

MINUTES OF BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2008

Parish Councillors present : -

Hilary Rosbotham (Chairman), Albert Webster (Vice Chairman), Jennifer Currie Kathleen Fairhurst, Margaret Sumner, Philippa Tubb, Linda Webster.

Also present:- Paul Andrews (representing Bickerstaffe Football Club), Mr Paul Wilcox (representing the Bickerstock Organising Committee) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

An apology was received and accepted from Gladys Gardiner. An apology was also received from the Lancashire Constabulary.

2. Declaration of Interest

- (i) No Cllr. reported a change to their respective Register of Interest.
- (ii) No Cllr. reported any personal interests in any item on the agenda.
- (iii) No Cllr. reported any prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

Cllrs. resolved an adjournment of the meeting.

Mr Paul Andrews, representing Bickerstaffe Football Club, reported that a planning submission had been made to West Lancs District Council for the siting of a storage container on the parish field adjacent to a corner of the area designated for a football pitch. Cllrs. noted the submission which in due course would be referred by West Lancs District Council for their observations. Prior to agenda item 5 the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

5. Clerk's Progress Report for Information

The Chairman and Clerk commented on the report which had been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.

6. Quality Parish Council Status

- (i) Cllrs. received a report from the Clerk with regard to progress towards meeting the discretionary requirements.
- (ii) It was resolved that the Clerk should consult with the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Council concerning the preparation of the quality status portfolio and the required associated evidence.
- (iii) It was resolved to hold surgeries on 11th February 08 at Stockley Crescent, 14th April 08 at the Four Lane Ends Mission, 9th June 08 at Stockley Crescent, 11th August 08 at the Four Lane Ends Mission and 13th October 08 at Stockley Crescent.

7. Planning

The Clerk reported on the delegated decisions in respect of the following applications:-

- 3 Stockley Crescent for a two storey front extension ; no comments submitted to WLDC.
- 19 Skelmersdale Road for a first floor rear extension; no comments submitted to WLDC.

8. Bickerstaffe Football Club

Cllrs. noted the report focussing on the football usage of the parish field. Cllrs requested that progress reports should be made to the Parish Council in relation to the football club's development plan.

9. Finance

- (i) Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation report for the period ending 31st December 2007.
- (ii) Resolved to approve the payment of £80 to E Bynon for the printing of the November Newsletter.
- (iii) Cllrs. considered the circulated income and expenditure profile and precept proposal for 2008/2009. Resolved to approve the income and expenditure profile and precept proposal of £7250.

10. War Memorial

Cllrs. considered the circulated paper with regard to the cleaning and refurbishment of the War Memorial. It was resolved that more information was needed from two of the respective contractors in relation to the proposed scheme of work and the response to be considered at the next meeting.

11. Parish Field Car Park Extension

It was resolved to obtain two further estimates from groundworks contractors for presentation at the next meeting.

12. Bickerstock 2008

Following a presentation by Mr Paul Wilcox from the Bickerstock Organising Committee it was resolved to support in principal the 2008 event on the basis that details would be submitted to the Parish Council with regard to the dates and scale of the event.

13. Attendance at Meetings

- (i) It was resolved that Cllrs. Rosbotham, Fairhurst and Sumner would attend the West Lancashire District Council as Assembly on 30th January 08.
- (ii) It was resolved not to have any representation at the Parish Council Affordable Housing Event on 13th March 2008.
- (iii) It was resolved not to nominate a Cllr. for membership of the Standards Committee for West Lancashire.

14. Bus Shelter

Cllrs. considered the circulated paper and it was resolved not to make any decision at the present time.

A forthcoming surgery at Stockley Crescent will be used as a forum to gauge the feelings of residents with regard to an additional bus shelter.

15. Councillors reports and items for future agenda.

The Chairman invited individual Councillors to comment and the Clerk noted matters in relation to dog fouling in Barrow Nook footpath flooding around the football pavilion on the parish field, a pothole on Lyelake Lane opposite the entrance to Lyelake Farm and the extension of white lines along Lyelake Lane at either side of the junction with Lathom Road. Cllrs collectively expressed their appreciation to Mr T Cunliffe of Lathom Road for his comprehensive Christmas lighting display.

16. Date next Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 10th March 2008.