

BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of Bishopton Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th November 2024 in Bishopton Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Present: Parish Councillors Geoff Preston (Chair), Debbie Latham, Steve Wall
In attendance: Jamie Grant (The Environment Agency), DBC Councillor Deborah Laing, Steve Rose (Clerk)
Apologies: Parish Councillor Norman Melaney
2. Presentation and discussion on Flood Management by Jamie Grant from The Environment Agency (30 minutes) – items covered the responsibility of the Environment Agency to management of flooding along main water courses (rivers) and where houses are threatened with inundation. The responsibility for flooding and blocking of highways lies with the local authority and all issues should be taken up with them. A full discussion took place with issues raised but not resolved. A number of information leaflets and resources were distributed which will also be posted electronically on the website.
3. Public Participation: no requests received
4. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
 - 4.1. Cllr Preston – issues relating to Mill Lane
 - 4.2. Cllr Wall – issues relating to contracts for management of the Village Green
5. Resignations & Vacancies for Parish Councillors: 3 vacancies will be advertised in Christmas Newsletter
6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th October 2024 – approved as a true record
7. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda - none
8. Finance
 - 8.1. Financial statements for 2024/25 – these were presented with no queries
 - 8.2. Budget monitoring 2024-25 – no unexpected expenditure to report
 - Payment to SJ Wall of £240 for strimming and tidying Village Green approved proposed by DL, seconded GP
 - £250 approved for purchase of pump and stone sink - proposed by DL, seconded GP
 - 8.3. Petty Cash payments – none to report
9. Planning Applications: NO NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
Summary of applications awaiting decisions
 - 9.1. Land North Of North East Wake Park Bishopton: Change of use of land for the siting of 24 no. holiday lodges together with new access track and other associated infrastructure works;
 - 9.2. Land West Of Outhouse Farm Bishopton Lodge Glamping Redmarshall Road Bishopton;



- 9.3. Change of Use of car park to outdoor seating area (5. No pods) for a temporary period of 5 years and erection of fence to front of seating area (Retrospective) Talbot Hotel 47 - 49 The Green Bishopton STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 1HE;
- 9.4. Approval of details reserved by Condition 17 (archaeology mitigation) attached to planning permission Land South Of Gately Moor Reservoir Redmarshall Road BISHOPTON;
- 9.5. Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed development - erection of marquee or other moveable structures to east of public house Talbot Hotel 47 - 49 The Green Bishopton STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 1HE

10. Remembrance Sunday Review

- All aspects of the ceremony went well. Parish councillors would like to look into purchasing more decorative poppies and other items to decorate the Village Green. These will be costed and included in next year's budget.

11. Christmas Arrangements

- Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm
- Fishburn Brass Band booked - £100 cash to be paid on the night
- £150 approved for refreshments
- Clerk to liaise with Cllr Melaney over running of the Carol Singing

12. Christmas Newsletter

- Clerk to circulate draft once precept for 2025/26 has been proposed subject to approval at next meeting.

13. Matter raised by Residents other than Village Green issues

- A number of issues were raised by Cllr Wall and have been included for consideration in the management plans for the Village Green

14. Village Green Management

- 14.1. Village Green Policy – to be completed – mapping software and work undertaken to be requested from former Parish Councillor
- 14.2. Village Green Works: the following were discussed and would be included in the schedule of works being managed by Cllr Melaney – he will update the Parish Council at the next meeting as to progress
 - Works at No. 28
 - Gully outside No. 45
 - Stones on Village Green replaced by planters
 - Scaffolding at No. 8 High Street
 - Strimming of village
 - Tree pruning
 - Signage

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th December 2024, 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall