

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**At 7:00pm by remote access.**

**This meeting was held remotely, under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** none

### **164 Public Participation**

164.1 With Covid 19 and the 'lockdown' there was no public participation

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

There were none

### **166 Theft of materials from the Playground – report.**

Cllr Melaney reported that following the theft of materials from the playground over the weekend of 18-19<sup>th</sup> July. The Supplier of the equipment – Sovereign Play systems have agreed to replace the stolen goods -there is some discrepancy in their invoice price.

The work is now complete and we have to consider the certification of the playground and the insurance.

### **167 Playground Signage & Insurance**

In order for us to add the playground equipment to our insurance we need a post installation certificate which would normally be issued by the supplier. In the absence of this we need to go to a third party to ask them to supply such a certificate. RosPa will charge £395.00 plus VAT for a certificate. We need to investigate whether another company can do this for us. In the meantime we have had the equipment inspected by a representative of Darlington Borough Council who assessed the installation as adequate, but we still need a certificate for the insurance company. Cllr MacMahon proposed that we go ahead and get the certificate this was seconded by Cllr Preston.

Cllr Melaney will look into getting the certification done.

We still have no further information about the bid for grant funding from Banks Lambs Hill fund for the tubs and benches on the Village Green. The clerk asked that the bid be re-submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> March but the funding committee has yet to meet.

### **169 Opening of the Playground**

As soon as we are able to arrange open the playground we shall but we do not as yet know when this can happen. The chair of the playground Association will be involved in the discussions.

The council have proposed that we go ahead and install the anchors for the picnic tables in the playground proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Preston.

### **170 Planning matters -progress.**

Following the dismissal of the appeal for the planning application on Cobby Castle lane. There is nothing to report on any planning applications.

Darlington Borough Council have asked for further comments on the Local Plan for the Borough by 17<sup>th</sup>

September. The development limits have not changed so the Parish may decide not to comment further after to their submission of registered green spaces. If any councillor thinks we should comment can they send comments to the clerk before the next meeting and we can gather a response as necessary. Cllr Melaney suggested comments before 10<sup>th</sup> of September to the clerk.

**171 Speedwatch Training**

Hurworth have agreed to host the Community Speedwatch training on 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30 pm.

**172 Defibrillator – progress.**

The British Heart Foundation are now asking for payment for the defibrillator of £600 this was proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr Latham. The clerk has a price for the cabinet of £534.00 including VAT. this was proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr Latham. Cllr Melaney will try and detect whether the power supply is still existing where the telephone box used to be, if not we will contact Darlington Borough Council about an electricity supply.

**173 Date of Next Meeting:**

The meeting closed at 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 . This will probably still be a virtual meeting

Signed: Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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