

**MINUTES OF BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
9TH JULY 2007**

Parish Councillors present :-

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

Also present :- 8 members of the public

1. Apologies

An apology was received from P.C. Southam (Rural Beat Manager for Bickerstaffe, Simmonswood and Westhead).

2. Declaration of Interest

- (i) No Cllrs. reported a change to their respective Register of Interests.
- (ii) No Cllrs. declared any personal interest in respect of agenda items and their nature.
- (iii) Cllr. Rosbotham declared a prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 12. Cllr. Philippa Tubb declared a prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 14.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

Cllrs. resolved an adjournment of the meeting for public participation. Matters were raised and noted by the Clerk in relation to a proposed one way order and central reservation closure along Rainford Road and the need for a delay in the changing of traffic lights at the Stanley Gate. Prior to agenda item 5 the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

5. Clerk's Progress Report for Information

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

6. Quality Parish Council Status

- (i) Cllr. Tubb reported on the development of the website. The Clerk reported that he would be submitting his portfolio for final appraisal by tutors on 13th July 07 in relation to the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

- (ii) Cllrs Currie and Tubb reported that they facilitated a surgery on 11th July 07 and that one member of the public attended. It was resolved to hold the next surgery on 8th October 07 and that the membership and venue would be decided at the next Parish Council meeting.
- (iii) The Clerk reported that he had reserved three places for the respective new councillors and that the dates would be confirmed in the near future.
- (iv) It was resolved that the Clerk should produce a progress report towards Quality Status for the next meeting and for Quality Status to be an agenda item.

7. Planning

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

- 11 Heyes Croft, Bickerstaffe for a single storey extension to front and side no comment submitted to WLDC.
- Coal Pit Lane Farm, Coal Pit Lane, Bickerstaffe for determination as to whether approval of details is required for an agricultural storage building ; no comments submitted to WLDC.
- An application for Heavy Goods Vehicle Operators Licence for one vehicle at Lyelake Farm, Lyelake Lane, Bickerstaffe; resolved to make no comments to WLDC.

8. Parish Field

- (i) The Clerk provided a progress report following consultation with ROSPA and an engineering company with regard to the design and the projected cost of a fence around the children's play area. Following a discussion, which included a focus on the enhancement of the perimeter hedge, it was resolved that at the present time not to pursue the erection of fencing around the children's play area.
- (ii) Following a report from the Chairman and Clerk it was resolved to take the necessary action to replace the seats on the 'older childrens' swings.
- (iii) It was resolved to consider the need for additional car parking on the Parish Field at the next meeting.
- (iv) It was resolved not to approve the request from Mr Cheetham on behalf of the West Lancs Footpath Group, to use the Parish Field Car Park on 7th August 07 because it was already being used by parents and young people attending football practice.

9. Finance

- (i) Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation report for the period ending 30th June 07.
- (ii) Resolved to approve the payment of the following items :-
 - Ian Smith (parish field maintenance July 07) £227.62
 - ABS Book- keeping services (internal audit) £30.
 - E Bynon (laminating footpath map) £12
 - I Smith (parish field car park maintenance and play area gate hinge) £75.

10. War Memorial

The Chairman reported that enquiries concerning a schedule of work for the cleaning of the War Memorial was still to be completed. It was resolved to have this item carried forward to the next meeting.

11. Dog Fouling

It was resolved to support the proposed Dog Control Orders and in response to highlight the lack of dog litter bins at specific locations within the parish.

12. Proposed One Way Order and Central Reservation Order

It was resolved to support the one way order but to oppose the central reservation closure on Rainford Road in the vicinity of Top Colliers Row.

13. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils Annual General Meeting

It was resolved not to take any places at the AGM to be held on Saturday 3rd November 07.

14. Liaison Arrangements with West Lancs District Councillor for Bickerstaffe Ward.

The circulated correspondence between the Clerk and Paul Cotterill in respect of liaison arrangements was acknowledged. Cllrs were particularly interested in the proposal to have joint surgeries.

15. Correspondence for Information

The Clerk made reference to the circulated list of items of correspondence which were available for inspection at the meeting.

16. Cllrs. reports and items for future agenda

The Chairman invited individual Cllrs. to comment and the Clerk noted matters in relation to environmental issues at Heyescroft, the problems being caused by cycling club groups blocking pavements and heavy goods vehicles turning into Barrow Nook Lane and travelling along Sineacre Lane.

17. Date of next meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 10th September 07 commencing at 7.45pm.