

MINUTES OF BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2007

Parish Councillors present:-

Hilary Rosbotham (Chairman)

Jo'O'Neill (Vice Chairman)

Kath Fairhurst

Gladys Gardiner

Philippa Tubb

Also present :-

Paul Andrews (representing Bickerstaffe Football Club)

P.C. Gary Southam (Rural Beat Manager for Bickerstaffe, Simonswood and Westhead) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Pat Taylor and Albert Webster who were unable to attend for family reasons and a last minute commitment respectively.

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) No Cllrs. declared any prejudicial interests in respect of agenda items and their nature.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 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 an overgrowth of weeds on the pavements around Heyes Croft, a problem with dog fouling on the Parish Field, Church Road, Stanley Crescent and Heyes Croft, and Bickerstaffe Football Club acquiring a roller for use on the football area of the Parish Field. In addition P.C. Southam gave a report on police related matters and incidents during January and February 2007. Prior to agenda item 5 the Chairman reconvened the meeting,.

5. Clerk's Progress Report for Information

The Clerk presented his report which had been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting for information.

6. Quality Parish Council Status

- (i) The Clerk gave a progress report on his course leading to the Certificate in Local Council Administration.
- (ii) The letter from NALC concerning the Quality Parish Council Scheme, which had been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting was noted.
- (iii) The Chairman reported on the Parish Council Surgery which was held on 12th February 2007.

7. Planning

The clerk reported on the delegated decision taken in respect of the following planning applications:-

- 22 Barrow Nook, Bickerstaffe for a single storey side extension; no comments submitted to WLDC.

- The Cottage, Ben Lane, Bickerstaffe; no comments submitted to WLDC.
- Holly Cottage, Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe for a two storey front extension and new vehicular access; no comments submitted to WLDC.

8.Parish Field

It was resolved to approve the usage of the Parish Field car park by Merseyside Wheelers on Thursday evenings during May, June and July at a charge of £5 per visit.

9.Finance

- (i) It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts which had been circulated to Cllrs.prior to the meeting.
- (ii) It was resolved to approve the payment of the following invoices;

Four Lane Ends Mission hire -	£80
David Green Mole Catcher -	£30
LAPTC Annual Subscription -	£166.85
J&R Alker Sportsground Construction -	£235
Ivor Waite (Play Area and Bus Shelter Maintenance) -	£208

10. War Memorial

It was resolved that the Chairman should make enquires with regard to a schedule of works for consideration at the next meeting.

11.Maintenance of Street Furniture

It was resolved that the Clerk should determine costings for the repair of the damaged long seat at Heyes Croft for consideration at the next meeting. It was noted that the insurance policy excess was £125.

12. Correspondence for Information

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

13. Cllrs. reports and items for future agenda.

The Chairman invited individual Cllrs. to comment and the Clerk noted matters in relation to dog fouling, overgrown pavements along Liverpool Road in the vicinity of Baldwins Cottages, 'Slow' road marking and a 'Bend' sign along Sineacre Lane and the problem of excessive car parking in the vicinity of Four Lane Ends. It was requested to have the fencing of the Play Area on the Parish Field as an agenda item at the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 14th May 2007 at 8.30pm. The meeting would follow the Annual Parish Assembly which would commence at 7.30pm.