

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 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), S. Harker, J. Robins, D Latham, G. Preston, L MacMahon, M. Moses and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

**Apologies for Absence:** None

### **203 Public Participation**

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

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

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

Cllr Robins & Cllr Harker expressed an interest as members of the Playground Association committee.

### **205 Previous Minutes:**

205.1 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### **206 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

206.1 Traffic Monitoring and Community Speedwatch

The clerk reported that he had read the speed monitors, the traffic was more normal but there were instances of traffic speeding on the High Street in excess of 55 mph, and on the Green in excess of 50mph and Mill Lane between 30 and 40 mph.

With regard to Community Speedwatch, we have had no feedback from the police regarding their monitoring of speeding in November. Cllr Melaney asked if we could use our monitors as part of a speed watch exercise. The clerk will investigate with the police.

206.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that the second grant application for £5000 is probably not going to be approved. Cllr Melaney will continue to pursue grant funding.

Cllr Melaney reported that the Village Hall were viewing a donation to the Playground.

206.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. We are in the unfortunate position of being in a restrictive area for Covid and we will not be able to proceed with any Christmas arrangements.

## 207 Planning Applications:

- a. The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/00863/FUL- an agricultural building at Sundial Farm – the council returned no comment. DBC awaiting decision
- b. The Clerk reported the application 20/00872/SCR- a request for screening opinion pursuant to the development of a Solar farm off Redmarshall Rd. We await the outcome of the request.
- c. The Clerk reported application 20/00874/FUL a retrospective application for the new roof on The Barn 3A Church View. The application has been granted with conditions ( mainly the sighting from the road).
- d. The Clerk reported application 20/00923/FUL erection of a single story orangery extension to Plum Tree cottage Downlands Farm – no decision
- e. The Clerk reported application 20/01002/FUL erection of an extension to the cottage Downlands Farm – no decision
- f. The clerk reported that we have two applications in with the planning department. 20/01043/TF which is work to the trees on the village green which do not have tree protection orders on them. This has been granted. Our second application 20/0118/TFC is for work on the trees protected by tree protection orders we await a decision on these.
- g. 20/01185/FUL is an application for an extension to West End and a separate garage to be built on the property. After some discussion, the council decided that councillors would review the situation and return their views to the clerk by 6<sup>th</sup> January so that a reply can be sent to the planning department of DBC

## 208 Matters Raised by Councillors & Clerk:

### 208.1 Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now mounted on the rear wall of the Village Hall and is fully operational. It is registered with the ambulance service and is ready for use.

We are awaiting an invoice for the installation work and then the grant monies awarded in April can be claimed.

The unit must be inspected on a fortnightly basis to check the door mechanism and the supply to the cabinet. The clerk will inspect on a monthly basis before each Council meeting and Cllr Melaney will inspect in the intervening fortnight.

### 208.2 The Bus Shelter

Cllr Melaney is still awaiting quotations for the work and will discuss this further at the next meeting.

### 208.3 The Precept 2021

The Council discussed the precept level for 2021-2022. This must be lodged with DBC by 8<sup>th</sup> January. After extensive discussions the Council decided to limit the increase in the precept to 17% increasing the total amount by £1340 for the year across all bands

We will communicate this to residents via our annual 'Christmas Flyer' which we will circulate after this meeting – early next week.

#### 208.4 Public Rights of way

Cllr Harker reported that the footpath on Folly Bank has been reported and the work has been done – the sign has been replaced.

The Rights of Way officer for DBC -Mr Steve Petch has contacted the council and reported that the land owner has agreed to replace the sign on Mill Lane..

The council are still looking to produce a definitive route map of the local PROWs. Cllr Melaney will circulate a draft of these maps.

#### 208.5 Mill Lane

Cllr Preston again raised the issues of large vehicles using Mill Lane. He reported that he had had a complaint from the fishing club about large vehicles putting some walkers in grave danger.

Cllr Preston asked if the council could complain as a Parish Council.

Cllr Melaney re-iterated that the Council have already written to Highways at DBC and Stockton MBC, the Tees Valley Authority and our local MP. The result was that some signage was replaced/restored but nothing else transpired.

Cllr Preston suggested that there were four main issues:-

- 1) Speed of traffic on Mill Lane which is a single track road with no passing places – speed limit 60mph.
- 2) The size of the vehicles using the road many of which are large articulated lorries.
- 3) Danger to walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders using the road.(there are no pavements)
- 4) The signage on the lane being totally inadequate – not warning about bends, poor visibility and the inclines to and from the bridge at Bishopton Mill.

One possible way forward was to have large signs erected warning drivers not to follow sat-nav as it doesn't take note of the road conditions.

Cllr Preston has videos and photograph evidence of vehicles driving dangerously.

Cllr Robins suggested that we try and arrange a meeting (even remotely) between DBC and Stockton MBC highways departments to try and resolve something about Mill Lane.

### 209 Village Green

#### 209.1 Village Green Trees survey update\*

See details of planning applications above

#### 209.2 Leaf Collection

Darlington Borough Council will be contacted and thanked for the leaf collections.

### 210 Financial

#### 210.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk presented the accounts and the current financial position

#### 210.2 Clerk Salary

The Clerk submitted a salary claim for October-December. It was agreed to pay this proposed by Cllr Harker and seconded by Cllr Latham.

There was some debate about the Clerk's holiday pay -this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## 210.3 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were claims from the clerk for £15.00 for telephone charges and £31.36 in travelling expenses. It was agreed to pay these expenses proposed by Cllr Harjer and seconded by Cllr MacMahon.

## 211 Correspondence

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

### INCOMING

Bishopton Buddies - Mill Lane  
Bus stop  
Public Rights of Way  
Re: Bishopton Buddies - Mill Lane  
FW: Bus Shelter  
Re: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/FUL  
Re: Bus Shelter  
Read: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/  
Bus Shelter  
CORONAVIRUS UPDATE  
REBUILDING COMMUNITIES  
Re: Post Installation Inspection Report - Bishopton P  
"Fwd: FW: Public Footpath at Mill Lane, Bishopton"  
Re: Tree Survey in Bishopton -Order for works to be c  
Re: Remembrance Sunday  
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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE  
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Read: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/  
Remembrance Sunday/Remembrance Day  
Read: Re: Objection to Planning Application 20/00  
Re: Christmas Tree  
Croft Christmas Trees  
NALC ANNOUNCEMENT  
Statement From The Play Inspection Company Ltd fo  
Re: Bishopton Playground Equipment  
CORONAVIRUS UPDATE  
Christmas Tree  
Re: Bishopton Playground Equipment  
Re: Cenotaph Area  
Automatic reply: Defibrillator in Bishopton  
Re: Defibsafe 2 Cabinet  
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

Leaves

Re: Papers for the meeting on 18th November

Fwd: Your Playground Installation Re: 52577

Bishopton Parish Council Precept 2021/22

Re: Defibrillator in Bishopton

Read: Defibrillator in Bishopton

KBS DEPOT

Re: The Talbot

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UPDATED CLERK CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT 14 10 20

Re: Planning applications

Planning applications

Re: Remembrance Sunday

Fwd: Hopes Grove Nurseries Office. Order VAT Rece

Remembrance Day

Re: Remembrance Sunday

Mill Lane

FW: Your Playground Installation Re: 52577

Read: Post Installation Inspection Report - Bisho

Remembrance Sunday

Footpath

Re: Playground inspection

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Re: Bishopton-Slurry on Mill Lane and blocked access

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Re: Footpaths

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Footpaths

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Fwd: Hopes Grove Nurseries Office. Order Despatch

Tree Application - 20/01043/TF - Bishopton Parish

Planning Application 20/00874/FUL The Barn 3A Chu

Re: Hawthorne

Re: Leaf Clearance - Bishopton

FW: Your Playground Installation Re: 52577

## OUTGOING

Halloween Donation

Remembrance Sunday

"Footpaths, leaves and overhanging trees"

Re: Remembrance Sunday

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Playground inspection

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Re: Post Installation Inspection Report - Bishopton P  
Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/FUL  
"Re: Fwd: FW: Public Footpath at Mill Lane, Bishopton"  
Inspection report  
Re: Objection to Planning Application 20/00874/FUL  
Christmas Tree  
Tree work in Bishopton  
Christmas Tree for Bishopton Village  
Bishopton Playground Equipment  
Fwd: Bishopton Playground Equipment  
Re: Bishopton Playground Equipment  
Leaf clearing Bishopton  
Fwd: Defibsafe 2 Cabinet  
Re: Defibrillator in Bishopton  
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**212 Matters Dealt with since last meeting**

**213. Date of Next Meeting:**

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 .

Signed: Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

*N. Gibson*

Date

*20/1/2021*