

Bishopton Parish Council

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

137 Public Participation

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

138 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

139 Previous Minutes:

The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 20th May 2020.

140 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

140.1 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.

140.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that as we have been awarded £500 by the Banks foundation we have purchased the goal/stumps/netball-basketball setup. There was also some discussion about the topsoil not leaving site but being used to create a mound in front of the goal as a partial barrier and somewhere for children to sit.

Cllr Preston asked about the wild flower/sensory garden. Cllr Melaney suggested that the position of this was to be further discussed.

Cllr MacMahon asked about position of equipment, this again is to be further discussed when we have a delivery date for the equipment.

There followed some discussion about the effect on the playing field/playground of the development and details of how we are going to advise residents of the appeal, see below under planning matters (item 141)

Adam Wallace has cut the grass again in the playground.

140.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar.

141 Planning Applications:

- a. The Clerk reported that the decision on 20/01191/OUT- a proposal for nine houses on Cobby Castle Lane was being appealed and a government planning inspector has been appointed. The Parish Council discussed this at length. The Council decided to produce a flyer to distribute around the village for the purpose of raising awareness amongst residents and giving them the opportunity to make a written statement to the inspectorate.
This flyer will be further discussed via email by councillors and be sent out next week around the village. We must emphasize the closing date for submissions of 10th July.
- b. The Clerk reported no decisions on 19/01133/FUL- a ground and first floor extension to Plum Tree Cottage, Downland Farm.
- c. The Clerk reported new application 20/00413/FUL- an improved access road at May Tree Farm. The Council will object because they cannot see the need for a permanent access road to a temporary dwelling.

142 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

142.1 Defibrillator
There is no further action at present.

142.2 Mill Lane
We further discussed the situation on Mill Lane. The clerk has had no reply from DBC highways dept

The clerk reported that the Tees Valley Authority and the MP had been contacted at present we have had an acknowledgment from the MP who has taken it up with DBC.

142.3 Dog Fouling.
The dog bins and litter bins are now open again. We will contact the dog warden and enforcement dept about further signage in the village. Cllr Melaney will look at getting further signage.

142.4 Accounting and audit.
The clerk reported the all the accounts were with the internal auditor in preparation for the annual audit (AGAR). The document will be presented to the July meeting.

143 Village Green

The annual inspection took place on Wednesday 27th May

A report was produced and items sent to DBC for action DBC replied to some points :-

- a The Green Road sign at the west end of the village requires replacing due to the Plastic sign warping and the corroded condition of the frame.

The yellow (not green) 30mph sign was replaced last year after walking the site with the Clerk. The posts were not but they are structurally very sound.

- b The Tarmac road requires repair and the manhole cover re-aligning to remove trip hazards to the public

The surround to the manhole, (no location on the E-mail) is ok for the time being, the deterioration can be no deeper than 10mm.

- c The F.H Manhole cover in the road has sunk below the road level and requires re-aligning. The location is at the junction of the entrance to Anstey Court.

The fire Hydrant and valve cover opposite Anstey Court require resetting I will ask NWL and keep pushing until they do the work.

- d Illegal parking over long periods is being taken at the beginning of Cobby Castle Lane on the double yellow lines. This is obvious due to the large amount of oil leaks on the road. The parking is restricting entrance to the Lane and endangering children using the school. The Yellow lines need replacement.

A Casey to reply

- e Tarmac holes require repair at junction entrance to Brookside Farm Housing.

The deterioration outside Brookside farm house is below 40mm, however I will add to my rural road Inspection if they deteriorate further.

- f The pavement on the corner of Cobby Castle Lane on the approach to the school requires relaying to remove the dangerous trip hazard due to the raised edges of the paving stones.

The flags outside the school are ok, not actionable but I will repair some in-conjunction with the barrier rail.

- g The general state of the main road from the Talbot to the bridge at the west end of the village is poor and needs resurfacing,

The road is generally fit for purpose any deterioration is limited and below 40mm. It was surface dressed 4-5 years as I can remember.

- h The general condition of the Village Bus Shelter was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate if the repair is the responsibility of DBC or BPC . **Notified to DBC - Public Transport Officer. No reply yet.** The inspecting group agreed to discuss proposals for improving the condition of the shelter at the next BPC meeting. The Parish Clerk will also highlight the potential Bark Weevil or Woodworm to DBC and request a survey and treatment if needed.

Mr Leighton has strimmed the Village Green now that residents have cut the grass. DBC are starting grass cutting again.

143.1 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 have contacted Mr Leighton regarding the tree survey results. A site visit will be organized. There are overhanging trees in the churchyard – DBC will be notified.

143.2 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 planted the tubs on the village green and presented receipts – see 144.3 below.

143.3 Cllr Latham asked about large poppies for the lampposts through the village. We will contact the British Legion regarding this.



144 Financial

144.1 2019/20 budget monitoring & current financial position

See item 142.4 above. We are now in a position to present the 2020/2021 starting accounts

144.2 The Cleveland association of Local Councils and registration for NALC invoice has been received for the sum of £100.76 This was agreed to be paid proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

144.3 Cllr Latham provided receipts for planting the tubs on the Village Green for the sum of £89.45. This was agreed to be paid proposed by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr MacMahon.

144.4 The Clerk submitted a salary request for April-June 2020. This was agreed to be paid proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Preston.

144.5 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

The council agreed to pay clerks expenses for travel to and from the auditor of £15.68.

145 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 overgrown footpath
The Village Green Inspection
Playground equipment
NALC newsletters and communications
Cleveland Local Councils Association newsletters
Cobby Castle lane development planning appeal
Documents from auditor

OUTGOING

Details of Covid/19
Various correspondence about overgrown footpath
NALC newsletters
Communication to DBC regarding Mill Lane
Papers for June meeting
Park seats and benches
Cobby Castle lane development planning appeal
Amended spreadsheet to auditor

146 Matters Dealt with since last meeting

146.1 We will be using video conferencing until further notice.

147. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 8th July 2020 . This will enable us to further consider response to the planning appeal. We may need to have further extraordinary meetings regarding the playground and the planning appeal.

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date _____

8/7/2020