

BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council which was held on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Woolwell Centre.

Present: Councillors Carole Spencer (Chair)(CS), Paul Blight (PB), Wendy Haymes (WH), Jackie Taylor (JT), Larry Taylor (LT) and Lynn Tamsett-White (LTW)

New co-opted members: Cllrs Brian Hill (BH) and Lindy Scott (LS)

In Attendance: Cllrs Nicky Hopwood (NH)(SHDC) and Barrie Spencer (BS)(SHDC), Sally Smale (Parish Clerk)

2022 33 **There were no apologies for absence.**

2022 34 **Councillor Appointments**

a) Co-option

There were 2 expressions of interest in the 2 councillor vacancies.

Proposed by LT, seconded by WH and all in favour that Brian Hill be co-opted to Bickleigh Parish Council

Proposed by LTW, seconded by PB and all in favour that Lindy Scott be co-opted to Bickleigh Parish Council

Both signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the Council table.

b) Election of vice-chair for the council

Proposed by LTW, seconded by LT and all in favour that WH be elected as Vice-Chair to Council

2022 35 **Declarations of pecuniary and other interests**

Councillors Spencer and Haymes declared a pecuniary interest as employees of the Woolwell Centre.

2022 36 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 24th February 2022.**

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

Cllr Spencer requested that the spelling of his name be amended.

Open Forum

2 Members of the public were in attendance

Woolwell in Bloom reported that they had permission in principle from Plymouth City Council to build the jubilee garden pending an on-site meeting.

The group had held a vote to choose between the 2 benches on offer from BPC and the **clerk will order accordingly.**

2022 37 **Reports from District Councillors.**

(NH)

- SHDC Council tax increase equates to 9.6p per week
- Brown bin collection starting week commencing 28.3.2022
- There has been no interest in the SHDC grant funded composting scheme in Woolwell Ward
- The Woodland Trust tree planting scheme had been withdrawn

(BS)

See attached report

2022 38 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- a) Plymouth City Council have now acknowledged responsibility for the **lane into the Centre car park** and a request for maintenance work is now in place. LTW arranged for a temporary fix to one of the pot-holes.
- b) **Hedges on the Parish Plot** – another inspection of the area has taken place and it was noted that the beech hedges are being maintained and have been done recently and that the large tree with the TPO is currently needing no maintenance work.
- c) **Speed Camera:** This is still awaiting repair. **LT agreed to look at it and decide further action**

2022 39 Finance

- a) The payments as listed in App 1 were approved and the receipts in App 2 noted.
- b) The Bank Reconciliation (App 3) was noted
- c) New noticeboard in Bickleigh

Councillors chose from the selection presented. Clerk to seek permission from the owner of the building to replace existing board.

It was agreed that, in future, minutes to meetings would be accessed through a QR code posted permanently on the noticeboard.

- d) Roborough roundabout - clearance of fallen tree following the recent storms. It was agreed to leave the tree as a natural habitat and revisit should it become a hazard in any way.
- e) It was agreed to accept the quote of £1729.48 to apply Chikara herbicide to combine both a contact and residual mode of action to control germinating weeds on natural surface not intended to bear vegetation. A further quote is pending for treatment in Bickleigh village and this has been agreed pending receipt of quote and agreement by all Councillors.
- f) It was agreed to purchase the Platinum Jubilee bench voted for by Woolwell in Bloom:

<https://www.corido.co.uk/platinum-jubilee-benches> £620+shipping

2022 40 Policies

- a) The schedule for review of policies (distributed previously) was agreed
- b) The updated Code of Conduct was adopted

2022 41 Woolwell Centre:

- a) **The resignation of the three Trustees effective from 28th May 2022 was noted.**
- b) **Clerk reported on the estimated solicitor's costs for the work on the leases between SHDC and The Parish Council and The Parish Council and Woolwell Trust. (£3,650.70)**
- c) **Working group update:**
 - All emergency work has been completed
 - The hot water temperature needs amending and there is some minor plumbing work outstanding
 - There is extensive maintenance work outstanding on the building and in order to demonstrate due diligence with regards to finance and health and safety, the group recommend that the next step forward is to have an independent project manager review the building and deliver a detailed specification and costing of all works needed. This would ensure the consequent specifications for the tendering process are compliant and that the proposed borrowing through the public Work Loans body will cover the full cost of the work.

Standing orders were dropped

NH asked whether Council should be considering the long-term business viability of the Centre before investing this money. Council responded that it was The Council's major asset and it remained fully committed to the Centre.

Standing Orders resumed

Council considered the recommendation and agreed that there was no alternative in order to compensate for the low key maintenance work over the last 20 years. PB to source 3 quotations.

2022 42 Planning

a) The following planning application was considered:

0519/22/FUL Mr Thomas Abbott - Plessey Semiconductors Ltd New roof-top plant room vertical extension to provide space for new air handling units and associated services, with new attached access/escape stair and roof-top walkways as required. Plessey Semi Conductors Ltd Tamerton Road Roborough PL6 7BQ

Policy Numbers Bick15 (Business Development) and Bick07 (Local Character) of the Neighbourhood Plan was noted:

15 All business/commercial development should:

i. respect the character of its surroundings by way of its scale and design;

ii. not harm the surrounding landscape;

iii. not have an adverse effect on its neighbours;

07 Development should:

i. respect the local character within the locality of the site and help to reinforce local distinctiveness;

ii. respect local landscape quality and ensure that views and vistas are maintained wherever possible;

It was agreed to object to the proposal on the grounds that the height of the proposed development, roof-top walkways and the potential noise and output from the handling units contravened these criteria.

b) The following decision made by SHDC was noted:

0374/22/COM Ham Farm Bickleigh PL6 7AL Mr Kurtis Henry - Openreach

Notice of Intention to Install Electronic Communications Apparatus Compromising One Light 8 Metre Pole

DECISION: Permitted development

2022 43 Barwood planning applications 4185/19/OPA and 4181/19/OPA

No update.

2022 44 Neighbourhood Plan

Council have had an introductory session with a consultant from SHDC and it is hoped that the plan can be modified as opposed to reviewed. A large scale plan is being sourced and preparation is in hand for Council to review the protection of green open spaces.

2022 45 Roborough Recreation Hall.

Committee has a new treasurer and discussions are underway regarding spend of the S106 monies. Rates have been increased in line with inflation.

2022 46 Platinum Jubilee

Method of packaging and distribution of seed to the children has been agreed. Final costs still to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of the next meetings:

Thursday 28th April

Tuesday 24th May

Thursday 23rd June

Thursday 28th July

No meeting in August

Thursday 22nd September

Thursday 27th October

Thursday 24th November

Thursday 22nd December

Cllr Spencer, Chair.