

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6:00 pm.**

**582. Attendance**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Deborah Laing (Darlington BC), 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 143th February 2024. Proposed by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Latham.

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

**588.1** Planning permission for tree felling and pruning: the Clerk reported that all incidences of felling and pruning had received planning permission under statutory powers of Borough Council Officers.

**588.2** Liaison with Darlington Borough Council: a good dialogue with Enforcement Team had been established and thanks were extended to those in that team as well as those in Planning and Licensing who were now in contact with the Parish Council when issues arise. There were still frustration that Highways were not as communicative.

**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** 2024/25 Budget: a lengthy discussion was held over what was wanted and the Clerk will redraft the budget as a result.

**589.3** Petty Cash Payments: No new Petty Cash were made;

**589.4** 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** Refuse seen at The Talbot and vomit on the pavement – Clerk to write to The Talbot
- 591.2** CCTV: It was noted that CCTV cameras had been installed at The Talbot so it is hoped that these can be used to establish wrongdoing in that vicinity;
- 591.3** Debrillators: Training will be conducted at no cost by Gary Blenkinsopp a trained volunteer from Darlington Rotary Club.
- 591.4** Traffic: traffic monitoring report was circulated with no further comment;
- 591.5** Traffic Incidents: Still awaiting detailed response from Darlington Borough Council following submission of Traffic Report compiled by Cllr. Watson. Clerk has written to them and is awaiting response.
- 591.6** Website: No new comments or complaints to report;
- 591.7** Parish Newsletter: it was decided to keep our contribution at half a page with extra space purchased as needed. Clerk will find out cost;
- 591.8** Parish Noticeboard – the Clerk will repair the current Board’s clip;
- 591.9** Estate Agent Board on Village Green – Clerk to contact Nick Carver to move the board;
- 591.10** Welcome Pack: The Chairman and Clerk will work on this and circulate a draft version by the end of April.

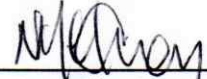
**592. Village Green**

- 592.1** Replacement of tree: to be discussed with Councillor Pease and Brian Graham (DBC)

**593. Date of Next Meeting:** 6:00pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 024 in the Village Hall.

**Future Meetings: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm; June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed:   
Chairman Councillor Norman Melaney

Date: 10.042024