

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** N Melaney (Chairman) joined by a Zoom link, Cllr S. Harker, Cllr: G. Preston, Cllr D Latham, L Foggett [Parish Clerk],

**425 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr P. Watson, Ward Councillor B Jones, Ward Councillor Deborah Laing

**426 Public Participation** Mrs Lindley MacMahon and Mr T Oman in attendance

426.1 Mrs MacMahon asked about the Village Green repairs outside no 5 High St. The chairman reiterated that the residents were not liable in this instance as the cobbles were in poor condition.

426.2 Mrs MacMahon asked about the plants in the tubs which seem to have disappeared. Cllr Latham stated that they hadn't been removed, merely cut back for the winter.

426.3 Mrs MacMahon asked about the minutes for the Village Hall and the Playground Association and the absence of minutes on the website.  
The Chairman stated that there hadn't been a Playground Association meeting for over a year and the Village Hall minutes had not been forwarded to the clerk for insertion on the website.

**427 Vacancies for Parish Councillors**

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

**428 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.

**429 Previous Minutes:**

429.1 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> October 2022 meeting. Proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Harker.

**430. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

430.1 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 5% 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.

Parking in the village. These will be dealt with under agenda item 9 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.

**430.2 Playground progress.**

There is nothing further to report about the playground

**431 Financial**

**431.1 2021/22 budget monitoring & current financial position**

The Clerk presented the financial statement for 2022-2023.

**431.2 The precept 2023-24**

After considerable discussion and a vote (the result of which was unanimous) it was agreed to increase the precept by 10% and the new overall figure of £10,632.93 will be conveyed to DBC.

**431.3 The Christmas Tree is to be delivered during the last week of November.**

It was agreed that refreshments will be served in the Village Hall on the night of 15<sup>th</sup> December after the carols around the Christmas tree.

**431.4 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

**431.5 We have received two invoices from AWG for the works on the Village Green others will follow. It was agreed that the chairman would check the invoices and these will be brought to the next meeting.**

**431.6 Petty Cash Payments**

The clerk claims travel expenses from 28<sup>th</sup> October of £43.07 and Cllr Latham claimed £46.25 for plants for the Village Green.

These were all agreed, proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Harker.

**432 Planning Applications:**

**432.1 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.

**432.2. 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.

**432.3 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.

This was passed by DBC and we understand it was also passed by Stockton Borough Council.

The Chairman reported on the solar farm developments, and the activities of the action group.

#### **434 Village Green**

##### **434.1 Village Green work undertaken by resident.**

After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed to ask the residents to attend the Parish council meeting in January.

##### **434.2 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. We have had a quotation of 20 days at £680 per day being a total of £13600 +VAT.

##### **435.2 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.

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

##### **434.1 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.

##### **434.2 Matters that require follow up – road signs and other issues :-**

Double yellow lines. The Chairman will reply to Cllr Jones about the double yellow lines:- Dangerous Parking on Junction of Church View with High Street due to visitors to Talbot PH. Safety concerns raised. The Chairman will query resident access behind the proposed yellow lines.

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 again about the above matters.

#### **436 Date of Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting will be discussed but it is unlikely that we will meeting December and therefore the next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:47 pm.

Signed: Chairperson:



Date

11/1/23.