

BICKERTON & EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting held

At Bickerton Scout Hut

25th April 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllrs Latham and Bourne
In attendance	Present were Cllrs Stan Davies (Chairman), Clare Davies (Clerk), Mills, Burrows, A Davies, Proctor and Goodwin.
Election of Chairman	<p>Cllr S Davies proposed Cllr Tom Mills to stand as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Burrows. There being no other nominations, Cllr Tom Mills was duly elected Chairman.</p> <p>Cllr C Davies asked for thanks to be given to Cllr Stan Davies for his long service as Chairman of Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.</p>
Election of Deputy Chairman	Cllr D Proctor proposed Cllr M Burrows to stand as Deputy Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr A Davies, there being no other nominations, Cllr Burrows was duly elected Deputy Chairman.
Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were approved for signature.
Matters arising	<p>Clerk reported that the plaque for the flagpole had been purchased and would arrange with the assistance of Cllr Burrows, the erection of the replacement pole and plaque.</p> <p>Website – Clerk confirmed that the new website is now live. Website address is bickertonandegertonpc.org. The Chairman asked if we could set up a facebook page for our Parish Council – clerk to arrange.</p>
Accounts	<p>The Clerk reported bank balance as £6047.39.</p> <p>The accounts were discussed and were proposed by Cllr Goodwin and seconded by Cllr Proctor to accept them.</p> <p>The AGAR form- Certificate of Exemption - for the auditors, was completed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.</p> <p>Our risk assessment form was discussed and agreed.</p> <p>Payments to be made – Clerk wages £1200.00 and expenses £37.90, insurance renewal £180.32, scout hut hire £15. Cheque had been sent for payment of plaque £66.00 to signs of the times It was proposed by Cllr Proctor and seconded by Cllr A Davies to make these payments.</p> <p>The asset register was discussed – bus shelter and noticeboard - both in good condition.</p>
Ward Cllr James Pearson	<p>Ward Cllr James Pearson joined the meeting. A discussion was held regarding the footpath between Bulkeley Hall Lane and Bickerton Poacher – there may be a pot of money available for this to be reinstated, Cllr Pearson will pursue on our behalf.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson explained about the Fix My Street app which is very useful when there is a need to report a road issue when travelling around the parish. Clerk to look into installing this on phone. In respect of the issues raised, pothole by the school, numerous pot holes on Clay Lane and also the white lining by</p>

	Bickerton School – Clerk to use the app to relog these issues.
Highways	<p>Cllr Burrows reported a telegraph pole on the verge beside the A534 aft the Roach where lorries are clipping each other as they are unable to get too close to the verge due to the poles obstruction. Clerk to investigate if it is telephone or electric and contact relative companies to discuss relocating further back on the verge.</p> <p>Clerk reported that the Tour of Britain will be travelling through our parish on 7th June and road restrictions will be put in place.</p>
Correspondence	<p>The Clerk reported having received an email from the Tennis Club requesting a donation for flood lighting on the tennis courts. A discussion was held and some further information is required:</p> <p>Who is funding the Tennis Club? Would the donation be going to the Tennis Club or the Village Hall? Who owns the tennis courts? How are the Tennis Club and the Village Hall linked? Is the Tennis Club self funded? Have other Parish Councils been approached?</p> <p>Clerk to contact Georgia Morris with these questions.</p> <p>The request from Malpas Minibus Association was discussed and it was resolved to make a donation of £500.00</p> <p>The Clerk raised the issue of the bank account with Nat West – if possible it would be better to go onto online banking. This was agreed by the meeting and the Clerk to look into setting this up.</p>
Date and time of next meeting	18th July 2024 at Bickerton Scout Hut.