

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: N Melaney (Chair), M. Moses, J. Robins, S. Harker, L MacMahon, and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

Mr D Sturrock in attendance

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs D. Latham, G. Preston

#### **105 Public Participation**

105.1 There was a lot of discussion about the current situation with Covid 19 and the imminent 'lockdown' which would mean limited access to shops and the public houses closing.

Mr Sturrock explained the role of the Talbot in helping to set up Bishopton Buddies Facebook support page and how he would be helping by providing takeaway meals food and drink and deliveries of the same.

#### **106 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:**

Cllr Harker declared an interest in the Playground as she is Secretary of the Playground Association.

#### **107 Previous Minutes:**

The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> February

#### **108 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

108.1 Traffic Monitoring and Community Speedwatch

The clerk reported that readings have been taken for all three traffic monitors from February 14<sup>th</sup> until March 13<sup>th</sup>, these were analysed and again it was obvious that traffic was accelerating 'behind' the Traffic monitors where drivers were not aware that they were being monitored.

There is to be training for Community Speedwatch on 26<sup>th</sup> March at Hurworth Grange

108.2 Playground - progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported on the Playground Committee meeting that was held last week

The Playground Association bank account is now open and Cllr Melaney will submit the grant applications to Banks again.

108.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar

#### **109 Planning Applications:**

109.1 The Clerk reported no decisions on 19/00918/LBC and 19/00917/FUL for the demolition of a conservatory at the rear of No 26 High St and erection of a large extension including a 'garden room' extension. This was now granted

109.2 The Clerk reported no decisions on 19/01133/FUL- a ground and first floor extension to Plum Tree Cottage, Downland Farm. Councillors reviewed this and returned a verdict of no comment.

- 109.3 The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/01191/OUT- a proposal for nine houses on Cobby Castle Lane. The Council did object most strongly to the planning application
- 109.4 The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/00030/OUT- a proposal for temporary dwelling and new access road at May Tree Farm. The Council objected to the planning application
- 109.5 The Council return a verdict of no comment on 20/00095/FUL a proposal for a stable block at Downlands Farm Mill Lane- providing the stables were for personal use.

## **110 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:**

### 110.1 Defibrillator

The clerk has drawn up figures and has prepared a grant request for the funding. The location of the unit will be discussed further in the future. There are two possibilities, Outside the Village Hall or outside the Talbot.

### 110.2 The Village Fete 2020 and VE Day Ceebrations and meetings between the PC, The Village Hall Association & Playground Association

This was held in abeyance until we know further about Covid/19

### 110.3 The Litter Pick of 29<sup>th</sup> March

Cllr Harker will obtain the litter pick equipment, but the Litter Pick may have to be cancelled.

### 110.4 Operation London Bridge

Noted

### 110.5 Broadband connection to village Hall

The Clerk will try and gain prices for Broadband Connection and report back.

### 110.6 Accounting and Audit

The clerk will get final bank statements from the Bank on 1<sup>st</sup> April ready for the internal audit.

## **111 Village Green**

### 111.1 Village Green Trees survey update

The tree survey has been carried out by DBC on 31<sup>st</sup> October. We have now received the report on this the estimated sum for pruning/ felling of trees is £1039.00, however £262.40 of this was for work on tres in Town Farm Close. The Town Farm Close housing association will be informed of this.

### 111.2 Tubs and Planting on the Village Green

We have now ascertained the cost of replacement tubs for the Village Green. The Clerk has prepared a grant application for the tubs.

## **112 Financial**

### 112.1 2019/20 budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the breakdown of the Playground finances and the current financial position and forecast for the rest of the year.

112.2 Clerks Salary.

This was paid proposed by Cllr. MacMahon and seconded by Cllr.Moses.

112.3 Payment for Fishburn Brass Band for the carols around the tree.

This was paid proposed by Cllr. Harker and seconded by Cllr Robins.

112.4 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

The council agreed to pay for the printing costs for the playground plans and proposals for equipment.

**113 Correspondence**

It was decided to add only a brief summary of correspondence as detailed lists of email etc. are available if required.

**INCOMING**

Details of Covid/19  
Speedwatch Training  
Tree Survey report Case Ref 1527372  
Funding reports from Banks on applications  
Planning application 20/00095/FUL Downlans Farm  
Funding reports from Banks on applications  
NALC newsletter  
Cleveland Local Councils Association newsletters

**OUTGOING**

Details of Covid/19  
Tree Survey report Case Ref 1527372  
Papers for March meeting  
Planning application 20/00095/FUL Downlands Farm  
Park seats and benches

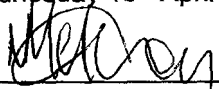
**114 Matters Dealt with since last meeting**

114.1 In the event of suspension of the PC due to Corvid/19 the Parish Council resolved to delegate decisions which were urgently required to The Chair and one other councilor in conjunction with the clerk. Matters can still be discussed by email and we may look at viseo-conferencing.

**115. Date of Next Meeting:**

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in the Village Hall.

Signed: Chairperson:  Date 15/04/20