

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th March 2021

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, M. Moses and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

Apologies for Absence: None

245 Public Participation

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

246 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

247 Matters Raised by Councillors & Clerk:

247.1 Mill Lane - A presentation from Cllr Preston and discussion of Mill Lane problems

The council watched a video presentation compiled by Cllr Preston on the problems outside his property on Mill Lane.

There were a number of points brought out for discussion

- 1) Who does the 7.5 Ton and 26.9ft length restriction protect?
- 2) Mill Lane used to be a 2 Ton restricted road.
- 3) Why was the 2 Ton limit revoked?
- 4) With the limit changed the size of the vehicles has increased out of all proportion for a single track road (with no passing places).
- 5) Speed is an issue as large vehicles require longer distances to stop and this doesn't take into consideration other road users, cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders.

There followed a long discussion as to how we can progress this matter. We have already written to Darlington Borough Council and Stockton Borough Council, The Tees Valley Authority and the local MP on more than one occasion and there has been no action. There was discussion on signage about not following Sat-Nav and restricted access. Perhaps a 2Ton limit could be imposed from Whitton to the top of the hill on the approach to Bishopton.

Cllr Preston suggested that he try and convene a meeting of interested parties from Darlington Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and the police along with representatives from the Parish Council. It was agreed that we try this approach once the lockdown restrictions are lifted.

248 Financial

248.1 Grass seed purchase of £102.00

Cllr MacMahon presented an invoice for grass seed, the purchase of which was agreed at the meeting in February. This was proposed by Cllr. Harker and seconded by Cllr. Preston.

248.2 Clerk Salary – The clerk withdrew from the meeting at this point.

The clerk's pay increment was discussed together with his pay scale, the council agreed the clerk's position on the new payscales in relation to the previous and now replaced payscale and this will be implemented from 1st April.

248.3 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

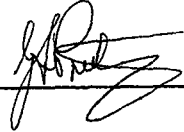
There were no petty cash payments.

249. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 21st April 2021 .

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date

21/4/2021