

## **MINUTES OF BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

### **Parish Councillors Present:-**

Hilary Rosbotham (Chairman), Albert Webster (Vice Chairman), Jennifer Currie, Gladys Gardiner, Margaret Sumner, Philippa Tubb and Linda Webster.

### **Also present:-**

Paul Andrews (representing Bickerstaffe Football Club) and one member of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

An apology was received and accepted from Kathleen Fairhurst.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

- (i) No Cllr. reported a change to their respective Register of Interests.
- (ii) Hilary Rosbotham and Gladys Gardiner declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 (ii) regarding a request for a donation from the Bickerstaffe Pensioners Social Fund. Hilary Rosbotham also declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 concerning the appointment of a Bickerstaffe representative on the Peter Lathom Charity.
- (iii) No Cllrs reported any prejudicial interests in any items on the agenda.

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Public Participation**

Cllrs. resolved an adjournment of the meeting. Paul Andrews, the Bickerstaffe Football Club representative, reported that there had been two attempted 'break-ins' into the football club's pavilion. Prior to agenda item 5 the Chairman reconvened the meeting. At that point it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary concerning the urgent need of an appointment of a Rural Beat Manager and to make reference to the attempted 'break ins' at Bickerstaffe Football Club.

### **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**

The Clerk reported that the 'Quality Status' portfolio had been submitted and that it had passed through the first appraisal stage. The next stage would be for the Quality Status Panel to consider a report from the appraisal process and this would be taken forward on 28<sup>th</sup> July 08. The outcome of the panel's consideration would be known early August 2008.

### **7. Planning**

- (i) 3 Hall Lane, Bickerstaffe for a new vehicular access. It was resolved not to make any comments to WLDC other than to make an observation that a new vehicular access would result in a reduction in roadside parking.
- (ii) Holly Cottage, Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe for a single storey extension and conservatory at the rear. It was resolved not make any comments to WLDC.

### **8. Parish Field**

- (i) Following a verbal report from the Clerk it was resolved to progress the 'white lining' of the parish field car park.
- (ii) Following a presentation of the schedule of events for the Bickerstock Music Festival it was resolved to approve the usage of the parish field on the condition that there was an adequate provision of refuse bins, the events finished at 12.00 midnight on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9.00pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

August , sufficient monitoring was in place with regard to overnight camping and that there was a tidying up schedule following the event.

#### **9. Financial**

- (i) It was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
- (ii) It was resolved to make the following donations:-
  - Bickerstaffe Pensioners Social Fund £100
  - West Lancs Crossroad Caring for Carers £25
  - Mencap West Lancs £25
  - Alzheimers Society ( Southport, Formby and West Lancs Branch) £25
  - Victims Support Lancashire £25

#### **10. War Memorial**

The clerk reported that as the War Memorial was 'listed' the Heritage and Environment Manager from WLDC had to approve the scheme of work. Following some sample cleaning and re-blackening of the lettering a meeting has been arranged for the Heritage and Environment Manager to appraise the sampling. A decision would then be taken in respect of the scheme of work to be taken forward.

#### **11. Capital Expenditure Projects**

Following consideration of the circulated paper it was resolved that the following capital projects should be prioritised:-

- the provision of speed deterrent indicators
- the extension of the parish field car park

The Clerk was tasked to determine costings for the respective projects and to provide a report for the next meeting.

During the discussion regarding potential capital projects Cllrs. acknowledged the work undertaken to maintain the overall aesthetic appearance of the churchyard at Holy Trinity Church.

#### **12. Proposed Removal of B.T. Public Payphones**

Whilst expressing the disappointment of removing a public telephone from Bickerstaffe the Cllrs acknowledged the commercial implications of sustaining such a facility.

#### **13. Proposed Closure of an area of Redundant Highway**

Cllrs. considered the circulated correspondence and decided not to make any comment.

#### **14. Peter Lathom's Charity Local Representative**

Resolved to nominate Cllr. Margaret Sumner as the representative.

#### **15. Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) Annual Conference**

It was resolved not to have delegate representation at the conference.

#### **16. Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) Annual General Meeting**

It was resolved not to have any delegate representation at the A.G.M.

#### **17. West Lancashire Standards Committee**

The Clerk reported on the membership and work programme of the Standards Committee.

#### **18. Waste Management Strategy for Lancashire 2008 to 2020**

Following consideration of the waste management consultation document it was resolved to make the following response:-

- (i) the plan to include schools in the segregated recycling collection service should be a matter of priority. Bickerstaffe School has a considerable paper disposal issue and would considerably benefit from the introduction of a schools recycling collection service.

- (ii) the concerns over the depositing of food waste and that the proposed strategy does not focus on the needs of a weekly service.

**19. Memorial for Alan Wood**

Following a positive discussion focussing on the impact Alan had on the Bickerstaffe community it was resolved to acknowledge Alan's involvement by the designation of a commemorative seat to be located within the grounds of Bickerstaffe School and for the parish council to make a donation of £100.

**20. Correspondence for Information**

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

**21. Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

The Chairman invited Cllrs. to comment and the Clerk noted matters in relation to potholes, directional signs, rutted surfaces and damage to a concrete bollard.

**22. Additional Venue for Parish Council Meetings**

Following a discussion concerning the use of the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room as an additional venue for Parish Council Meetings, Cllrs voted 3 for and 3 against. The Chairman exercised her casting vote in favour of the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room as an additional venue. It was resolved to hold the scheduled meeting for March 2009 at the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room.

**23. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008.