

## **BICKER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr & Mrs Webster have always kept the war memorial clean and tidy. Have requested Bicker Buds can take on, who have agreed. Lincoln bell ringers are attending many villages in Lincolnshire to peel for fallen soldiers in the war. Bicker lost only one resident but they are attending on to peel in memory of him. Requesting if Parish Council would like to pay tribute. Council felt it would be a tribute to lay wreath at belfry door.

Mr Bowler could not attend but passed on his thanks to the Parish Council for their response on Triton Knoll.

Mr Boughen advised that the village sign was in a poor state of repair. Clerk to cost replacement.

Continuing problems with HGV's visiting Hilton's wholesales in Lowgate Lane. Coun Brookes advised another village had asked company to annotate paperwork to advise drivers of correct entrance to the village. Clerk to speak with company.

Mr Boughen and Bicker Buds are prepared to continue repainting rides in playing field when weather permits

**Present**            Cllr Chapman  
                         Cllr Adshead  
                         Cllr Barnes  
                         Cllr Benjamin  
                         Cllr Kelly  
                         Cllr Pell  
                         Borough Councillors Cooper  
                         County Councillor Brookes  
                         & 2 members of the public.

**16-12 APOLOGIES** were received and accepted from Cllr Carrott

**16-13 POLICE REPORT** – no report

**16-14 NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Cllr Barnes seconded Cllr Pell.

#### **16-15 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.**

Closed Churchyard - tried on numerous occasions to speak with Matt Foster, from Boston Borough Council to no avail. Emailed questions and was advised that he and his colleagues would have to discuss. Clerk to reply to PCC advising that Parish Council are not in a position to take over maintenance and they should contact Boston Borough Council..

Works on roundabout completed.

Fencing completed

**16-16 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF CHURCHYARD.**

Nothing further to report, although it was agreed if Boston Borough delayed making their decision maintenance may be required.

**16-16 SUBSTATION UPDATE**

Nothing further to report

**16-17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE - Adopt allotment rules**

Councillors had no amendments, deletions or admissions, proposed Cllr Barnes second Cllr Pell that these be formally adopted. All in favour. Allotment rules to be distributed with renewal invoice in March

**16-18 FINANCE REPORT**

Approve payments - repairing roundabout £483

South Lincs Saw Mill

Prop Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Barnes

**16-19 MEMBERS REPORTS –**

Coun Barnes – barge boards damaged by Anglian Water

Coun Kelly – advised meetings to change to Wednesday, when she cannot attend.

Agenda item for next meeting for Village Hall Committee representative.

Coun Pell advised that weekend working hours had been extended to Hilton's

Wholesales. Bicker Parish Council had made no comment. Cllr Cooper to take forward as it appeared that application was not received by clerk.

**16-20 CORRESPONDENCE -**

LCC wanting to attend Parish Council meeting to present their objectives. Clerk to advise only 15 minutes presentation.

Changes in the way smaller councils can have accounts audited. Agenda item for next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.