

Bishopton Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 6.00pm in Bishopton Village Hall

- 594. Attendance:** Cllrs. N. Melaney (Chair), G. Preston, P. Walton
Also attending: DBC Cllr. D. Laing, S. Rose (Clerk & Minutes)
Apologies: Cllr. D. Latham, DBC Cllr. Y. Renton, DBC Cllr. C. Pease
- 595. Welcome from the Chairman:** Cllr. Melaney welcomed everyone to the meeting and wanted to record congratulation to Cllr. Yvonne Renton on the birth of her child. Congratulations were also recorded for Cllr. Melaney on becoming a grandfather.
- 596. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Preston declared his personal interest in any issues involving Mill Lane.
- 597. Vacancies for Councillors:** there remains three vacancies with no nominations having been received.
- 598. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2024:** these were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Preston and seconded by Cllr. Watson.
- 599. Matters Arising from the minutes:**
599.1. The ongoing issue of the tree that was removed was discussed at length. S. Wall has given a reasonable quote for replacement of the tree. SR to continue liaise with DBC Cllr. Pease about the cost of replacement.
599.2. The ongoing issue of the pods in The Talbot car park and associated planning consent had been raised with the Parish Council. SR has discussed this with Darlington Borough Council and it is hoped that some clarity can be given about the status of the pods.
- 600. Budget Monitoring**
600.1. 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
- 601. Planning Applications awaiting decisions:**
601.1. 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;
601.2. No. 22/0447/FUL – awaiting decision, no action.

602. Matters Raised by Councillors and Clerk

602.1. Residents' Complaints: None

602.2. 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.

602.3. Traffic Monitoring: nothing outstanding to report

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

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

603. Village Green

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

604. Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th May following the AGM

Actions

599.1 Resolve issue of payment for replacement tree – SR – report to next meeting

599.2 Clarify planning status of the pods in The Talbot with Darlington Borough Council – SR - report to next meeting

600.1 Explain details of insurance cover – SR - report to next meeting

601.1 Write to DBC Planning re: Holiday Lodges – all – see DBC website for details

602.2 New defibrillator installed – NM – Early May

602.2 Training in CPR & Defibrillator – SR – when dates identified

602.4 Cllr. Watson and SR to liaise over contacting P. Ibbertson re: White Lines

602.5 Welcome Pack – SR – to be drafted and circulated by the end of April