

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th July 2021 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: L. MacMahon, J. Robins, D Latham, G. Preston, M.Moses , N Melaney, S Harker & L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

**277 Apologies for Absence:** There were none

#### **278 Public Participation**

There have been no notifications from the public.

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

Cllr Robins expressed an interest in the Playground Association

Cllr Harker expressed an interest in the Playground Association

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in anything to do with Mill Lane.

#### **280 Previous Minutes:**

280.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 meeting.

The minutes proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Preston.

#### **281. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

281.1 AGM Matters carried forward from the last meeting

Review of Outstanding documents and Policies

The updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, were provided and need to be approved and these will be added to the Parish Council website.

The Clerk has circulated the child protection policy and this will be brought forward at the next meeting in September. The risk assessments for the playground will be assessed when there is more equipment installed.

The clerk will produce front covers/review dates etc. for all the council policies.

Cllr Melaney re-iterated that he would be responsible for inspection of equipment in the playground.

#### 281.2 Traffic Monitoring

The traffic on Mill Lane is still showing drivers keeping below 30-35 mph.

Most drivers are travelling between 30 and 40 miles an hour and there are a number of people travelling through the village at 50-60 miles an hour in the early hours of the morning.

We have got speedwatch up and running. Cllr Jones has helped with this

The speedwatch team are undergoing training and will be carrying out speedwatch sessions over the next few weeks. We have had a number of volunteers come forward to join the team. Mrs Susan Melaney is to be the Speedwatch co-ordinator.



### 281.3 Playground progress.

Following the phase two of the equipment installation There is a problem with the slide and Sovereign have arranged to have it inspected and replaced. Cllr Melaney has contacted Rospa with regard to their inspection and has conveyed their findings to the Insurance company. We are in discussion with Banks who are under the impression that they have funded all the playground development. Cllr Melaney will produce figures to show that the Parish Council and The Playground Association have made considerable contributions through development and donations showing the money has not all been provided by grants. Cllr Melaney is still persuading funding from the National Lottery.

## 282 Planning Applications:

### 282.1 Planning Application 21/00603/FUL – new driveway/entrance at Sundial Farm

The Parish Council has lodged an objection to this new entrance on safety grounds due to the speed of traffic on the road outside the gateway/entrance we also objected to the removal of mature hedging. There has been no decision on this application yet.

## 283 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

### 283.1 The Bus Shelter – further reports on quotes for work.

We are still awaiting further quotes for the work. Cllr Melaney asked for any recommendations for contractors to quote for the work.

### 283.2 Matters that require follow up

The clerk reported contact DBC Highways dept (Paul Ibbertson) regarding signs in the village and the speed limits at the end of Mill Lane, the waste bin at the west end of the village and has contacted the PROW officer regarding the rotten stile. Cllr Melaney reported that the new PROW officer is Bethan Hacker. We will contact the PROW officer about the path at the top of Ashes bank. The clerk will contact highways regarding the slurry on the roads.

### 283.3 Website/Picture memory box

A Facebook group has been created to enable Cllr Robins to ask residents to join and for collecting photographs and documents about the village. It is titled Bishopton Memories.

### 283.4 Parking Issues

It was agreed that the chair would contact the households where there were parking problems.

## 284 Village Green

### 284.1 Village Green trees survey update

The clerk has again received an email from the DBC Arborist dated 16<sup>th</sup> July stating that the email of 30<sup>th</sup> March had been read. The clerk will contact the environment department about the lack of response from the Council arborist.



## 284.2 Planters and new planters and benches on the Village Green. – progress report

The new benches have still to be sited, the four seater bench to be sited at the end of the church if it is able to fit it on the base.

One of the old benches will be refurbished and will be sited where the old bus shelter used to be at the west end of the village.

We have still to be re-imbursed by Banks for the grant awarded for the Tubs and Benches. The clerk will pursue this payment

## 284.3 Metal Sheep

The clerk has contacted Sadberge Parish Council who gave details of the metal sheep sculptures on the village green in Sadberge. These cost £4367 (inc VAT) when purchased in February 2019.

## 284.4 Update on damage to the Village Green

We will contact the residents of The Green about ongoing work and reinstatement of the Village Green (the work on which has been on-going since July 2020)

## 285 Financial

### 285.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk referred to the new spreadsheet for 2021-22 and the initial income and expenditure.

### 285.2 Sovereign Invoice for phase 2 of the Playground.

It was agreed to pay this once the slide has been repaired and the ROSPA updated. The sum involved being £6620 +VAT of £1324. The council agreed to pay this bill

285.3 It was agreed to pay an invoice from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ £54.00 for strimming the village green proposed by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Preston.

### 285.4 Petty Cash Payments

There are two petty cash payments outstanding. £11.91 for clerks travel expenses and a further £9.00 to Cllr Latham for plants for the Village Green

## 286 Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Village Hall.

Signed: Chairperson: 

Date

15/9/21