

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th November 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), S. Harker , J. Robins, D Latham, G. Preston, L MacMahon, and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

Apologies for Absence: Cllr M.Moses

N.B. As Cllr. Melaney was unable to join the meeting at the beginning, Cllr Preston , as Vice Chair assumed the Chair of the meeting.

192 Public Participation

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

193 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.
Cllr Robins & Cllr Harker expressed an interest as members of the Playground Association committee.

194 Previous Minutes:

194.1 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the Extraordinary PC meeting of 13th October 2020.

194.2 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 21st October 2020.

195 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

195.1 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 54 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 are carrying out speed checks. The council expressed concern and disappointment about the information about speed checks being reported on social media

195.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that the playground was now open and the clerk reported that the changes have been registered with our insurance company.

Cllr Robins and Cllr MacMahon having surveyed the hedge and the hawthorn is about to be delivered – it was agreed to convene a working party to carry out the hedging work this to take place next week. At the same time as the hedging the working party will attempt to clear some of the broad leaved weeds which are appearing in the playground.

It has been reported that the hinges on the small gate into the playground need looking at – Cllr Melaney will organize.

195.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. We are in the unfortunate position of being in a restrictive area for Covid and we are unsure about Christmas arrangements.

196 Planning Applications:

- a. The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/00863/FUL- an agricultural building at Sundial Farm – the council returned no comment. DBC awaiting decision
- 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. Further to our discussion about the initial concerns and those expressed by the council to the planning department in July when the work was ongoing. It was agreed that as the bottom tiers of slates were to be replaced by pantiles and the roof would appear visibly the same as it used to the council returned no objection.
- 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.
- e. The Clerk reported application 20/01002/FUL erection of an extension to the cottage Downlands Farm – the council returned no comment.

197 Matters Raised by Councillors & Clerk:

197.1 Defibrillator

There being no further communication from the Borough Council it was agreed that we take up the offer from the Village Hall association to site the defibrillator on the rear wall of the Village Hall. Cllr Melaney to liaise with the Village Hall committee and organise a work party.

197.2 The Bus Shelter

Cllr Melaney is still awaiting quotations for the work and will discuss this further at the next meeting. The plastic storage boxes for the books in the shelter to stop them getting wet have been purchased and Cllr Latham has purchased hand sanitizer. Thanks go to another resident who has provided another bookcase for the shelter. Once this is installed it will free up some bench space for seating.

197.3 The Precept 2021

The Council need to discuss the precept level for 2021-2022. This must be lodged with DBC by 8th January. The clerk will produce a breakdown of the tax bands and the implications for percentage rises in the precept to pay for playground maintenance, essential tree work and other projects in the village.

The Council will discuss this in detail at the next meeting and propose a level bearing in mind that the precept has not increased in the last two years.

We hope to communicate this to residents via our annual 'Christmas Flyer' which we will circulate after the next meeting in December.

197.4 Public Rights of way

Cllr Harker reported that the footpath on Folly Bank has been reported and the work is scheduled – the sign will be replaced. The Rights of Way officer for DBC -Mr Steve Petch has been out to inspect the other footpath access which is covered in mud and the field entrance is extremely muddy the path is almost obliterated. The owners of the land will be contacted. Cllr Harker will pursue the issue.

The council are looking to produce a definitive route map of the local PROWs. Cllr Melaney will circulate a draft of these maps.

198 Village Green

198.1 Village Green Trees survey update*

Further to our recent considerations of work to be done to the trees, we are now in the position of contacting the Planning dept. of the Borough Council to have the work done on the trees.

198.2 Tubs and Planting on the Village Green

There is nothing further to report. We will look to replacing these in the spring. Cllr Latham reported that one of the trees in the tubs has had to be replaced.

198.3 Damage to the Village Green

We have had contact with the new residents of No 4 the Green – who have accepted responsibility to reinstate the damage to the front of their property.

There was some discussion about the residents of No 1 The Green driving across the village green for access and leaving deep ruts in the grass.

198.4 Leaf Collection

Darlington Borough Council have collected a lot of leaves from the High St and around the Church- thanks go to Mr Fieldhouse for collecting the leaves into piles/bags.

DBC have said they will be in the village again tomorrow and further to that if we collect leaves or bag them they will come and collect them if notified.

199 Financial

199.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk presented the accounts and the current financial position, he reported that the VAT reclaim for 2019-20 has been received.

199.2 Invoice for the wreath for Remembrance Sunday

We have received an invoice for the wreath for £50 it was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr. MacMahon.

199.3 Invoice for the Christmas Tree

We have received an invoice for the Christmas Tree for £305 +VAT. It was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr.Preston.

199.4 Play Inspection Company Invoice

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

199.5 Sovereign Balance.

Cllr Latham proposed that the balance due to Sovereign Play Systems now be paid the sum being £4719.76 this was accepted by the council, seconded by Cllr MacMahon.

199.6 Purchase of a Strimmer for intricate work around equipment in the playground..

Cllr Melaney submitted a claim for £41.99 for purchase of the strimmer. It was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Preston.

199.7 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were claims from Cllr. Melaney for £15.50 compost. It was agreed to pay these expenses proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Robins.

200 Correspondence

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

INCOMING

Re: Leaf Clearance - Bishopton
FW: Your Playground Installation Re: 52577
Planning Application 20/00874/FUL The Barn 3A Chu
Re: Bishopton Parish Council /// 3516406483
BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL CRM:0775706096
Re: Hawthorne
STANDARDS MATTER 2: PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLI
Hawthorne
Bishopton Parish Council /// 3516406483
Fwd: Hopes Grove Nurseries Office. Order Despatch
Tree Application - 20/01043/TF - Bishopton Parish
Footpaths
Newsletter | November 2020
Community Spaces Information Session
Re: The Talbot
The Talbot
Fwd: Your Playground Installation Re: 52577
Toxic Waste
Bishopton Parish Council Precept 2021/22
Re: Defibrillator in Bishopton
Automatic reply: Defibrillator in Bishopton
Re: Defibsafe 2 Cabinet
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Leaves
Christmas Tree
Re: Bishopton Playground Equipment
Re: Cenotaph Area
Upcoming Payment Notification
Re: Bishopton Playground Equipment

Statement From The Play Inspection Company Ltd fo
Croft Christmas Trees
Remembrance Sunday
NALC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
Read: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/
Read: Re: Objection to Planning Application 20/00
Public Rights of Way
Re: Bishopton Buddies - Mill Lane
FW: Bus Shelter
Re: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/FUL
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Re: Post Installation Inspection Report - Bishopton P
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Re: Tree Survey in Bishopton -Order for works to be c
Bishopton Buddies - Mill Lane
Bus stop
NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
Latest news from your local SLCC Branch
Read: Post Installation Inspection Report - Bisho
Footpath
Re: Playground inspection
Re: Bishopton-Slurry on Mill Lane and blocked access
Re: Mill Lane
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FW: Your Playground Installation Re: 52577
Festive lights - MK Illumination UK Intro
NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN
Re: Planning applications
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Re: Remembrance Sunday
Fwd: Hopes Grove Nurseries Office. Order VAT Rece
Re: Remembrance Sunday
UPDATED CLERK CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT 14 10 20

OUTGOING

Halloween Donation
Remembrance Sunday
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Inspection report

Re: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/FUL

Christmas Tree

Tree work in Bishopton

Christmas Tree for Bishopton Village

Bishopton Playground Equipment

Leaf clearing Bishopton

Fwd: Defibsafe 2 Cabinet

Re: Defibrillator in Bishopton

Re: BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL CRM:0775706096

Re: Bishopton Parish Council /// 3516406483

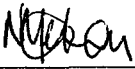
Leaf Clearance - Bishopton

201 Matters Dealt with since last meeting

202. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 8:19 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 16th December 2020 .

Signed: Chairperson: _____  Date 16/12/2020