

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th May 2020

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), M.Moses, J. Robins, D Latham, G. Preston, L MacMahon, S. Harker and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

Apologies for Absence: none

127 Public Participation

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

128 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

Cllr Harker expressed an interest as secretary of the Playground Association

129 Previous Minutes:

The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 15th April.

130 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

130.1 Traffic Monitoring and Community Speedwatch

The clerk reported that he had read the speed monitors, the traffic was greatly reduced but there were still instances of traffic speeding on the High Street, not so much on the Green and Mill Lane.

130.2 Playground - progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that we had had a further donation of £500 from The Grumpy Old Men. The clerk will write and thank them.

Adam Wallace has cut the grass again.

Cllr Robins and her daughter have litter picked around the Playing Field.

We have been contacted by another supplier and we are inviting them to tender.

130.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. Under the Covid-19 restrictions there will be no Annual Parish meeting, nor will there be an AGM until further notice.

131 Planning Applications:

- a. The Clerk reported no decisions on 19/01133/FUL- a ground and first floor extension to Plum Tree Cottage, Downland Farm.
- b. The Clerk reported a decision on 20/01191/OUT- a proposal for nine houses on Cobby Castle Lane. The application has been refused.

- c. The Clerk reported a decision on 20/00030/OUT- a proposal for temporary dwelling and new access road at May Tree Farm. This was passed despite the Council objecting to the planning application. The application for the new access road had been withdrawn. The temporary dwelling must be removed by the 14th of April 2022.
- d. The application 20/00095/FUL a proposal for a stable block at Downlands Farm Mill Lane- providing the stables were for personal use was passed by Darlington Borough Council.

132 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

132.1 Defibrillator
There is no further action at present.

132.2 Mill Lane
Cllr Preston raised the damaged sign on Mill Lane. DBC highways dept have been informed. The clerk has had no reply.

The council suggested that Councillor Jones be contacted before the Tees Valley Authority and the MP which was decided at the last meeting.

There are problems with volume of traffic the weight and length of large vehicles. The lack of passing places and the speed of traffic are also exacerbating the situation. We are also going to check when the 2 Ton limit was removed from the road.

132.3 Dog Fouling.
The council wish to record thanks to residents for letter picking. Special thanks were expressed to Cllr Robins and her daughter. Cllr Robins and her husband have also removed some fly tipping.

132.4 Accounting and audit.
The clerk reported the all the accounts were with the internal auditor in preparation for the annual audit (AGAR)

133 Village Green

The annual inspection will take place on Wednesday 27th May

Mr Leighton will be asked to strim the Village Green now that residents have cut the grass. The clerk will send out thanks to villagers who have cut the village green.

133.1 Village Green Trees survey update

There has been no further progress as no site visits or work is being carried out. It is too late now to prune trees before the autumn.

We may be able to contact Mr Leighton regarding the tree survey results.

133.2 Tubs and Planting on the Village Green

We have now ascertained the cost of replacement tubs for the Village Green. The Clerk has prepared a grant application for the tubs. There has been no decision on this application.

Cllr Latham has been given permission to go ahead with planting at present – an approximate budget of £200 was agreed.

133 Financial

133.1 2019/20 budget monitoring & current financial position

See item 132.4 above. There was some discussion about transferring surplus monies from the current account to the reserve account. We will discuss this again after the audit.

133.2 The Zurich Insurance payment. The annual payment invoice has been received – an increase of about £3.00 – the premium is £345.18. This was agreed to be paid proposed by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr MacMahon.

133.3 The GDPR registration has been paid to the ICO Direct debit of £35.00

133.4 The Council noted the increase in the clerk's salary (NJC scales).

133.5 The clerk submitted travel expenses of £25.48 – it was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Robins seconded by Cllr Latham.

133.5 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

The council agreed to pay for printer ink for £18.46

134 Correspondence

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

INCOMING

Details of Covid/19

Various correspondence about Dog Fouling

Directions on virtual meetings and software

Damage to Footpath outside the Village Hall

NALC newsletter

Cleveland Local Councils Association newsletters

Tip booking in Darlington

OUTGOING

Details of Covid/19
Damage to Footpath outside the Village Hall
NALC newsletter
Communication to DBC regarding Mill Lane
Papers for May meeting
Park seats and benches

135 Matters Dealt with since last meeting

135.1 We will be using video conferencing until further notice.

136. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 9:03 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 17th June 2020 .

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date _____

17/06/2020