

BICKERTON & EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting held

At Bickerton Scout Hut

24th April 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr A Davies
In attendance	Present were Cllrs Tom Mills (Chairman), Clare Davies (Clerk), S Davies, Burrows, Latham, Proctor, Bourne, Benson and Goodwin.
Election of Chairman	Cllr S Davies proposed Cllr Tom Mills to stand as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Benson. There being no other nominations, Cllr Tom Mills was duly elected Chairman.
Election of Deputy Chairman	Cllr Mills proposed Cllr M Burrows to stand as Deputy Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr S Davies, there being no other nominations, Cllr Burrows was duly elected Deputy Chairman.
Representatives of Sandstone Scout Group	David Lithgow-Smith and Sarah Lascelles from Sandstone Scout Group were welcomed to the meeting. A presentation was given on the upgrade of the current kitchen in the Scout Hut and a request for funds was made. Budget for the work is £6,000, and the group can probably afford £4,000 from their funds. They are looking to obtain £2,000 from other sources. The work will be carried out over the summer months, with volunteers doing a lot of the labour to save money. The kitchen will be stainless steel, making it much more hygienic.
Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were approved for signature.
Matters arising	Clerk to email Cllr Pearson regarding the hedge around the derelict bungalow on Goldford Lane to see what can be done and also report it on Fix my street. Clerk to pursue the resiting of the telegraph pole alongside the A534.
Accounts	<p>The Clerk reported bank balance as £5268.77.</p> <p>The accounts were discussed and were proposed by Cllr S Davies and seconded by Cllr Goodwin 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 and expenses £1300.00, insurance renewal £180.32, scout hut hire £15 and Coderra £360.00 website. It was decided to make these payments.</p> <p>The asset register was discussed – flagpole, bus shelter and noticeboard - all in good condition.</p> <p>A discussion was held in respect of the request from the Scout Group for assistance with the new planned kitchen in the hut. It was decided to donate £1000 to them to assist with this. Clerk to contact David Lithgow-Smith to inform him of this decision.</p>

Ward Cllr James Pearson	Ward Cllr James Pearson sent his apologies.
Highways and other matters	<p>Cllr Proctor reported bins not being collected on a regular basis in Egerton parish, Oak Tree Farm, cottages and Swallow Croft. Clerk to report to Caroline Griffies of Ansa.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported the traffic lights in Cholmondeley causing delays and now new pot holes have appeared on the road side where there are no roadworks. Clerk to report on Fix My Street.</p>
Correspondence	Clerk reported having held a meeting with the new Headteacher at Bickerton Primary along with Cllr Bourne. The School PTA has been set up again and it was decided to invite Rachael Eardley who is the PTA chairperson to the next meeting to see if the Parish Council can help in anyway with projects they are looking to fund raise for. Cllr Bourne to invite Rachael to the next meeting.
Date and time of next meeting	July 2024 at Bickerton Scout Hut.