

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Village Hall**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Brian Jones of DBC

#### **61. Public Participation**

61.1 There was no public participation.

At this point the Parish Council discussed the complaint by a resident about DBC asking about planning permission for a building on land at the end of the village. The Parish Council know nothing about this and would refer any complaint direct to DBC.

#### **62. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:**

62.1 Cllr Harker declared an interest in the Playground as she is Secretary of the Playground Association. Cllr Preston declared an interest in the closure of Mill Lane.

#### **63. Previous Minutes:**

63.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were read and then approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 meeting.

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

64.1 Traffic Monitoring Community Speedwatch

Cllr Preston complained about huge articulated vehicle blocking Mill Lane last week. This was reported to the police. It was suggested that the PCSO be made aware. Cllr Melaney again reported that the equipment for Speedwatch was still not forthcoming from Durham Constabulary. He will continue to pursue this.

The clerk reported on traffic figures for October High St 23000 vehicle movements in and 28000 out maximum speed recorded 64mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is 32mph., The Green 35000 in and 38000 out, maximum speed recorded 68mph and maximum speed in 55mph. The monitor needs to be looked at as it doesn't seem to be keeping minimum settings. The Clerk will investigate. Mill Lane recorded 4081 vehicles, this lower figure was probably due to Mill Lane being closed for much of October. The maximum speed recorded incoming on Mill Lane was 55mph.

64.2 - Playground - progress report.

The minutes of the Playground meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October were distributed.

The Playground committee reported that the fund raising event on 29<sup>th</sup> November the pie & pea supper with a quiz. Is now completely sold out, it is hoped that the event is a success

The playground treasurer – Mr Peter Slater is still trying to get banking facilities organized with the Co-operative bank.

Cllr Melaney is talking to a number of playground equipment suppliers and he reported initial discussions having taken place with initial estimates ranging from £40 to £120 thousand pounds. He is meeting with suppliers to try and firm up estimates.

64.3 Bishopton Airfield - Progress report

The plinth is now in place on the Village Green. The Council are indebted to Cllr. Melaney and Messrs. Ray and Adam Wallace for their efforts in getting the Plinth in place. The Airfield plaque will be put on the plinth in the next two weeks.

64.4 Remembrance Day report

Cllr Moses reported that there was only 20 persons present at the Remembrance ceremony. Richard Frankland conducted the service.

**65 Planning Applications:**

65.1 The Clerk reported no decisions on 19/00918/LBC and 19/00917/FUL for the demolition of a conservatory at the rear of No 26 High St and erection of a large extension including a 'garden room' extension.

65.2 There was a planning permission request tabled. This was 19/00902/FUL a retrospective request from 'Dogwood' for permission for the open building and attached shed erected at Dogwood West.  
The Parish Council resolved to let the clerk know of their feelings as to how the Parish should respond in the next week.

**66 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:**

66.1 Village Website progress and email

The clerk reported that the website now live and the clerk's email is not moved over and the clerk will endeavour to establish other emails.

66.2 Christmas Tree, Carols and Christmas lights

The Parish Council were most concerned that the Church have not included Bishopton in the Parish news notices of Christmas Carol celebrations.

The Council resolved to attempt to put on the event anyway. The Clerk will try and contact the Brass band and councillors will investigate carol sheets and the Talbot will be approached for assistance.

The Clerk will produce a Christmas Flyer advertising the event and other Council matters as appropriate. These will be distributed throughout the village in the next two weeks.

The Clerk reported that the Banks fund have granted us funds for the band and the Christmas Tree and for new lights, the total granted is £545.

66.3 Precept for 2020

The Council voted unanimously to keep the precept the same as last year, the clerk will inform Darlington Borough Council.

#### 66.4 Darlington MBC Public Space Protection Orders

The Council discussed the DBC consultative documents on the Public Space Protection Order which has been sent out to all councillors. The Parish Council welcomed the papers and the inclusion of Bishopton Playground in the Borough orders.

### 67 Village Green

#### 67.1 Village Green Trees update

The trees on the village green have been pruned by M.Leighton.

The tree survey has been carried out by BDC on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The clerk will ask for the report on the survey.

#### 67.2 Christmas Tree Order

The Clerk has ordered the tree from Croft Christmas Trees –the cost is £290 inc. delivery and VAT. This cost proposed by Cllr. MacMahon and seconded by Cllr. Harker. Delivery is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 67.3 Tubs and Planting on the Village Green

We have now ascertained the cost of replacement tubs for the Village Green. The Clerk will prepare a grant application for the tubs.

#### 67.4 Leaves on the Village green.

The Clerk will again contact DBC regarding the collection of leaves and arrange collection as necessary. If the leaves need gathering we will contact M Leighton.

### 68 Financial

#### 68.1 2019/20 budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the breakdown of the Playground finances and the current financial position and forecast for the rest of the year.

#### 68.2 Payment for Christmas tree.

See item 67.2 above.

#### 68.3 Organisation of payments from Petty Cash

There were none

## 69 Correspondence

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

### INCOMING

Change of Domain notification for website  
Christmas Activity  
Dogwood emails from several Cllrs.  
Acknowledgement of amended Banks Press release.  
Details of Fundraising Quiz  
Telephone conversations and email with Croft Christmas trees  
Remembrance service  
Christmas lights  
Minutes of playground committee  
Request from Sovereign Play equipment  
M Leighton re trees on Village Green  
Tree Survey report (acknowledgement of request) from DBC  
NALC newsletter  
Cleveland Local Councils Association  
Playground dog access (PSPO) to DBC

### OUTGOING

Amended Press release to Banks Group  
Change of Domain ownership  
Playground dog access to DBC  
Tree survey on Village Green to DBC  
Order to Croft Christmas trees re Christmas tree  
Email to Fishburn Brass Band.  
Planning application for Dogwood – no objection.  
Email to DBC re dogs in the Playground


## 70. Matters Dealt with last meeting

- 70.1 The matter of parking signs and speed signs through the Village will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 71. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the Village Hall.

Signed: Chairperson:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 18/12/19 .