

BICKER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tony Boughen advised the three trees had been received from Lincolnshire County to replace the removed one in Church Lane

Present Cllr Chapman
 Cllr Barnes
 Cllr Benjamin
 Cllr Carrott
 Cllr Kelly
 Cllr Pell
 County Councillor Brookes
 PCSO Williams
 & 2 members of the public.

16-01 APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Coun Adshead Borough Councillors Cooper and Spencer.

16-02 POLICE REPORT – 2 crimes, undetected
Theft of fruit and vegetables Mill Lane
Burglary at a dwelling on A17

16-03 NOTES OF LAST MEETING – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Kelly.

16-04 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.

Chair advised materials had now been purchased to repair the roundabout.
Clerk to speak with National Grid again regarding vegetation in Cowbridge.

16-05 TO DISCUSS FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF CHURCHYARD

PCC requesting Parish Council to take over maintenance of churchyard. Discussed at great length regarding the potential financial burden this could be. Upkeep of grassed area no concern but future maintenance of trees and walls a large commitment. If Parish do not take on the Borough Council have an obligation to. Councillors all agreed they would support the Church and there may be the opportunity to maintain grass or make donation towards upkeep, but Clerk to ascertain the correct procedure with Boston Borough.

Coun Brookes advised that Boston Borough is to speak to Parish Council's over a period of time with regard to the level of service provided by them.

16-06 SUBSTATION UPDATE

Quiet, next deadline for consultation 1st February.

16-07 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

Draft set of allotment rules distributed. Councillors to forward any amendments/additions/deletions to clerk in order that they can be adopted.

16-08 FINANCE REPORT – APPROVE PRECEPT

Draft budgets for Councillors to peruse. Following a frugal year, contingency has increased. As Government funding to Borough Council reduced, which results in the residents increase of poll tax, it was agreed that the precept should remain at £14,000. Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Carrott.

16-09 MEMBERS REPORTS –

Triangle on junction of Mill Road and A52 requires attention.

16-10 CORRESPONDENCE -

Bicker Methodist Church – on the advice of their insurance company requested documentation of our insurance policy for public liability and a thank you for donation. South East Lincolnshire Local Plan. Consultation period.

16-11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Works on barge boards completed. Weather not suitable for painting, requesting payment for works. Invoice to Coun Barnes for Conservation Group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 11th February 2015

Meeting closed at 8.11p.m.