

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs: G. Preston, N Melaney (Chairman), L Foggett [Parish Clerk], Mr P. Watson (via Zoom)

393 Apologies for Absence: Cllr D Latham Cllr S. Harker, Ward Councillor Deborah Laing, Ward Councillor B Jones

394 Public Participation

394.1 There were no requests to speak.

395 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

395.1 The 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors and advertisements for replacements have been published. Mr Philip Watson has applied to be a Parish Councillor and he addressed the meeting outlining his application.

After some discussion it was agreed to co-opt Mr Watson to the role of councillor on Bishopton Parish Council.

Mr Watson has signed and accepted the role and has completed a register of interests.

396 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

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

397 Previous Minutes:

397.1 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 Preston and seconded by Cllr Watson.

398. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

398.1 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.

398.2 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 work will now probably week commencing 5th September. We shall arrange the Heras fencing hire for those dates. The Chairman will contact the company supplying the equipment.

399 Financial

399.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the financial statement for 2022-2023.

399.2 Petty Cash Payments

There were no payments

400 Planning Applications:

400.1 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.

400.2 Planning Application 22/00605/FUL Erection of 1 no. permanent agricultural worker's dwelling with parking provision including erection of a timber carport and installation of a Ground Source Heat Pump system.

May Tree Farm BISHOPTON STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 1FT

The council will return no comment.

400.3. Planning Application 22/00447/FUL Change of use of agricultural fields to glamping site with the siting of 10 no. bell tents with individual shower and toilet sheds, mobile kitchenettes, seating, extended access track, on-site parking provision, drainage and associated works Land West Of Outhouse Farm Bishopton Lodge Glamping Redmarshall Road BISHOPTON.

After some discussion the council agreed to formulate an objection to the planning application mainly on the grounds of highway problems and drainage.

400.4 Solar farm and energy storage facility together with associated works, equipment and infrastructure (cross boundary application with Stockton Borough Council) (amended site layout plan received 26 August 2022) Open for comment

Land South Of Gately Moor Reservoir Redmarshall Road BISHOPTON

Ref. No: 22/00727/FUL | Received: Thu 30 Jun 2022

The Council noted this application and will reserve judgement pending any objections from residents.

401 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

400.1 The Bus Shelter – further reports on quotes for work.

Further The chairman has now obtained a third quote for works on the bus shelter and this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

400.2 WIFI in the Village Hall for use by the Parish Council

The wi-fi is now installed and the payments will be paid monthly. The Village Hall management committee will be notified.

400.3 Matters that require follow up

There is little to report except the hill sign has finally been re-erected at the top of the hill on Mill Lane.

401 Village Green

401.1 Village Green trees survey update

The clerk has again received no further communication from the DBC Arborist. We will try and contact him again. E & M Leighton will be contacted to trim the Village Green and will prune the trees on the Village Green that are overhanging and restricting the walking canopy on the Green. We will obtain prices from independent arborists/tree surgeons.

401.2 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. We are hoping to have definite progress by September.

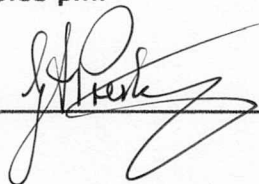
402 Date of Next Meeting:

Next Meeting is at 7:00pm on Wednesday September 2022 in the Village Hall.

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

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Signed: Chairperson:



Date

28th September, 2022