYMENTS AUTHORISED APRIL			
5th	WAGES + exps BT etc	CLERK	380.00
7th	BLACK SLUICE IDB	RATES	36.92
9th & 26th	C J DAWSON	PARK & CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	772.00

Prop Coun Carrott seconded Coun Kelly

**16-41 MEMBERS REPORTS –**

Coun Carrott – has arranged to meet L Foster on allotment regarding dyke  
Coun Pell – overgrown hedge at corner of School Lane. Reports of speeding cars and school buses in Drury Lane. Clerk to speak with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, and research varying differing mobile speed detectors.

**16-42 CORRESPONDENCE -**

Notification of public consultation for Viking Link Interconnector

LCC – notification £1.7m has to be saved in street lighting. Some columns will be dimmed, some will be lit for fewer hours and some roads may have alternative columns not lit at all.

Pensions Regulator – Under the Pensions Act 2008 every employer must offer and contribute to a pension scheme. Staging date for Bicker May 2017

**16-43 TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH PLAYING FIELD** *to be taken in closed session*

Following discussion, because of recent problems with footballs, it was resolved the Parish Council, would take professional advice before making any further comments to the complainant.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Meeting closed at 8.45p.m.