

## BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Bishopton Parish Council  
held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Bishopton Village Hall

### MINUTES

1. Present: Parish Councillors Norman Melaney (Chair), Geoff Preston, Debbie Latham, Steve Wall  
Apologies: DBC Councillor Deborah Laing  
In attendance: Steve Rose (Clerk), Graham Fisher (Resident and prospective Parish Councillor)
2. Public Participation: no requests received
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
  - 3.1. Cllr Preston – issues relating to Mill Lane
  - 3.2. Cllr Wall – issues relating to contracting works to Village Green
4. Resignation & Vacancies for Parish Councillors: it was unanimously agreed to invite Graham Fisher, local resident, to become a Parish Councillor.
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were agreed
6. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda:
  - 6.1 SR to order new Defibrillator pads
  - 6.2 SR confirmed he had spoken to Phil Watson about mapping software who confirmed he had passed all he had to the Chair
  - 6.3 SR has confirmed that the Environment Agency is not responsible for road gullies – they are communicating directly with residents.
7. Finance
  - 7.1. Financial statements for 2024/25 – circulated and agreed
  - 7.2. Budget monitoring 2024-25  
Payment to Bishopton Villages Action Group - £500 agreed – proposed by GP and seconded by DL
  - 7.3. Petty Cash payments - none
8. Planning Applications:  
A summary of applications awaiting decisions was circulated with no additions to previous comments.
9. Christmas Celebration Review
  - 9.1. 67 people attended and all agreed it had been a successful event.
  - 9.2. Debbie Latham was thanked and congratulated on her organisation and delivery of the refreshments
  - 9.3. The Chair asked that the Parish Clerk's skills as an MC should be noted with thanks
  - 9.4. Date next year will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Tree
10. Newsletters



- Christmas newsletter – well received
- Next newsletter: March 2025. Focus on Village Green Policy
- and Welcome new Residents

11. Letter received concerning access to a West End property the Chair will organise a site visit and report back

12. Byers Gill Solar Farm Update – consultation now closed. NM attended and did consultation work. Thanks Norman and BVAG.

13. Land Opposite The Children's Playground On Cobby Castle Lane – planning app for 9 houses changed to 5 exec houses but on landfill and quarry site. Clerk asked to investigate possibility of land purchase.

14. Matters raised by Residents other than Village Green issues:

- Nos 9 & 11 – Mrs O'Sullivan can't get out of gateway – write to Nos. 9 & 11. SR draft letter to odd numbers on The Green
- The Talbot – rubbish outside – letter to Talbot – the Manager
- Wagon in Mill Lane – been prosecuted

15. Village Green Management

- 15.1. Village Green Policy – circulated and will be loaded onto website – draft for approval at next meeting
- 15.2. Village Green Works: Contractor for all works including hole on Village Green – 4 quotes – one for all works 2-10, no. 28
- 15.3. No 45 Mr & Mrs Hughes – SR to write to conclude the issues
- 15.4. No 25 Gate installed – can't open outwards and need to obtain approval from neighbours

16. There was no other business

17. Date of next meeting to be agreed 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 7.00pm

End 20:50