

BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL (MID DEVON)

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held virtually (Zoom) on the 4th May 2021, commencing at 6pm.

Present: Cllr's M Turner (Chairperson), M Wright, C Williams and R Deed

In Attendance: Mr J Vanderwolfe (Clerk) and Cllr M Squires

It was noted and agreed that the meeting would be recorded

238	Election of Chairperson Cllr M Turner was nominated. There were no other nominations; therefore, Cllr M Turner was elected for the ensuing year.
239	Election of Vice Chair Cllr M Wright was nominated, there being no further nominations, Cllr Wright was elected.
240	Apologies Cllr A Somerwill. Her apology was accepted.
241	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
242	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th April 2021, having been previously circulated, were adopted as read.
243	Matters Arising nil
244	Democratic Period No items under this section
245	Accounts for Payment An account for CPRE of £35 was agreed for payment.
246	Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 The Annual Governance Statement, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was approved
247	Accounting Statement 2020/21 The Annual Accounting statement, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was approved.
248	Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2020/21 As both income and expenditure of the council had been below the ceiling limit of £25,000 for the financial year it was agreed that the External Auditor would be sent the Certificate of Exemption

249	<p>Internal Auditor's Report</p> <p>A report by Mr D Knowles, the Internal Auditor, had been circulated prior to the meeting. No issues had come to his attention during his audit. The report was adopted.</p>
250	<p>County Report</p> <p>Cllr M Squires stated that there was little to report as we were in the purdah period, with the County Council elections to be held on Thursday 6th May. A number of roadworks were taken place in the area at present ready for what may well be a busy summer.</p>
251	<p>MDDC Report</p> <p>Cllr R Deed informed the meeting that the MDDC Annual Council meeting had been brought forward so that it could legally take place virtually. At that meeting the Chairman, Vice chairman and chair of the scrutiny committee had been elected. He voiced concerns that now we were being forced to return to face-to-face meetings there could be problems with capacity should a number of members of the public turn up to a meeting, and the capacity numbers under the risk assessment were exceeded. If it was expected that a large number of people might attend a meeting, there may be a need to book a large hall to accommodate that.</p>
252	<p>Repairs and Renewals</p> <p>No progress had been made to date to the former telephone box. Cllr Wright said that he would be chasing up the contractor in the hope that the work can soon be completed.</p> <p>Cllr C Williams reported that more work had been undertaken to restore the well. He was still looking into ownership of the well and the possibility, if ownership cannot be established of registering it with Land registry in the name of the parish council.</p>
253	<p>Highways</p> <p>The parish Lengthsman had undertaken a number of tasks in the village.</p>
254	<p>Planning</p> <p>No planning applications had been forwarded for comment by this meeting</p>
255	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th July 2021 at the Village Hall, commencing at 6pm</p>

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Chair

Date