

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7:00pm.

Present: N Melaney (Chairman), Cllr P. Watson, Cllr: G. Preston, Cllr D Latham, Cllr S. Harker, Ward Councillor B Jones, Ward Councillor Deborah Laing, L Foggett [Parish Clerk], Councillor Jonathan Dulston
Leader of DBC

470 Apologies for Absence: There were none

471 Public Participation Ms Maria Dalling, Mr David Dalling, Mr Peter Wood

471.1 Councillor Dulston spoke at length about the support that DBC can be to rural communities. He was informed of the concern over not only highways issues but also the impending solar farm developments and he also was keen for the Parish/community to make use of the mobile CCTV which is available to target any problem areas. There were some questions of Cllr Dulston about highways and re-surfacing.

Councillor Dulston was made aware of the solar farm developments and he agreed to attend the solar farm action group meeting on the 24th April. He will research the matter in detail.

471.2 Mr Peter Wood spoke to the Parish Council and asked if he on behalf of the Action group for permission to place notices throughout the village green about the development of the solar farms. The Parish Council were happy to grant permission providing that the signs were at least 1 metre back from the highway through the village.

Councillor Dulston left the meeting at 19:54

472 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

472.1 The 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors continue but we will see what the forthcoming election brings.

473 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

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

474 Previous Minutes:

474.1 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 8th March 2023 meeting. Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Preston.

475. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

475.1 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. The monitor on Mill Lane showed less than 40 vehicles exceeding the speed limit out of a number 4528 vehicles passing one month the speed monitor on the High St is still showing vehicle speeds less than 2% over the speed limit of 30mph. There are over 13000 vehicles incoming to the village over the period of a month and we recorded 76 vehicles at over 40mph. Outgoing vehicles in excess 30000, 526 were recorded at more than 40mph.



The clerk reported that the speed monitor at the west end of the village has been taken down and sent for repair repaired locally.
There was no report from speedwatch.

Parking in the village. These will be dealt with under agenda item 9.2 of the agenda .

476 Financial

476.1 Budget monitoring & current financial position

The Clerk presented the final financial statement for 2022-2023.

The figures are at present being prepared for audit as part of the AGAR process

The Clerk indicated the starting position for 2023/24. We have received the precept from Darlington Borough Council.

476.2 The AGAR process for 2022/23 has begun

476.3 We have had a quotation for repair of the Traffic monitor on The Green of £354 plus carriage.

The meeting agreed to this cost proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Harker, The Council ordered the clerk to go ahead and authorise the repair.

476.4 We have had an invoice for our membership of the Cleveland Asociation of local councils which includes our subscription to NALC the cost is £102.02. This was agreed proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

476.5 Petty Cash Payments

The clerk presented invoices to evaluate repair of the traffic monitor of £63.90 proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr Harker and Travel expenses of £61.36 These were approved, proposed by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr Harker.

There are no other petty cash transactions. The Clerk was ordered to top up the petty cash by a sum of £200.

477 Planning Applications:

477.1 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.

477.2. Planning Application 22/00447/FU LChange 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.

477.3 The Chairman reported on the solar farm developments, and the activities of the action group. There was a considerable amount of discussion about the proposals not least about the number of proposed schemes which now number 13 applications and not 11 as before. The Chairman reported that BM has been taken over by RW E The next meeting is on 24th April. A further meeting is scheduled for 10th May.

477.4 Planning Application 23/00271/FU LDemolition of existing barn and erection of replacement barn for equine use , 9 The Green Bishopton. The council returned a no comment.

478 Village Green

478.1 Village Green trees survey update

The work is complete and we will take advice on other work that needs to be completed.

478.2 Damage to the Village Green and repair quotations

A meeting will be sought between the chairman and AWG to discuss outstanding works. At the same time the matter discussed in front of the houses on High St.

We have had quotations from AWG and will confer with the residents of High St.

479 Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

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

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

Safety concerns raised. The double yellow lines will be installed but we are unable to ascertain when

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

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

Cllr Preston has tabled a document outlining the details of road signage that needs looking at.

479.2 Dog fouling notices.

The council agreed to trial temporary notices about dog fouling around the village green.

479.3 The King's Coronation


The Council agreed to support any celebrations that were organised in and around the Village Hall.

480 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the Parish AGM at 7:00pm on Thursday 11th May 2023 in the Village Hall.

This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly at 6:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

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