

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs: L. MacMahon, J. Robins, D Latham, G. Preston, M.Moses , N Melaney (C hairman),  
S Harker, L Foggett [Parish Clerk].  
Ward Councillors D. Laing and B Jones joined the meeting in its latter stages.

#### **337 Apologies for Absence:**

#### **338 Public Participation**

338.1 The clerk introduced Mr Brian Cockerline who wished to speak about flying model aeroplanes near to the village. He indicated that a group was to be formed as a new club separate to the Teesside Model Aeroplane club and they have been in contact with Teesside Airport. They have had discussions with a farmer on the Stillington Rd about using his land, there would be no flying over the centre of the village and there would be no impact on livestock in the fields. The council were concerned about traffic on the road and parking and asked Mr Cockerline to provide further details of the exact location and numbers of vehicles. etc. This will be reported at the next meeting.

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

Cllr Robins expressed an interest in the Playground Association

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

Cllr Robins reported that she would not be taking part in the jubilee celebrations.

#### **340 Previous Minutes:**

340.1 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting. Proposed by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Preston.

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

##### **341.1 Traffic Monitoring**

The clerk reported that the two of the speed monitors had developed intermittent faults and this would be investigated before the next meeting. The speedwatch team have not been active throughout January, this mainly due to the weather and dark mornings and afternoons. The police are looking at further alternative areas for the speedwatch.

Parking in the village. There are still issues of vehicles parking haphazardly on the village green especially around the Talbot inn. The clerk pointed out that anyone concerned should use the Time Stamp Camera app available for smart phones and to send these pictures to enforcement at DBC and/or the police.

##### **341.2 Playground progress.**

Cllr Melaney has reiterated that the prices have risen considerably as have labour costs in line with current inflation and shortage of materials. He will pursue these, we are hoping to receive further prices in March and submit a grant application.

## **342 Financial**

### **342.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position**

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

### **342.2 The invoice for advertising in the Parish news was presented . It was agreed to pay the £70 proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Latham.**

### **342.3 The payment to Mr Chris Brown for the refurbishment of the noticeboard, recently damaged in the storms was agreed £300 proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Robins.**

### **342.4 Petty Cash Payments**

There are no payments outstanding

## **343 Planning Applications:**

### **343.1 Planning Application 21/0108 0/FUL - Change of use of land for the siting of 24 no. holiday lodges together with new access track and other associated infrastructure works on land NE of Bishopton Lake.**

The council raised a strong objection to the application. The Council will consider making a representation to the planning committee when the application is considered.

### **343.2 Planning Application changes at Woogra Farm – The council returned noted these had been granted with conditions.**

## **344 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:**

### **344.1 Change of dates of meetings next year.**

As there is a booking in the Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month we will consider moving our meetings from this meeting and consider making a permanent change from the Parish Council AGM in May. The consensus amongst councillors was that Tuesday evenings was perhaps the best option.

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

We still cannot go ahead with repair/refurbishment unless the ownership of the Bus Shelter is transferred from DBC to the Parish Council.

### **344.3 Matters that require follow up**

We are still waiting for news on the 40mph buffer zones on the roads approaching the village, more signage warning motorists of horses in the village, and we are hoping to have 'gates' installed at the 30mph signs on the approach to The Green at one end of the village and High St at the other end.

We have had quotations for signs regarding Speedwatch, these warning signs will be at each end of the village and one half way through the village , probably near the church, and we will pursue this in March.

### **344.5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Chair will contact interested parties from the village and arrange a meeting to form a working party to arrange an event for the jubilee.

## 345 Village Green

### 345.1 Village Green trees survey update

The clerk has again received no further communication from the DBC Arborist. The Chair has again contacted Cllr Jones regarding this.

### 345.2 Damage to the Village Green

There was some debate about the path next to the post box. DBC have insisted that they have not adopted it, yet it is clearly referenced in the Village Green policy (map VG57) as being the responsibility of DBC. We will contact Cllr Jones and see if this can be resolved.

The estimated works and costs which we have discussed have been revised in light of works in conjunction with residents. We shall attempt to contact other contractors to get prices for work on the village green.

The Chairman will arrange a meeting with AWG in the next month.

The council then discussed the replies from the residents of no 10 High St and Cllr Robins reported on her meeting with the residents and Cllr MacMahon. The residents have produced photographic evidence of a structure outside the house which may pre-date the registration of the Village Green in 1981.

The council agreed that a decision had to be made regarding this matter at this meeting. At this point the Chairman withdrew from the discussion and the Vice Chair (Cllr G Preston took the chair)

After a very lengthy discussion a proposal was put forward by Cllr MacMahon seconded by Cllr Robins

- (1) The current wall [which is not in keeping with a conservation area and is larger in structure than the wall previously in place] be removed.

Result: A majority of Elected Councillors voted for the wall to be removed.

- (2) A wall, similar to that which was previously in place be permitted, subject to drawings, dimensions and materials being submitted to the Parish Council prior to any works commencing.

Result: A majority of Elected Councillors voted for the wall, similar to that tabled, be permitted given the stipulation above.

The parish council also agreed to write to the residents of no 1 and no 3 St Peter's Wynd about their removal of the grass on the village green and its replacement with gravel. Cllr MacMahon provided photographic evidence of the village green outside the properties before any changes were made.

## 346 Date of Next Meeting:

Next Meeting 7:00pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

Signed: Chairperson: 

Date 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022