

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 14 July 2021
St Peter's Church Hall, Church Lane, Bickenhill

Present:

Cllr Clive Hill - Chairman
Cllr Sue Rogers
Cllr Carole Pearce
Cllr Kim Wallace
Cllr Trevor Wills (from item 6)

Clerk: Julie Brennan

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4076. Election of Chair

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chair, the Clerk invited the Councillors to elect a chair for this meeting. Cllr Kim Wallace proposed that Cllr Clive Hill act as Chair and Cllr Sue Rogers seconded the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Kim Wallace

Seconded: Cllr Sue Rogers

All in favour

It was resolved that Cllr Clive Hill would Chair the meeting.

4077. The Public

No questions were raised.

4078. Apologies

Cllr Hill confirmed that apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Jonathan Horton, Cllr Wayne Hadley, Cllr Karen Dunn, Cllr Mark Noblet, Cllr Michael Kay and Cllr John Fox.

4079. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None.

4080. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 June 2021

The Chairman asked members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Sue Rogers

Seconded: Cllr Carole Pearce

All in favour – Cllr Clive Hill, Cllr Sue Rogers, Cllr Carole Pearce.

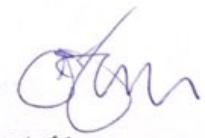
It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record.

4081. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting held on 2 June 2021

4036 124 Elmdon Lane – Cllr Hill confirmed that development had been delayed by an appeal made to Bristol regarding the addition of a balcony. No further action required.

4042 Bickenhill Pond – item ongoing.

1547 – Trees at the back of 5 Musson Close – the Clerk confirmed that the resident had completed works on his land having established the boundary but had requested the hedge on the Recreation Ground be trimmed back to 2 meters. He had let the Clerk know that a high hedge notice could be issued which would require the Parish Council to take action to cut back the hedge. No further action required at this time.



1548 – Request from Marston Green Lions to install a bench at the Recreation Ground – the Clerk confirmed that she had let the Lions know that a multicoloured bench was not in keeping with the existing benches and that there were no approved sites near to the children’s playground. She had confirmed that other sites were available if they were willing to supply a bench in keeping and accept a location along the drive.

1550/2 – Ashes interred on an existing grave – the Clerk confirmed that this was possible and that the burial ground regulations were to be reviewed to reflect this.

4082. Matters arising from the Recreation Committee meeting held on 16 June 2021

1558 – CIL application from Marston Green Cricket Club – Cllr Hill confirmed that this application was on hold pending confirmation from MGCC of the terms they would like to see in the lease. Cllr Sue Rogers suggested setting a deadline for the terms to be provided to ensure matters progressed.

Action item: Clerk to contact MGCC with a deadline for the provision of terms for the lease.

1517/2 – Biodiversity Project with the Infant & Junior schools. It was noted that Cllr Wayne Hadley had met with the schools and that the matter was ongoing.

1519/1 – Fencing at the Burial Ground – Cllr Hill noted that three quotes had been obtained for the replacement fencing and these were considered. The recommendation was to approve the quote from Fairways.

SW Fencing - £6,300 (no VAT);
Flowers - £6,150 & VAT; and
Fairways - £5,900 & VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill
All in favour

Seconded: Cllr Carole Pearce

It was resolved that Fairways be asked to install replacement fencing as per the specification at a cost of £5,900 plus VAT.

1525 – Football Season - the Clerk confirmed that she was still waiting to hear back from SMBC regarding the planning permission issue. Matter ongoing.

1560 – Request to reduce grass cutting on the Amenity Land – Cllr Hill confirmed that the recommendation from the Recreation Committee was to cut a pathway twice a year and the whole site once at the appropriate time.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill
All in favour - Cllr Trevor Wills & Cllr Carole Pearce
Against - Cllr Kim Wallace

Seconded: Cllr Sue Rogers

It was resolved that Fairways would be asked to cut a path around the Amenity Land twice a year and the whole site once a year at the appropriate time to protect/ promote biodiversity.

1564 – Village Hall Planter - members discussed where to site the remaining planter and agreed with the recommendation that it should be placed on the Pleck.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill
All in favour

Seconded: Cllr Carole Pearce

It was resolved that the planter be moved to the Pleck.

Action item: Clerk to arrange for the planter to be moved from the Recreation Ground to the Pleck.

4083. Matters Arising from the Planning Committee held on 24 June 2021

Cllr Hill summarised the recent refusal by SMBC of the planning application by IAC for an extension of the car park on land adjoining Blackfirs Lane. He noted that the application could be referred to Bristol on appeal but, as far as he was aware, this had not been done to date. Cllr Hill also noted that the Parish Council were unhappy with the response from SMBC regarding the speed bumps on Coleshill Heath Road.

4084. Matters relating to the Finance Committee

693 – Christmas Tree Lights – the recommendation was to purchase a new light feature at a cost of £275 plus VAT and £35 carriage.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Carole Pearce

All in favour

It was resolved that a new Christmas Tree light feature should be purchased at a cost of £275 plus VAT and £35 carriage.

701 - GDPR Review - Cllr Hill noted the recommendation to obtain training for the Clerk in GDPR from Peter Malley. Cllr Trevor Wills suggested asking if a second person could receive the training at the same time. Cllr Hill noted that Councillors could attend after the Clerk's training session to ask any questions they may have.

Proposed: Cllr Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved that the Clerk should set up the training for herself with Peter Malley and let the Councillors know if a second person could be trained and the time to attend if they had any question for the trainer.

702 - Bickenhill Church & Land – Cllr Clive Hill asked for approval of the £1,000 payment towards the professional fees of Bruton Knowles in relation to the proposed replacement of St Peter's Church Hall.

Proposed: Cllr Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved that a payment of £1,000 be made towards the fees of Bruton Knowles using Section 137.

The Clerk confirmed that the Bank had asked for a new, full mandate to be completed and returned to them to allow for the addition of herself and Cllr Michael Kay and the removal of Carole Cox and Franciska Giles. Cllr Hill asked for approval for the bank mandate to be updated to add Cllr Kay and the Clerk and the removal of signatories who had left the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Sue Rogers

All in favour

It was resolved that a new bank mandate be prepared adding the Clerk and Cllr Michael Kay and removing the signatories who had left the Parish Council.

4085. Bickenhill Relief in Need Charity

Cllr Hill let the members know that the Charity's bank balance currently stood at £3,834.76 and that investigations were ongoing as to what action needed to be taken. It was agreed that the money should be used if possible and acknowledged that the actual extent of the 'ancient parish area' could be difficult to establish.

4086. Meeting Calendar

The Clerk provided a copy of the meeting calendar which had been updated to reflect recent changes to the days/times of the various committee meetings. It was noted that the May 2022 Bank Holidays had been adjusted due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Carole Pearce

All in favour

It was resolved that the meeting calendar was approved.

4087. Finance Approval List (circulated by email)

The proposal to authorise the payments detailed on the expenditure reports was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Sue Rogers

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the expenditure payments detailed on the report.

4088. External Committee Reports

Parish Hall Trustees – Cllr Hill confirmed that the AGM of the Parish Hall had taken place a couple of weeks previously and noted his disappointment that the Chair of the Trustees had specifically mentioned the issue with the return of the £9,000 CIL monies but had not given him the opportunity to explain the Parish Council's position. He confirmed that the refusal to allow him to speak on the matter would be noted in the minutes. Cllr Sue Rogers stressed that CIL paperwork should make it clear that monies awarded could only be spent on the project applied for.

Airport Matters – no update.

HS2 update – Cllr Hill read out an update provided by Cllr Karen Dunn who had been unable to attend the meeting.

4089. Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that a survey had been received from Toby R Keene who was investigating the experiences of rural communities where HS2 construction was underway with the aim of benefitting communities where work was yet to start. Cllr Hill asked for Councillors to provide individual responses, if they wished, direct to Mr Keene.

4090. The Parish Council meeting closed at 21:40

4091. Date of next meeting 1 September 2021 at 19:30
The Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green