

## **MINUTES OF BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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:- District Cllr Paul Cotterill and 5 members of the public

### **1.Apologies**

All Cllrs were present. No apologies were received from any of the representatives not attending.

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

- (i) No Cllr reported a change to their respective Register of Interests
- (ii) Cllr Rosbotham declared a personal interest in item 12. Cllr Tubb declared a personal interest in item 7ii (third sub item).
- (iii) Cllrs Rosbotham, Tubb and Linda Webster declared a prejudicial interest in item 7ii (first sub item).

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 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 behaviour problems with young people around Heyescroft, speeding issues along Liverpool Road approaching the junction with Heyescroft, road 'sinking' at the junctions of Church Road with Liverpool Road and Heyescroft with Liverpool Road. District Cllr Cotterill reported for information on developments in relation to speed restrictions along Liverpool Road, Church Road and Hall Lane , the lowering of pavements in the vicinity of Stockley Crescent and that he be would holding surgeries, commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in the Stockley Crescent meeting room.

### **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**

The Cllrs considered a paper from the Clerk and it was resolved to focus on the discretionary requirements in relation to the display of information on the parish notice boards and publicising the parish council website. Cllrs also congratulated the Clerk on the submission of his portfolio in relation to the Certificate in Local Council Administration to the University of Gloucestershire.

## **7. Planning**

- (i) The Clerk reported on the delegated decisions in respect of the following planning applications :-
  - Trenance, Ben Lane, Bickerstaffe for a two storey side extension; no comments submitted to WLDC.
  - The Croft, 1 Barrow Nook Lane, Bickerstaffe for a single storey side extension; no comments submitted to WLDC.
  - 1 Wash Farm, Rainford Road, Bickerstaffe for a single storey side extension and front porch; no comments submitted to WLDC.
  - 54 Coach Road, Bickerstaffe for a two storey extension and single storey rear extension; no comments submitted to WLDC.
  - 2 Wash Farm Cottages, Rainford Road, Bickerstaffe for a two storey side extension; no comments submitted WLDC.
  
- (ii) The Cllrs considered the following applications;
  - Bickerstaffe Children's Service for a change of use of the vicarage. It was resolved not to make any comments to WLDC.
  - 1 Sineacre Lane, Bickerstaffe for a two storey side extension and single storey and first floor extension at the rear. It was resolved not to make any comments to WLDC.
  - 1 Moss Side Cottages, Coal Pit Lane. Bickerstaffe for a single storey side extension. It was resolved not to make any comments to WLDC.

## **8. Bickerstaffe Football Club**

The Cllrs considered a Draft Development Plan from Bickerstaffe Football Club. It was resolved to support the draft development plan in principal and for Cllrs to attend a meeting with the Management Committee of Bickerstaffe Football Club to discuss the development plan in more detail. It was also resolved that the draft development plan should be included as an agenda item for the next meeting which would enable Cllrs to report back.

## **9. Finance**

- (i) Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.
- (ii) Resolve to approve the payment of the following items:-
  - Ian Smith ( parish field maintenance August 07) £227.62p
  - Ivor Waite (repair of seat at Heyescroft and replacement of damaged swing seats) £298.45p
  - E Bynon ( printing of August Newsletter) £70
  - WLDC (election costs) £1039.18
  - BDO Stoy Hayward (external auditors) £141
- (iii) Resolved to approve the external auditors report from BDO Stoy Hayward.

## **10. Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust – Community Engagement Development Strategy**

The document was noted and it was resolved not to make any formal response.

#### **11. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Barrow Nook**

The Chairman reported that the present co-ordinator had decided to retire. It was resolved that Cllr. Currie should meet the co-ordinator to determine the respective role and to explore the possibility of a successor.

#### **12. Ormskirk Bypass Proposal**

It was resolved that as individual Cllrs as members of the public had already responded to the consultation exercise no further comment would be made.

#### **13. Lancashire County Council – Developing a Parish Charter**

It was resolved to support the 'Work in Progress' document and also to make a specific reference with regard to improving the consultation process by introducing an early warning system to alert parish councils to forthcoming consultations with an indication of timescales.

#### **14. Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Council Conference**

Resolved to convey the apologies of the parish council.

#### **15. West Lancashire Crossroads Caring for the Carers AGM**

Resolved to convey the apologies of the parish council.

#### **16. Bickerstaffe Music Festival**

A report from the Bickerstaffe Music Festival Committee was considered following the successful event held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007. It was resolved that Cllr Currie should contact a representative of the Management Committee to discuss a donation to the parish council following use of the parish field.

#### **17. War Memorial**

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

#### **18. Correspondence for Information**

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

#### **19. Cllrs. reports and items for future agenda**

The Chairman invited individual Cllrs. to comment and the Clerk noted matters in relation to broken glass and water bottles on the parish field, a missing Bickerstaffe sign at the Long Lane boundary, problems with threatening and abusive behaviour from cyclists, traffic problems and the need for dog waste bins. It was resolved to have a review of the cessation of hedgerow spraying adjacent to the children's play area at the next meeting.

#### **20. Date of next meeting**

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007.