

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st March at 7:00pm in Bishopton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: L. MacMahon [Chair], N. Melaney, , J. Robins, C. G. Preston, D. Latham , Cllr M. Moses, Cllr B Jones of Darlington Borough Council and L.Foggett [Clerk to the Parish Council]

1. Apologies for Absence: None

Visitors: None

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2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr. Robins declared a non-fiscal interest in item 4.3

3. Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by all Councillors. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the 21st February 2018 meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

4.1 *Community Speed Watch – progress report*

Cllr Preston reported that the traffic monitoring equipment was not working as we hoped he tabled a traffic monitoring report and expressed concern about the high volume of through traffic that was being returned by the equipment and very high figures for the speed returns. The Councillors asked if a representative of the company that produces the equipment could provide some training on its use and interpretation of results. Cllr Preston will look into this, and include the clerk in the training. It may be that we will have to have the equipment re-calibrated as well.

4.2 *Funds held for Young Persons of the Parish – play area – progress report*

The Clerk will contact Phill Newton, solicitor at DBC who is handling the lease negotiations. We are still waiting to hear about grant funding – see item 8.1

4.3 *Works to footpath 11-17, and garage access to 11 High Street and condition of footpath Nos. 3 – 7 The Green – progress report*

AwG have started the work, following a site meeting between Mr Lonsdale, The Chair and the Clerk which took place on 12th March. As many of the paving slabs were damaged, it was decided to place new slabs in front of numbers 13-17, and to use what good slabs there were in front of number 11. There will be some slabs left and it has been suggested that they be stored behind the Village Hall, the Village Hall committee has agreed to this. Any damaged areas of grass will be re-seeded. Work has been completed outside number 14. The Parish Council noted the damage to the Village Green where a lorry had reversed on to the grass and left deep ruts. The contractors will be contacted. AwG have also mended the gutter above the door to the village hall.

4.4 *Parish Neighbourhood Plan – progress report*

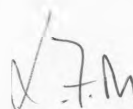
We have the letter of designation prepared and this will be submitted to DBC for approval of the designated area we can then move forward with the local neighbourhood plan comprising our Parish and Great Stainton Parish Meeting and Little Stainton Parish Meeting. We can also use our Neighbourhood plan rough draft as a basis for the discussion in the steering committee.

4.5 *Casual Vacancy – progress report*

There have been no applicants as yet. The advert is still in place on the notice board and in the newsletter and it is also in the Parish News.

4.6 *'Battles Over' – progress report*

No further progress. We will bring the matter to the Annual Parish meeting.



4.7 *Bishopton Airfield – progress report*

We have yet to hear from ABCT about the delivery of the plaque. The site for the stone (plinth) will be further discussed during the Village Green Inspection.

4.8 *Flag Pole Purchase – progress report*

It was decided to add this item to the Village Green Inspection for further investigation of position, height and wind, trees etc.

5. Planning Applications:

5.1 *Darlington Local Green Space Designation*

The Green space designation documents have been all prepared and sent to the Borough Council. We have had acknowledgement of the documents.

6. Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

6.1 *Data Protection*

The clerk announced that there is to be a meeting arranged by DAPC for the 12th April where Lee Downey, the Information Officer from DBC will address clerks and councillors about the regulations. The clerk will attend the meeting.

6.2 *Playground - Community funding application*

A Community funding application is being held back until the lease agreement is finalised – see 4.2 above.

6.3 *The state of roads surrounding Bishopton*

The work on the roads has been hampered by the poor weather. It is to be hoped that work will re-commence once the weather improves. The traffic situation is not being helped by the closure of the Stillington access road and traffic using the village as a diversion, even though the diversion points them another way.

6.4 *TrussyTrek 2018 Magnetic North! A 900-mikle solo walk from Dover to Cape Wrath. OL22: Bishopton.*

The council were informed of this expedition and the request from the local parish, the councilors will contact Richard Franklin, the church warden if there are any volunteers. The date he wishes to camp in Bishopton is 25th April.

7. Village Green

7.1 See 4.3 above

There was request from Cllr Robins to apply moss treatment to the grass outside 3-5. This was agreed. The chair asked if grass seed could be purchased to treat areas of the village green, if any grass repairs were needed. This was agreed

8. Wind Farm Proposals

8.1 *Lambs Hill Liaison Committee*

The next meeting was held this evening.

The Parish Council have submitted a grant application in respect of the fencing and the groundworks for the new playground. We await a decision form this committee.

8.2 *Moor House Liaison Committee*

The next meeting of the Moor House committee is on 18th April

The Council intend to bid for funding for the Airfield plinth and for further playground funding.

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9. Financial

9.1 *2017/18 budget monitoring & current financial position*

The clerk distributed the current financial statement reflecting the cheque made payable to BHP Law, the solicitors acting for the lessors of the playground

9.2 *Transparency Fund Grant progress report.*

Nothing to report.

9.3 *Clerk's Salary and HMRC payment*

The payment was approved by the council, proposed by Cllr Melaney and seconded by Cllr Preston.

10. Correspondence

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INCOMING

1. Email from DAPC giving further information on GDPR 25.02.18
2. Email from Julie Cooper at DBC about Church Gate 26.02.18
3. Email from Louise Cooghan re Job centre resource link 01.03.18
4. Email from Mr Bannerman of ABCT re Airfield Plaque 05.03.18
5. Email from Pippa Smaling re Litter Pick confirming drop of equipment 06.03.18
6. Email from DBC Planning re neighbourhood plans 06.03.18
7. Email from Hardwick in Partnership Annual return documentation 06.03.18
8. Email from Stillington Parish re visit of Barry Coppinger 08.03.18
9. Email from resident of 3A The Barn requesting info about snow clearance 08.03.18
10. Email from Richard Franklin re TrussyTrek 2018 08.03.18
11. Email from BensonWood re Clerk's salary, payslip and PAYE 14.03.18
12. Email from Hardwick in Partnership re clerk vacancy at Dalrton Piercy PC 19.03.18
13. Email from DAPC re briefings on GDPR 20.03.18
14. Email from Hardwick in Partnership re CoSIPL standards 20.03.18
15. Email from DBC Planning acknowledging Local Green Space designation 21.03.18

OUTGOING

1. Email to councillors re redraft of letter to MP about Council Support Grant 23.02.18
2. Email to Julie Cooper re churchyard gate 27.02.18
3. Email to Planning DBC response to 18/00087/FUL 28.02.18
4. Email to Louise Cooghan re Job centre link 01.03.18
5. Email to Planning DBC response to 18/00066/FUL 01.03.18
6. Email to Planning DBC response to 18/00067/LBC 01.03.18
7. Email to Mr Bannerman of ABCT re Airfield Plaque 05.03.18
8. Email to Pippa Smaling re Litter Pick equipment 06.03.18
9. Email to councillors re Green Space Designation draft submission 07.03.18
10. Email to councillors re Neighbourhood Plan Designation draft submission 07.03.18
11. Email to councillors re Green Space Designation draft submission 20.03.18
12. Email to DBC Planning - Green Space Designation submission 21.03.18

EMAIL CHAINS

1. Email to Carl Reay regarding Mill Lane 05.03.18
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3. Email from AWGunn re works on village green 06.03.18
4. Email to AWGunn arranging site visit 08.03.18
5. Email to AWGunn copying photographs of works after site visit 12.03.18

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11. Planning for this forthcoming year

11.1. *Litter Pick on 22nd April progress*

The litter picking equipment will be delivered on Friday 20th April. A flyer will go out about the event on 22nd April.

11.2. *Inspection of Village green 11th April progress*

The inspection will take place as agreed at 6:00 pm on the Wednesday 11th April.

11.3. *May AGM & Annual Parish Meeting 16th May progress*

It was agreed that the flyer would be included on the back of the Litter pick flyer and would include a number of items brought forward from the Parish Council.

The council then discussed printing of the flyers. These would be produced by the clerk and councillors would arrange distribution to residents.

12. Matters dealt with since last Meeting

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13. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7:00pm as normal

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Signed: Chairperson: _____

J. F. MacMahon

Date: _____

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