

## **Bishooton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs: G. Preston(Acting Chairman),L Foggett [Parish Clerk], Cllr D Latham, Cllr P. Watson, Ward Councillor B Jones

**403 Apologies for Absence:** N Melaney (Chairman),Cllr S. Harker, Ward Councillor Deborah Laing,

#### **404 Public Participation**

404.1 There were no requests to speak.

#### **405 Vacancies for Parish Councillors**

405.1 The 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors continue to be advertised but there are no candidates forthcoming.

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

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

#### **407 Previous Minutes:**

407.1 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 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 meeting. Proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Watson.

#### **408. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

408.1 Traffic Monitoring, Community Speedwatch and parking issues.

The clerk reported that the speed monitor at the west end of the village has developed a fault and the readings are not available. The clerk will investigate the problem and contact the suppliers. Unfortunately the unit is out of warranty and may be costly to repair.

The clerk reported that the instances of speeding on the two functioning monitors was less than in previous month. Mill lane showed less than one percent of traffic travelling at more than 33mph. High St showed only 3% of traffic travelling at more than 35mph.

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 have 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. The problem we have about these signs is obtaining permission from the police to use their logos on the signs.

Parking in the village. These will be dealt with under agenda item 9.4 of the agenda.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.

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#### 408.2 Playground progress.

Phase 3 of the playground is complete and we have a post installation inspection report. The clerk has contacted the insurance company regarding the new equipment and these items will be covered under our policy and will be added to the insurance premium in May next year.

### 409 Financial

#### 409.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the financial statement for 2022-2023.

#### 409.2 Payments for hire of Heras fencing for the works in the playground, to meet our responsibilities regarding health and safety issues whilst works are under way and allow Children to use the existing equipment safely

The council has already paid £188.46 but the hire has to be extended and we owe the hire company a further £108.00. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Watson.

#### 409.3 Payment to E & M Leighton for pruning of trees and strimming on the Village Green. Costs £240.00 and £55.00 respectively total £354.00 inc VAT. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Watson.

#### 409.4 Payment of the clerk's salary. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

#### 409.5 Payment of rent for playground to Youngs RPS of £271.08. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Preston.

#### 409.6 Petty Cash Payments

The clerk claims travel expenses from June until 28<sup>th</sup> September of £108.56 and £24.96 for printer inks, This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Preston.

#### 409.7 Payment for playground balance.

The council considered the request from Kompan(Scotland) for the balance of the payment for the playground phase 3 works. This being £9364.44. The council had already committed to this payment and it was agreed to pay this, proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Preston The council voted and the agreement was unanimous.

### 410 Planning Applications:

#### 410.1 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.

#### 410.2 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.



410.3. 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.  
The council lodged an objection to the planning application mainly on the grounds of highway problems and drainage.

410.4 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 have submitted an objection to this development.

#### **411 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:**

411.1 The Bus Shelter - further reports on quotes for work.

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

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

The wi-fi is now installed and the payments will be paid monthly.

411.3 The Darlington Transport Plan

The council discussed the Darlington Transport plan and were disappointed that the plan had little to offer and rural communities in the Borough including Bishopton. The council also expressed concern about cycleways and how cyclist from the rural communities can access the proposed cycle routes safely.

411.4 Matters that require follow up - road signs and other issues :-

Double yellow lines.

Double yellow lines to school entrance need re-applying to road surface following removal due to recent resurfacing works by DBC.

Parking.

Dangerous Parking on Junction of Church View with High Street due to visitors to Talbot PH.

Safety concerns raised.

Driveway being blocked by parked cars visiting Talbot PH (request for white line marking driveway)

High Volume of HGVs passing through village.

Request for investigation if village has a weight restriction for HGV's?

The council agreed that they make representation to the highways dept and police representatives about the above matters at a meeting pre-arranged at Bishopton Mill for tomorrow morning. Cllr Preston and Cllr Watson will attend.

Alley to rear of Talbot PH. This was obstructed by vegetation and branches from a nearby property. The owner will be contacted.



## 412 Village Green

### 412.1 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 has pruned the trees on the Village Green that are overhanging and restricting the walking canopy on the Green. We will continue to try to obtain prices from independent arborists/tree surgeons.

### 412.2 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 October.

Cllr Watson raised the matter of the 'sheds' in Manor Farm Close and the Borough Council will be informed about the doors obscuring the pavement.

## 413 Date of Next Meeting:

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

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed: Chairperson:



Date

