

## **MINUTES OF BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

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

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

Also Present:-

Paul Andrews (representing Bickerstaffe Football Club), Paul Draper (representing Bickerstock Music Festival Management Committee) and one member of the public.

### **1.Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Kathleen Fairhurst and Albert Webster. It was resolved to accept both apologies due to sickness particularly in respect of Kathleen Fairhurst who was also unable to attend the July meeting.

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

- (i) No Councillor reported a change to their respective Register of Interests.
- (ii) No Councillor declared a personal interest.
- (iii) Councillors Philippa Tubb and Linda Webster declared an interest in agenda item 7 (ii) concerning a planning application from Bickerstaffe Children's Services.

### **3.Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Public Participation**

Councillors resolved an adjournment of the meeting. Paul Andrews, representing Bickerstaffe Football Club, reported an increase in dog fouling on the parish field and he also commented on the bay markings which had been set out on the parish field car park. Prior to agenda item 5 the Chairman reconvened the meeting. At that point it was resolved to report the dog fouling issue to the Dog Warden at West Lancashire District Council and also to pursue the wording for a dog fouling notice to be erected on the parish field.

### **5.Clerk's Progress Report for Information**

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

### **6.Quality Parish Council Status**

- (i) Councillors received confirmation of the award of Quality Parish Council Status. It was resolved to congratulate the Parish Clerk for taking forward the quality status portfolio and on achieving a successful outcome.
- (ii) It was resolved that Hilary Rosbotham (Chairman) and Arthur Gore (Parish Clerk) should attend the Lancashire Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 08 during which the Quality Status formal presentation would be made.
- (iii) It was resolved to take forward local press coverage following the formal presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> November 08.

## **7.Planning**

- (i) The Chairman reported on the following delegated decision:-  
2 Ormskirk Old Road for the demolition of an existing conservatory, a two storey side extension, a single storey rear extension and new vehicular access; no comments submitted to WLDC.
- (ii) Bickerstaffe Children's Services for change of use of land from agricultural to an extension to the playing field at Bickerstaffe Primary School. At this point Councillors Philippa Tubb and Linda Webster left the meeting. It was resolved to support the application.

## **8.Finance**

- (i) Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.
- (ii) The Clerk reported that he had received a verbal report from the external auditors BDO Stoy Hayward that the 2007/2008 accounts had been approved. He also reported that written confirmation would be received by mid-September 08.

## **9. War Memorial**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the completion of the scheme of work in respect of the cleaning and refurbishment of the war memorial. The Clerk also circulated 'before and after' photographic evidence.

## **10.Capital Expenditure Projects**

- (i) It was resolved to pursue the speed deterrent indicator project. The Clerk was requested to determine definitive costings for two speed deterrent indicators to be positioned at the approach to Bickerstaffe Primary School from the direction of Barrow Nook and on Liverpool Road prior to the bend approaching the junction with Heyescroft.
- (ii) It was resolved that the Clerk should pursue options for funding and for Councillor Philippa Tubb to approach Bickerstaffe Primary School for a financial contribution.
- (iii) It was resolved that the Clerk should provide a report on the impact of a precept increase on the Bickerstaffe residents.

## **11. Bickerstock Music Festival 2008**

Paul Draper, who attended the meeting as a member of the Bickerstock Music Festival Management Committee, commented on the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He noted the one complaint which had been received regarding noise levels and agreed to take this into account when planning the 2009 event. Councillors, who attended the music festival, commented favourably on the efficiency of the overall event organisation and also the effective 'clearing up' exercise afterwards. Paul Draper also reported that a donation would be made to Bickerstaffe Parish Council.

## **12. West Lancashire Crossroads Caring for Carers Annual General Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008**

It was noted that the Clerk would be present at the meeting and Councillor Currie stated she would also attend.

## **13. Correspondence for Information**

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

## **14. Parish Council Surgeries**

It was resolved that Councillors Hilary Rosbotham and Gladys Gardiner would be the representatives at the surgery to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Stockley Crescent Meeting Room from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. It was also resolved that Councillors Jennifer Currie and Philippa Tubb would be the representatives at the following surgery to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 at the Four Lane Ends Mission from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

#### **15. Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

The Chairman invited Councillors to comment and the Clerk noted matters in relation to the untidiness of the Little Chef site, the cutting of hedgerows along Hall Lane, dog fouling in Barrow Nook, fly tipping on the Lord Derby's estate approach road and a missing bollard on Heyescroft.

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008.