

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7:00 pm.

582. Attendance

Present: Cllrs: N. Melaney (Chair), G. Preston, D Latham, P. Watson

In Attendance: S. Rose [Parish Clerk & Minutes]

583. Chair's Welcome

Cllr. Melaney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

584. Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

585. Vacancies for Parish Councillors: No nominees were proposed for the 3 current vacancies

586. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

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

587. Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and were duly signed by the Cllr. Melaney as a true record of the meeting of 13th December 2023. Proposed by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Latham.

588. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- 588.1** A comprehensive report on the poor quality of road markings in the parish and compiled by Cllr, Watson had been submitted to Darlington Borough Council. A reply from a senior officer had been received who indicated it would be used to inform the schedule of works in the area. Parish Clerk to follow-up with enquiries on progress;
- 588.2** Parking on the Green: it was reported that Darlington Borough Council had issued parking tickets around The Green which, it is hoped, would help ameliorate parking and access problems. The Parish Clerk was asked to enquire about the planning status of the pods in The Talbot Car Park which are taking up spaces for cars – report to next meeting.

589. Finance

- 589.1** 2023/24 Budget monitoring & current financial position: Finance summary and budget update accepted as reconciled figures and accurate balances;
- 589.2** Petty Cash Payments: No new Petty Cash were made;
- 589.3** Banking arrangements: Clerk reported that signatory change had still not been completed. Neither has the online banking services and statements.

590. Planning Applications

- 590.1** No. 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 AWAITING DECISION – Parish Council have already responded;



- 590.2 No. 22/00447/FUL Change of use of agricultural fields to glamping site on Land West Of Outhouse Farm Bishopton Lodge Glamping Redmarshall Road Bishopton. AWAITING DECISION – Parish Council have already responded
- 590.3 No.23/01212/TFC: Notification to carry out works to a tree in a designated conservation Area a.Felling of 1 no. tree on land To The South West Of West End The Green Bishopton Stockton-on-Tees TS21 1HE. AWAITING DECISION. No objection from Parish Councillors;
- 590.4 No: 24/00010/TFC Notification to carry out tree works in a designated Conservation Area - prune back overhanging branches to 4 trees, West End The Green Bishopton Stockton-on-Tees TS21 1HE AWAITING DECISION. No objection from Parish Councillors.

591. Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:

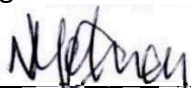
- 591.1 Proposals for Byers Gill Solar Farm: Plans have been submitted and Darlington Borough Council has details posted on website. Parish Clerk asked to follow-up on when a copy of the application will be received from developers who had contacted him;
- 591.2 Traffic: traffic monitoring report was circulated with no further comment;
- 591.3 Website: Clerk received training in using and developing the website;
- 591.4 Graham Hall, Head of Enforcement at Darlington Borough Council: attended a briefing session with Parish and Ward Councillors on 5th February. Was accompanied by Enforcement Officer Scott Richardson. Information given about services and reporting mechanisms available at the local authority should they be needed. Agreed that a full list of contacts will be circulated.
- 591.5 Christmas arrangements: All felt the celebrations went very well with more attending than in previous years. Special thanks to Peter Wood & Peter Robson plus a number of volunteers for undertaking the setting up and removal of the Christmas Tree. Thanks were also recorded for Cllr. Debbie Latham and her team in providing refreshments;
- 591.6 Paris Newsletter: the new invoice received was for £250 and seemed very high to Councillors. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Parish News and discuss options.
- 591.7 Welcome Pack: The Chairman and Clerk will work on this based on material that has been found.

592. Village Green

- 592.1 Use of fireworks: reported to Darlington Borough Council who are investigating the incident
- 592.2 Replacement of tree: to be discussed with Councillor Pease

593. Date of Next Meeting: 6:00pm on Wednesday 13th March 2024 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed: 

 Chairman Councillor Norman Melaney

Date: 13.03.2024