

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th 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

236 Public Participation

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

237 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Robins & Cllr Harker expressed an interest as members of the Playground Association committee.

238 Previous Minutes:

238.1 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 17th February 2021. Proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Moses.

239 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

239.1 Traffic Monitoring

The clerk reported that he had read the speed monitors, the traffic was less than normal but there were instances of traffic speeding on both the High Street and on the Green in excess of 50mph outgoing mainly in the middle of the night/early morning. Mill Lane between 30 and 40 mph, only 1 vehicle registered more than 40mph.

Cllr Jones has had a reply from the Chief Constable of DCC indicating that there may be more funds available for speedwatch equipment. Cllr Jones also reported that as a result of the recent police monitoring in the village, one driver was prosecuted, four cases where the drivers could opt for penalty or awareness, and fourteen referrals to speed awareness courses.

239.2 Playground – progress report.

The chair of the Playground association has reported a successful grant of monies (£300) from the Persimmon Homes Group towards the sensory garden in the playground. The details of the new equipment are still being finalised and we are waiting for Sovereign Play systems to give us details of the delivery and installation of this equipment.

We are still awaiting prices for grass cutting and rolling and top seeding the playground.

There was some discussion about tipping of concrete slabs and the areas for planters and the use.

240 Planning Applications:

- a. Ref. No: 21/00250/TFC Felling of 12 no. Leylandii trees, pruning of stems and low branches removed and reduce height by up to 5m at The Old Vicarage High Street. The Council returned no comment.
- b. Ref. No: 21/00181/FUL Erection of single storey extension to existing garage to create enlarged garage/workshop space including felling of 1 no. crab apple tree to facilitate extension at 13 Town Farm Close. The Council returned no comment.



- c. Ref. No: 21/00103/FUL Sauf Haul Farm Agricultural building
Status: Awaiting decision
- d. The Clerk reported on 20/01185/FUL- an extension and garage at West End – the council returned no comment. DBC granted with conditions.
- e. The Clerk reported application 20/00923/FUL erection of a single story orangery extension to Plum Tree cottage Downlands Farm – DBC granted with conditions
- f. The Clerk reported application 20/01002/FUL erection of an extension to the cottage Downlands Farm – DBC granted with conditions

241 Matters Raised by Councillors & Clerk:

241.1 Defibrillator

The £1700 grant has been paid from Banks funding.

241.2 The Bus Shelter

Cllr Robins has received a revised quotation for the work of £1200. There was some discussion about the scope of the work, the shelving and the noticeboard and the solar panel and lighting. We need to obtain alternative quotes for the work. Cllr Latham has details of another contractor which she will send to the clerk.

The council have again decided to approach DBC again about ownership of the Bus shelter before we commission any work.

241.3 Public Rights of Way – Cllr. Robins

Update on the Mill Lane to Redmarshall footpath. Cllr Robins and Cllr Latham reported that they had met the farmer. The farmer was very receptive and explained that he was levelling the area and covering the really wet areas. They were then joined by the land owner who was also extremely helpful and explained that he was going to place sight-markers and signage to help walkers navigate the footpath.

This footpath is now navigable and we are waiting for the sight markers.

DBC shall further investigate the access to the bridleway.

The other path with the barbed wire across a stile is still as it was and the field has been ploughed.

241.4 Mill Lane will be discussed at an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 24th March.

241.5 Village Litterpick

The Parish Council is very grateful for the hard work of a number of residents in removing litter and even moving some rubbish which had been fly-tipped.

241.6 Website/Picture memory box/Time Capsule

There was some discussion about historical information that have happened in the village and how they can be displayed on the Website/ Picture memory box. The clerk and Cllr. Robins will liaise about how this can be done. We will also hope to advertise that we are creating a Time Capsule which we will hope to inter under the gazebo when it is installed in the playground.

241.7 Parking Issues

We have had some complaints about parking issues in the village especially off the highway on areas of the Village Green. The Parish council are considering putting out a flyer about a number of village issues, including dog fouling and other matters which can affect residents. We shall include parking as a matter of concern.

242 Village Green

242.1 Village Green Trees survey update

The clerk has ordered the work to be done by DBC. The order was made on 19th January but we haven't heard anything further. We will continue to try and get in touch with the arborist at DBC. Cllr Robins asked if we could ask DBC about the pollarded tree in the closed churchyard, the clerk will investigate this matter.

242.2 Village Green Bulb Planting

Cllrs. Robins and Latham will survey the bulb situation over the next two weeks and report back to the Council at its next meeting.

242.3 Planters and new planters and benches on the Village Green.

The planters have arrived and Cllr Latham will organize working sessions to install them in place ready for planting in the next three weeks

In the meeting in February the Parish Council resolved to purchase three three seater and one four seater benches.

We have contacted Marguerite Sweeten re the tree outside no(s)3 The Green with regard to replacing the tree with a planter containing a rose which she has purchased.

With regard to the benches we need to re-site one of the new benches as the family who had the bench donated as a commemoration of service do not wish it to be moved or replaced. The council will look into the responsibility for this bench and its position with regard to maintenance and insurance.

243 Financial

243.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk presented the accounts and the current financial position – the last of this financial year.

243.2 Clerk Salary

The clerk presented a salary claim for January – March 2021, this was agreed – proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Harker.

The chair suggested that the Council discuss the clerk's salary at the extraordinary meeting on 24th March, the clerk will withdraw from the meeting whilst this is discussed.

243.3 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were no petty cash payments.

The clerk will report back to the Council with regard to the audit and the AGAR return, as necessary.

244. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

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

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date

21/4/2021