

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st October 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, and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

Apologies for Absence: Cllr S. Harker

181 Public Participation

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

182 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

Cllr Robins expressed an interest as a member of the Playground Association committee.

183 Previous Minutes:

183.1 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 16th September 2020.

184 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

184.1 Traffic Monitoring and Community Speedwatch

The clerk reported that he had read the speed monitors, the traffic was still below normal but there were instances of traffic speeding on the High Street 50-60 mph, and on the the Green in excess of 40mph and Mill Lane between 30 and 40 mph.

With regard to Community Speedwatch, we are aware that there is no equipment to be loaned out. The police have carried out a number of surveys in the village and we have been informed that speed checks will be scheduled from 1st November.

184.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that the representative from Sovereign attended the playground again and has finished closing the gaps in the structure and has erected the signage required and have supplied a written report on remedial action which will send to the Play Inspection Company and our insurance. We are hoping to open the playground next week.

Cllr Robins and Cllr MacMahon have surveyed the hedge and the hawthorn has been ordered to fill the gaps. (see item 188.6 below). The Council wished to express a huge vote of thanks to Cllr. MacMahon and Cllr. Robins for all their hard work on this.

184.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. The clerk has contacted the vicar regarding Christmas Celebrations. We have penciled in 22nd December for Christmas celebration around the Christmas tree (Covid allowing).



185 Planning Applications:

- a. The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/00863/FUL- an agricultural building at Sundial Farm – the council returned no comment.
- b. The Clerk reported the application 20/00872/SCR- a request for screening opinion pursuant to the development of a Solar farm off Redmarshall Rd. We await the outcome of the request.
- c. The Clerk reported application 20/00874/FUL a retrospective application for the new roof on The Barn 3A Church View. There was some discussion about the initial concerns expressed by the council to the planning department in July when the work was ongoing. It was agreed that these concerns be sent in to the planning department as an objection to the slates on the roof.
- d. The Clerk reported application 20/00923/FUL erection of a single story orangery extension to Plum Tree cottage Downlands Farm – the council returned no comment.

186 Matters Raised by Councillors & Clerk:

186.1 Defibrillator

There is no further action at present. The defibrillator and training equipment and the case have all arrived

The clerk has contacted DBC re an electricity supply for the defibrillator which will be mounted on a pole adjacent to a lamppost in the centre of the village. The Borough Council have indicated the cost of a pole with cabinet for electrical supply and isolation and have suggested that we contact NPG re the supply. The Clerk will write again to the Borough Council to get further details.

186.2 The Bus Shelter

Cllr Melaney has received permission from the Borough council to carry out repairs and refurbishment of the Bus Shelter. We are still awaiting quotations for the work and will discuss this further at the next meeting. The council has given permission for the purchase of plastic storage boxes for the books in the shelter to stop them getting wet - £30-£50 to be spent proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Latham.

186.3 Remembrance Sunday.

The Parish Council discussed a Remembrance Sunday event in Bishopton.

It was resolved that we cannot have a gathering in the centre of the village. In light of Government guidelines it is illegal to incite a number of people to gather unless there are strict measures in place for the rule of six, social distancing, sanitisation, track and trace etc.

Bearing in mind that Bishopton lies in a tier two area for Covid-19 we must adhere to those restrictions. We have checked with DBC and with neighbouring parishes who are not conducting remembrance services

As a result of all these factors we suggest that the following takes place on Remembrance Sunday:

We are happy for Mr Franklin to conduct a short ceremony and regulate the two minutes silence.

A representative of the Parish Council will lay our wreath (which we intended to do anyway)

We will advertise on social media that that is what is to happen and encourage residents to stand outside their houses to participate in the ceremony and two minutes silence.



187 Village Green

187.1 Village Green Trees survey update*

We have had a quotation for the work needed following the tree survey and it was much greater than the price quoted by Darlington Borough Council in January we shall contact the Borough Council again about the work.

187.2 Tubs and Planting on the Village Green

Cllr Robins and Cllr Latham reported on buying bulbs for the Village Green in bulk. Cllr Latham was congratulated upon organizing a "bulb planting weekend" on the village green and she reported on the success of this. The cost thus far has been £87.00 (see item 188.5 below) the council had already agreed to a spend of up to £200 for more planting.

The Council wished to express a huge vote of thanks to Cllr. Latham and Cllr. Robins for all their hard work on this.

187.3 The Front of the Talbot

We are still waiting to hear from Punch Inns about the weeds and disrepair at the front of the Talbot. They had indicated that they will deal with this but in the meantime have put the building up for sale.

188 Financial

188.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk presented the accounts and the current financial position

188.2 Invoice for strimming Village Green

We have received an invoice for strimming the Village Green for £54 it was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr. Robins.

188.3 Invoice for cutting grass in the Playground

We have received an invoice for cutting grass in the Playground for £250 +VAT for the season. it was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr. Latham.

188.4 Play Inspection Company Invoice

This will be paid and the £300 will be paid once the reinstatement of the equipment has been done by Sovereign Play systems.

188.5 Bulb planting costs.

Cllr Latham produced invoices to the cost of £87 towards bulb planting costs.

188.6 Purchase of hedging for the Playground.

Cllr MacMahon submitted a claim for £215.18 for purchase of Hawthorn hedging for the Playground. It was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

188.7 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were claims from Cllr. Latham for £10.00 for paint samples for repainting the Bus Shelter and the agreed donation for Halloween of £50.00 (see minutes of 13th October Extraordinary meeting. It was agreed to pay these expenses proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Robins.

189 Correspondence

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

INCOMING

Tree Survey in Bishopton
Clerk holidays.
Christmas Funding
Trees in the churchyard in Bishopton and footpath
VAT claim confirmation
Tree Survey in Bishopton
Defibrillator in Bishopton
Bishopton Village ""Footpaths""
Remembrance Sunday
Post Installation Inspection Report - Bishopton
Business Credit Card Application
Sign for Bishopton Playground
Hawthorn Hedging
Hopes Grove Nurseries Office. Order VAT
Community Speedwatch - Bishopton
Defibrillator in Bishopton
Fly Tipping app
Halloween
Proposed Solar Farm
Community Speedwatch - Bishopton
Hawthorn Hedging
Broken sign in Bishopton
Sign on Village Green
Defibrillator in Bishopton
Banks Grant acceptance and cheque for ~£300.00
Bulb Planting
Playing Field/Bulbs
Bulb Planting

OUTGOING

Clerk holidays.
Christmas Funding
Role of the Clerk to PC
Financial Documents October 2020
Trees in the churchyard in Bishopton and footpath
Bishopton Village Footpaths
Defibrillator & cabinet
Remembrance Sunday
Mandate Form
Fly Tipping app
Retrospective planning application for the Barn



Proposed Solar Farm
Hawthorn Hedging
Community Speedwatch - Bishopton
Broken sign in Bishopton
Defibrillator in Bishopton
Sign on Village Green
Village Green Policy
Defibrillator
Tree Survey in Bishopton
Defibrillator in Bishopton
Police Question sessions
Grant acceptance and cheque for £300.00
The Talbot Bishopton
Christmas Celebrations
Bishopton Buddies and the Parish Website
Horse Signage DBC

190 Matters Dealt with since last meeting

190.1 The clerk will continue to pursue leaf collection

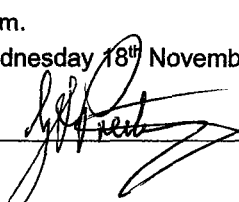
190.2 The clerk will continue to pursue signage for horses with DBC.

191. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 8:43 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 18th November 2020 .

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date _____

18th November 2020