

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs: D Latham, G. Preston, N Melaney (Chairman), L Foggett [Parish Clerk]

381 Apologies for Absence: Cllr S. Harker, Ward Councillor Deborah Laing, Ward Councillor B Jones

382 Public Participation

382.1 There were no requests to speak.

383 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

383.1 The 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors and advertisements for replacements have been published. We have, as yet, had no interest except one note of interest and a response is awaited. Mr Watson has applied and was hoping to attend the meeting but unfortunately was called away for work.

384. Matters left after AGM in May

384.1 Review of the council's complaints procedure

These were accepted with no changes

384.2 Review of the council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018

These were accepted with no changes

384.3 Review of the council's policy for dealing with the press/media

These were accepted with no changes

385 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in anything to do with Mill Lane.

386 Previous Minutes:

386.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the meeting of 21st June 2022 meeting. Proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Preston.

387. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

387.1 Traffic Monitoring, Community Speedwatch and parking issues.

The clerk reported that the instances of speeding in the evenings was still much less than in previous month.

There was no report from speedwatch they are still waiting for new locations to be approved by the police and we are having problems with the number of volunteers available at certain times.

We still have not received revised quotations for signs regarding Speedwatch, these warning signs will be at each end of the village and one half way through the village, probably near the church. We will chase these up after the meeting.

Parking in the village. There are still issues of vehicles parking haphazardly on the village green especially around the Talbot inn. The clerk again pointed out that anyone concerned

should use the Time Stamp Camera app available for smart phones and to send these pictures to Enforcement at DBC and/or the police.

387.2 Playground progress.

Cllr Melaney reiterated that the prices have risen considerably as have labour costs in line with current inflation and shortage of materials, installation costs have doubled. We have secured grant funding of £10,500 from the Banks funding and have sourced equipment for phase 3 of the playground development. The order has been placed (see 388.6 below) We will contact Mr Dean Scott of DBC about RoSPA inspection.

388 Financial

388.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the financial statement for 2022-2023.

388.2 2021/22 AGAR

The AGAR papers have been accepted by the external auditor the accounts for 2021/22 will be published on the website and given out for public scrutiny.

388.3 Insurance renewal

We have been contacted by Zurich Insurance and the clerk has furnished them with a list of all new playground equipment. We shall renew the policy for one year and have been assured that the quipment will be covered but ther will be no increase in the premium until next year, by which time the phase 3 will have been completed as well.

This payment proposed by Cllr. Latham and seconded by Cllr. Preston

388.4 Clerk Salary

The clerk's salary for April-June was agreed

Payment proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr. Latham

388.5 CLCA/NALC Subscription of £101.69

This was agreed as proposed at the AGM.

Payment proposed by Cllr. Melaney and seconded by Cllr. Latham

388.6 Playground Payments for Phase 3 of the Playground

The initial sum for the order and purchase of the equipment for phase 3 of the playground was agreed at £12280.50 inc VAT. This does not include installation and commissioning costs which will be paid once the equipment has been installed in August.

Payment proposed by Cllr. Melaney and seconded by Cllr. Latham

388.7 Jubilee Payments of £221.74

Mrs Sam Pilkington has co-ordinated all the costs incurred in the jubilee celebrations and these total £221.74 – to be offset by donations of £205.

These donations included monies from :

Benson Wood Consultancy,
The Blue Bell,
Rachel and Darren Harland,
Pat Gowan and Rob Robinson,
GER Portable Buildings
Paul Frost

There was also an invoice from E&M Leighton for grass cutting prior to the jubilee celebrations. The sum of £186 was agreed Payment proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr. Latham

388.8 Petty Cash Payments

N Melaney to include printing inks, Tywraps, Hessian Sandbag Sacks etc. £96.44

Payment proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr. Latham

D. Latham Plants cost £131.81

Payment proposed by Cllr. Melaney and seconded by Cllr. Preston

The Clerk for Travel of £128.62

Payment proposed by Cllr. Melaney and seconded by Cllr. Latham

The Clerk for Printer inks of £68.90

Payment proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr. Melaney

Postage costs of £8.50

Payment proposed by Cllr. Melaney and seconded by Cllr. Preston

It was agreed that the clerk draw a further £200 for petty cash

Proposed by Cllr. Latham and seconded by Cllr. Melaney

389 Planning Applications:

- 389.1 Planning Application 21/01086/FUL - Change of use of land for the siting of 24 no. holiday lodges together with new access track and other associated infrastructure works on land NE of Bishopton Lake.
This planning application has been revised but the council has resubmitted their objection. The Council will consider making a representation to the planning committee when the application is considered.

390 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

- 390.1 The Bus Shelter – further reports on quotes for work.
Further to the ownership of the Bus Shelter being transferred from DBC to the Parish Council. We will go ahead and get new quotes for the work. We are hoping to have these by July.
- 390.2 WIFI in the Village Hall for use by the Parish Council
The clerk has obtained a very good contract from 3 Mobile Wifi which has now been ordered at £22 per month for a 24year contract
- 390.3 Matters that require follow up
We still no news on the 40mph buffer zones on the roads approaching the village, more signage warning motorists of horses in the village, and 'gates' installed at the 30mph signs on the approach to The Green at one end of the village and High St at the other end. The signs warning about horses have now been installed.
- 390.4 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd-5th June 2022
- The jubilee celebrations went very well and seemed to be enjoyed by all. The village green and village hall were well used as was the playground.
The Parish Council wishes to express its gratitude towards all the people who joined the Jubilee Committee, donated funds towards the competition and games prizes, worked to provide free food and drink on the day, provided equipment for the party and playground games and finally to those who provided resources and support on the day.
Everyone did an awesome job from beginning to end. Everything went smoothly and the village had a great day, no hiccups whatsoever. The party got off to a great start with dancing led by Angeline.
Thank you for your efforts, we are all grateful for your input in making the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party a great success.



We would particularly like to thank the following people for their involvement in what was a wonderful day

Cash donations

Kevin & Sonja (The Bluebell Public House)
Rachel & Darren Harland
Pat Gowan and Rob Robinson
Gary Roberts
Benson Wood
Frost Films
Robert Wall Fencing
Mike & Lindley McMahon
Robert Bainbridge (C.P Prosser)
Bishopton Village Hall
The Talbot
Joanne Bainbridge
Alan Pilkington

Competition Judges

Irene Williams
Carine Banks
Breda Wilson
Audrey Robson
Joan Sullivan
Pru Wall

Jubilee Committee

Sam Pilkington, Alan Pilkington, Peter Wood, Mary Wood, Deborah Latham, Peter Latham, Linda Guest, Kerry Coupland, Sandra Elliott, Chistine Tinkler, Christine Briscoe, Pauline Fieldhouse, Robert Fieldhouse, Elizabeth Gardinor Kath Fabi, Lindley MacMahon, Sarah Harker, Stacey Gowing, Susan Melaney and Norman Melaney.

Special Thanks to the ladies of the W.I, Playground Association members, Alan Pilkington, Jon Coupland and Iain Gardinor for building the Buckingham Palace Balcony and to Carol Tunney and all those who helped clean up the area for the Party and erected Road Cones and signs and traffic cones including Glynn Bass, Stewart, Gary, Craig, Robert, Sue and Norman.

Jubilee Beacon

The lighting of the beacon was well attended, it was a very special and memorable event Thanks to Fiona Hopper for providing access to the Castle mound, Les Foggett for organising the Gas Bottles and Robert Fieldhouse ,Adam Thomas, Peter Latham , Ray Wallace and Norman Melaney for lighting the beacon

Apologies if anyone has been missed from the lists above.

391 Village Green

391.1 Village Green trees survey update

The clerk has again received no further communication from the DBC Arborist. We will try and contact him again. It was agreed that if we are let down by DBC then we will obtain prices from independent arborists/tree surgeons.

391.2 Damage to the Village Green and repair quotations

The Chairman will arrange a meeting with AWG in the next month and the jobs on the village green will have to split all the work.

392 Date of Next Meeting:

Next Meeting is at 7:00pm on Tuesday 26th July 2022 in the Village Hall.

N.B. This date may have to change if councillors are away - to be determined.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Signed: Chairperson: N. McKay

Date 26th July 2022