**BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

 **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**

 **WEDNESDAY 04 APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM**

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PRESENT ACTION

 Cllrs: D.Harrison (Chair), J Brownlow (Mrs), A Scaife, A Somerwill (Mrs),

 Dist. Cllr. Bob Deed, Cnty. Cllr.M Squires (Mrs) – part time.

 Cllr. Harrison welcomed and introduced A Somerwill (Mrs) as the new Parish

 Councillor, following the resignation of Cllr. R Maynard.

APOLOGIES

 Cllr. J Platt (Mrs), PCSO Anna Roberts.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

 There were no corrections so the minutes were taken as read, accepted and

 signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

 Referring back to the minutes of the DEC. ’17 meeting, Cllr. Harrison recorded

 that he had at last heard from MDDC regarding request for the provision of a

 Dog litter bin at the eastern entrance to Jones Orchard. Their ‘survey’ had

 concluded that there was “not a problem with dog mess in this area” and that

 “being close to a residential property there was a potential problem with odours

 emanating from the bin” and in conclusion there was not the need for a bin.

 Cllr. Harrison asked if MDDC would empty a bin if the Parish Council paid

 for it’s provision, the answer was that they would “at a cost of £12.50 per

 a time”. It was decided that the matter would not be persued.

FINANCE

 Invoice from Third Sector Design in the sum of £540.00 for the setting up

 and initial maintenance etc., payment proposed by Cllr. Brownlow (Mrs) and

 seconded by Cllr. Scaife. Cllr. Harrison was tasked to enquire about ongoing

 domain rental costs in relation to this web site. DH

 A letter from Victim Support based in Bodmin requesting consideration of a

 contribution towards their on-going costs. This request was unanimously rejected.

PLANNING

 Aplications received: Erection of 3no. glamping tents for holiday use at Cleave

 Barton, Bickleigh. Approved

CORRESPONDENCE

 Bickleigh-on-Exe School are consulting on a proposal to amalgamate the

 Pre-school organisation with the School. This is apparently for practical

 organisational reasons, the School have advised that so far as the children

 are concerned, nothing will change. The matter was discussed at some length

 and the Parish Council’s full support was given. DH

 Complaints from several village residents have been received regarding a

 large horse box which has been parked in the field known as Brown Shute

 and that somebody was living in it. Cllr. Harrison informed the meeting

 that he had looked into the matter and that at the last contact, MDDC

 planning enforcement officer had informed him that it did not conform to

 planning regulations and that a letter was to be sent to the owner of the

 field, instructing that the vehicle should be removed within 28 days of

 the date of the letter.

 Cllr. Somerwill (Mrs) raised the question of the amount of litter along the

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 A396. Cnty. Cllr. M Squires was asked to try and get the County Council

 to clear it up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 02 May 2018 at 7.30pm.

 There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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