



Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 6.00pm in Bishopton Village Hall

- 605. Attendance:** Cllrs. N. Melaney (Chair), D. Latham, G. Preston, P. Walton
Also attending: S. Rose (Clerk & Minutes)
Apologies: DBC Cllrs. D. Laing, Y. Renton & C. Pease
- 606. Welcome from the Chairman:** Cllr. Melaney welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it preceded the Annual General Meeting in order to confirm the Village Green Policy recommended changes being proposed.
- 607. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Preston declared his personal interest in any issues involving Mill Lane.
- 608. Vacancies for Councillors:** there remains three vacancies with no nominations having been received.
- 609. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th April 2024:** these were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr. Watson.
- 610. Matters Arising from the minutes:**
610.1. See Action Log below
- 611. Annual General Meeting**
611.1. Agenda – meeting agenda agreed
611.2. Village Green Policy: lengthy discussion resulted in the Council agreeing to report progress to the Annual General Meeting around updating the policy. The level of new detail required meant that further discussions and audits would need to take place and dates were agreed to go through the detail in order to produce a thorough policy including up-to-date maps.
- 612. Budget Monitoring**
612.1. Cllrs. Queried what the Parish Council Insurance Policy includes – SR will report back to the next meeting.
The report was accepted with no further questions
600.2 There were no petty cash payments to approve
- 613. Planning Applications awaiting decisions:**
613.1. No. 21/01086/FUL – no decision taken but is due to be presented to the DBC Planning Committee on May 10th – Parish Council to make representations about widespread concerns that these lodges will become permanent residences. Action on all to write to DBC and attend Planning Committee;
613.2. No. 22/0447/FUL – awaiting decision, no action.

614. Matters Raised by Councillors and Clerk

614.1. Residents' Complaints: None

614.2. Defibrillators & Training: new defibrillator to be installed – Cllr Melaney and SR to liaise with suppliers and DBC. Training to be organised by SR when dates can be identified.

614.3. Traffic Monitoring: nothing outstanding to report

614.4. Traffic Incidents: DBC's Phil Ibbertson has not replied to SR about action on the White Lines. Cllr. P. Watson to write again.

614.5. Village Welcome Pack – SR to draft details and circulate by the end of April

615. Village Green

615.1. Planned works approved subject to changes to Village Green Policy at the AGM

616. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th June at 7.00pm

Actions

599.1 Resolve issue of payment for replacement tree – SR: Cllr. **Pease arranged payment by TVCA. S. Wall to install at little or low cost.**

599.2 Clarify planning status of the pods in The Talbot with Darlington Borough Council – SR: **Retrospective planning permission for pods reported but not on the DBC Planning website. No reply to enquiry**

600.1 Explain details of insurance cover – SR: **2024/25 Premium Paid – summary of cover circulated 11.06.24**

601.1 Write to DBC Planning re: Holiday Lodges – all: **Delayed at Planning Committee**

602.2 New defibrillator installed – NM : **Completed 08.05.24**

602.2 Training in CPR & Defibrillator – SR: **Awaiting suggested dates**

602.4 Cllr. Watson and SR to liaise over contacting P. Ibbertson: **Cllr. Watson in direct contact with DBC – update at meeting**

602.5 Welcome Pack – SR : **Awaiting updated Village Green Policy then circulate pack to Council**

611.2 Village Green Policy and Maps to be updated – all: **meeting held on 23rd May to start process. Agreed date for walk round inspection – this cancelled and now reconvened for 18.06.24.**

614.3 Traffic Reports appended to minutes