

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 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

### **153 Public Participation**

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

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

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

### **155 Previous Minutes:**

The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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

156.1 Traffic Monitoring and Community Speedwatch

The clerk reported that he had read the speed monitors, the traffic was greatly reduced but there were still instances of traffic speeding on the High Street, not so much on the Green and Mill Lane.

156.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that as we discussed the playground at length in the Extraordinary meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July, there was nothing further to report.

The clerk has reported playground progress on Bishopton Buddies on Facebook.

156.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. The clerk has tried to contact the vicar regarding Christmas Celebrations.

### **157 Planning Applications:**

- a. The Clerk reported no decisions on 19/01133/FUL- a ground and first floor extension to Plum Tree Cottage, Downland Farm.
- b. The Clerk reported new application 20/00413/FUL- an improved access road at May Tree Farm. The Council will object because they cannot see the need for a permanent access road to a temporary dwelling.
- c. The Clerk reported new application 20/00456/TFC one ash tree to be felled behind 9 Church View

## 158 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

- 158.1 Defibrillator  
There is no further action at present. The clerk will arrange an order for the case.  
The defibrillator will be mounted on a pole where the telephone box used to be. The clerk will contact DBC re an electricity supply.
- 158.2 Mill Lane  
We further discussed the situation on Mill Lane.  
The clerk has had a reply from the Sedgfield MP about Mill Lane. Some signage has been replaced on Mill Lane.  
The clerk has had a reply from DBC highways dept regarding slurry being deposited on the road.
- 158.3 Dog Fouling.  
The dog bins and litter bins are now open again. We will contact the dog warden and enforcement dept about further signage in the village. Cllr Melaney will look at getting further signage. There was a lot of discussion about warning signs. Cllr Harker will investigate with DBC.  
The Council wish to express thanks to Cllr Robins who has done some work on clearing dog dirt.
- 158.4 Matters raised by residents  
We have had several reports of anti-social behavior by youths in cars meeting in the Village Hall car park and on Church view and Mill Lane. This has been reported to the police.  
Some residents have expressed concern expressed about the new roof on the Barn not being in keeping with the village, these concerns will be taken up with Darlington Borough Council.
- 158.5 Accounting and audit.  
The clerk submitted all the accounts from the internal auditor in preparation for the annual audit (AGAR). The council accepted the internal audit for 2019\_2020 – proposed by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr MacMahon, and these were signed off by the clerk and the Chair of the council. The Exemption certificate will be submitted to the external auditors.

## 159 Village Green

- 159.1 The Bus Stop  
We have yet to receive a reply from Darlington Borough Council about the Bus Stop
- 159.2 Village Green Trees survey update\*  
There has been no further progress as no site visits or work is being carried out. It is too late now to prune trees before the autumn.  
Mr Leighton will meet with the clerk regarding the tree survey results. A report will be forthcoming.  
DBC has been notified of overhanging trees in the churchyard.
- 159.3 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. There has been no decision on this application.  
Cllr Robins asked if we can go forward and buy bulbs for the Village Green in bulk. The council agreed this.

159.5 Playground Benches

We will plan to secure the picnic benches in the playground with anchors and chains and padlocks, this will enable the benches to remain in situ in the playground.

**160 Financial**

160.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

See item 158.8 above. We are now in a position to present the 2020/2021 starting accounts. We have a VAT claim pending for 2019-2020 of £2067.48

160.2 An invoice for £56.00 for strimming of the Village Green will be paid proposed by Cllr McMahon and seconded by Cllr Harker.

160.3 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were claims from the clerk for £24.00 for ink and £9.20 for postage.

**161 Correspondence**

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

**INCOMING**

Cobby Castle lane development planning appeal  
Details of Covid/19  
DBC Slurry report  
Playground equipment  
NALC newsletters and communications  
Cleveland Local Councils Association newsletters  
Documents from auditor

**OUTGOING**

Cobby Castle lane development planning appeal  
DBC Slurry report  
Details of Covid/19  
NALC newsletters  
Communication to DBC regarding overhanging trees in Churchyard  
Papers for July meeting (s)  
Park seats and benches

**162. Matters Dealt with since last meeting**

162.1 We will be using video conferencing until further notice.

162.2 The playground equipment will be installed on 16<sup>th</sup> July and the surface will be done on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

It is to be hoped to have a playground 'opening' in September

**163. Date of Next Meeting:**

The meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 . We may need to have further extraordinary meetings regarding the playground and the planning appeal

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



Date \_\_\_\_\_

16/09/2020