

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** N Melaney (Chairman), Cllr S. Harker Cllrs: G. Preston, Cllr D Latham, Cllr P. Watson, L Foggett [Parish Clerk],

**414 Apologies for Absence:** Ward Councillor B Jones, Ward Councillor Deborah Laing

#### **415 Public Participation**

415.1 There were no requests to speak.

#### **416 Vacancies for Parish Councillors**

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

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

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

Cllr Harker expressed an interest in anything to do with the Playground.

#### **418 Previous Minutes:**

418.1 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 28th September 2022 meeting. Proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

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

419.1 Traffic Monitoring, Community Speedwatch and parking issues.

The clerk reported that the instances of speeding on the two functioning monitors was about the same as in the previous month. Mill lane showed 5% of traffic travelling at more than 33mph.

High St showed only 3% of traffic travelling at more than 35mph.

The clerk reported that the speed monitor at the west end of the village is faulty and needs to be taken down and shipped for repair. Details will be discussed under finance (item 7.4).

There was no report from speedwatch and we are having problems with the number of volunteers available at certain times. It is likely that we may have to abandon the Speedwatch because of lack of volunteers.

The chairman will pursue the speedwatch sign orders.

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.

#### 419.2 Playground progress.

There is nothing further to report about the playground

### 420 Financial

#### 420.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the financial statement for 2022-2023.

#### 420.2 The wreath for Remembrance Sunday has been purchased for £50 (Petty cash payment to the clerk)

#### 420.3 The Christmas Tree is to be ordered at a cost of £325+VAT and delivery for £65 + VAT Proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Harker

#### 420.4 We have had a quotation for repair of the Traffic monitor on The Green this is £774.48 which only includes carriage at £592 and a simple evaluation for £50. Repair costs and parts and labour will be extra.. At present the council will explore other areas of repair

#### 420.5 Petty Cash Payments

The clerk claims travel expenses from 28<sup>th</sup> September of £28.32 and the cost of the wreath of £50.00. Cllr Latham claimed £42.00 for plants for the Village Green.  
These were all agreed, proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Watson.

### 421 Planning Applications:

#### 421.1 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.

#### 421.2. 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.

#### 421.3 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.

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

### **422.1 The Bus Shelter – further reports on quotes for work.**

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

### **422.2 WIFI in the Village Hall for use by the Parish Council**

The wi-fi is now fully operational

### **422.3 Remembrance Sunday.**

The Chairman will organize a member of the community to conduct the remembrance service and to lay the wreath

### **422.4 Christmas and carols around the tree.**

This will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm. Carol sheets will be provided by Claire the Vicar and the music will be by Fishburn Brass Band. We have not organized refreshments but will look into this before next Parish Council meeting.

### **422.5 Representative at the JBM Byers Workshop**

The general feeling in the meeting that Cllr Phil Watson should be the Parish Council representative at the JBM Byers workshop in the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The Parish Council wish to express their thanks to the clerk -Les Foggett for the work he did in producing the flyer about the solar farm development.

### **422.6 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?

We are waiting for response from DBC about all these matters.

The council agreed that they make representation to the highways dept and police representatives about the above matters.

## **423 Village Green**

### **423.1 Village Green trees survey update**

The clerk has again received no further communication from the DBC Arborist. We will try and contact him again. We will continue to try to obtain prices from independent arborists/tree surgeons.



#### 423.2 Damage to the Village Green and repair quotations

The Chairman and Clerk met with a representative of AWG and the jobs on the village green will have to split all the work. We are hoping to have definite progress by mid November.

Cllr Watson raised the matter of the 'sheds' in Manor Farm Close and the Borough Council have been informed about the doors obscuring the pavement. We are waiting for a response from DBC.

#### 424 Date of Next Meeting:

Next Meeting is at 7:00pm on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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Signed: Chairperson:



Date

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022