

BICKER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Webster thanking for Allotment rules but picked on responsibility of roadways dykes and designated parking. Council felt initial contact should be to secretary to Allotment Society. Wording could be better with some rules stating Council and some Parish Council.

Mr Boughen gave details of Viking Link Interconnector meeting at Village Hall. Unfortunately no firm details available, many sites proposed but Bicker Fen appeared to be the preferential site chosen. He and Mr Bowler had penned a detailed article for newsletter and website. Public consultation will take place in near future.

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

16-21 APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Couns Adshead and Chapman, Borough Councillors Cooper and Spencer

16-22 POLICE REPORT – no crimes reported last month but increase in hare coursing.

16-23 NOTES OF LAST MEETING – Were signed as a true copy, to become minutes. Proposed Coun Benjamin seconded Coun Kelly.

16-24 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK.

Quotes for memorial wreath for 1st World War fallen Bicker soldier for bell ringing tribute. Agenda item for next meeting.

HGV problems in village, speaking with Highways for two signs in School Lane ‘not suitable for HGV’s’

16-25 TO ELECT A VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Coun Kelly reported there had been a change of plan with Committee meeting nights and therefore would not need to resign her post.

16-26 TO DISCUSS REVISED EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

Revised plans whereby Councils can opt out of the proposed system and organise their own external audit. This would be an arduous, time consuming task and all agreed to stay within the proposed new scheme.

16-27 SUBSTATION UPDATE not strictly substation but Viking Link Interconnector held open public discussion in village hall. Information available but no hard and strong

information available.

16-28 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

Nothing further to report, but to keep as an agenda item for the time being.

16-29 FINANCE REPORT -£14864.03

Approve payments

LALC annual subscription £239.88

Prop Coun Carrot seconded Coun Benjamin

16-30 MEMBERS REPORTS –

Coun Benjamin – still no update regarding maintenance in Bicker Fen. Clerk has passed telephone details of maintenance manager to Coun Benjamin.

Clerk to speak with Anglian Water regarding broken fencing.

Coun Pell –requesting update on dog bin for Friest Lane

Wood at base of pump requires attention

Tannin showing on village fencing. Request Dominic to top coat as soon as possible.

16-31 CORRESPONDENCE -

Details of a gold coin available to commemorate Queens 90th birthday. Council declined the offer.

16-32 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Best Kept Village competition – enter? Advised that there would be no interim reports during each round. Chair felt should enter with Bicker Buds keeping the village clean and tidy. All agreed to enter into the spirit.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 14th April 2016

Meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.