

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th September 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

164 Public Participation

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

165 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

Cllr MacMahon expressed an interest in planning permission for a tree removal on her property

Cllr Harker expressed an interest as secretary of the Playground Association.

Cllr Robins expressed an interest as a member of the Playground Association committee.

166 Previous Minutes:

166.1 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the Extraordinary PC meeting of 6th July 2020.

166.2 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 8th July 2020.

166.3 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the Extraordinary PC meeting of 5th August 2020.

167 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

167.1 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.

With regard to Community Speedwatch, we have been informed again that there is no equipment to be loaned out. We have tried, unsuccessfully to share equipment with a neighbouring parish.

The clerk will contact Steve Wright the Durham police and crime commissioner, our local MP and the Tees valley mayor concerning the problem of speeding through the village.

167.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that the representative from Sovereign attended the playground today and repaired the gaps in the equipment. Sovereign will supply a safety sign for the equipment free of charge and will also supply a written report on remedial action which we can send to the Play Inspection Company and our insurance. We are hoping to open the playground next week.

Cllr Robins raised the issue of gaps in the hawthorn hedge, she and Cllr MacMahon will survey the hedge next week. There was some discussion about future equipment (swing sets) in preparation for another grant application.

167.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. The clerk has tried again to contact the vicar regarding Christmas Celebrations. The council discussed the Christmas celebrations – no decision.

168 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 the application 20/00413/FUL- an improved access road at May Tree Farm. The Council objected because they cannot see the need for a permanent access road to a temporary dwelling. DBC approved the application with conditions.
- c. The Clerk reported application 20/00706/TFC one spruce tree to be felled no 2 The Green – the council had no objection.
- d. The Clerk reported application 20/00699/FUL erection of a poly tunnel at Sauf Hall Farm – the council returned no comment.

169 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

- 169.1 Defibrillator
There is no further action at present. The defibrillator and training equipment and the case have all arrived
The clerk will contact DBC re an electricity supply for the defibrillator which will be mounted on a pole adjacent to a lamppost in the centre of the village.
- 169.2 Mill Lane
We further discussed the situation on Mill Lane.
There was considerable discussion about possible security measures down Mill Lane.
- 169.3 Dog Fouling.
There was a lot of discussion about warning signs.
The Council again wish to express thanks to Cllr Robins who has done some work on clearing dog dirt. Cllr Robins will continue to monitor the situation.
- 169.4 Bishopton Buddies
It was agreed that the Parish Council business of concern to residents would continue to be posted on the website and the users of Bishopton Buddies or any other social media forum would be directed to the work of the Parish Council via the website. Any resident can post items on social media as long as it is not reported to be from the Parish Council.
- 169.5 The Bus Shelter
Cllr Melaney has received permission from the Borough council to carry out repairs and refurbishment of the Bus Shelter. We are awaiting quotations for the work and will discuss this further at the next meeting.

170 Village Green

- 171.1 Village Green Trees survey update*

We have had a quotation for the work needed following the tree survey and it was much greater than the price quoted by Darlington Borough Council in January we shall contact the Borough Council again about the work.

171.2 Tubs and Planting on the Village Green

We have been awarded £3000 in grant funding from The Banks community fund for replacement tubs and benches on the village green, We need to accept this grant and forward the 10% to the fund. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr. Harker and seconded by Cllr Preston.

Cllr Melaney asked that the playground association consider their acceptance of the grant from the Banks funds for more equipment.

Cllr Robins and Cllr Latham asked if we can go forward and buy bulbs for the Village Green in bulk. The council agreed to this and the suggestion that there be a "bulb planting weekend" organized on the village green – Cllr Latham will organize this.

171.3 Strimming of the Village Green

Strimming has been carried out on the village green. We have been invoiced £54 it was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr MacMahon and seconded by Cllr Latham.

Mr Leighton will be asked to trim the village green again.

171.4 The Front of the Talbot

The clerk has contacted Punch Inns about the weeds and disrepair at the front of the Talbot. They have indicated that they will deal with this.

172 Financial

172.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk presented the accounts for the beginning of this year now that the audit was all complete.

172.2 Invoice from Youngs RPS for Playground rent 2020-2021

We have received an invoice for the Playground Rent from YoungsRPS for £250 it was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr MacMahon.

172.3 Play Inspection Company Invoice

It was agreed that this had to be paid and the £300 will be paid once the reinstatement of the equipment has been done by Sovereign Play systems.. Proposed by Cllr Moses and seconded by Cllr Latham.

172.4 Purchase of anchors and security for benches in the playground.

The clerk produced invoices for the ground anchors and security chains and padlocks for the benches in the playground. It was agreed to refund the clerk the sum of £148.39 proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr MacMahon.

172.5 Clerks Salary

The Clerk submitted a salary claim for July, August and September. It was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr Latham.

172.6 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were claims from the clerk for £35.00 for telephone charges and £7.97 for cutting tools for the chains in the playground. It was agreed to pay these expenses proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

The council agreed to top up the petty cash by £200 proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr Preston

173 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 the Post Installation Inspection for the Playground
Details of Covid/19
BHF defibrillator
Sovereign remedial work
Sensory Garden funding
Playground equipment
NALC newsletters and communications
Cleveland Local Councils Association newsletters
Documents from banks community funds
Details of work to be carried out on Village Green

OUTGOING

Post installation inspection order,
Details of Covid/19
BHF defibrillator
Sovereign remedial work
NALC newsletters
Communication to DBC regarding Fly Tipping
Papers for September meeting (s)
Documents from banks regarding seats and benches
Details of work to be carried out on Village Green

174 Matters Dealt with since last meeting

174.1 The clerk will continue to pursue alternative banking arrangements.

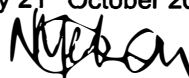
174.2 The investigative work into subsidence on the corner of Manor Farm Close was carried out yesterday.

175. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 9:49 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 21st October 2020 .

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date _____

21/10/2020