

BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Bishopton Parish Council
that took place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th February 2025 in Bishopton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Parish Councillors: Norman Melaney (Chair), Geoff Preston, Graham Fisher, Debbie Latham, Stephen Wall

In attendance: DBC Councillors Deborah Laing; Steve Rose (Parish Clerk)

Pre Meeting: Cllr. Norman Melaney presented the updated map of The Green with relevant information to ensure the Village Green Policy can be managed. This was followed by the formal meeting

1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence
No apologies received
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: no formal applications for two vacancies
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of January 2025
Corrections to the minutes have been made and published.
6. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda:
 - SR to research purchase of land and report back
7. Finance
 - 7.1. Financial statements for 2024/25
 - 7.2. Payments: Les Foggett for work on Village Hall WiFi - £110 AGREED Proposed by DL
Seconded by GP
 - 7.3. Petty Cash payments – agreed budget for printing of March Newsletter £80
8. Planning Applications:
Summary of new applications awaiting decisions
 - 8.1 Notification to carry out works to trees in a designated Conservation Area - as per supporting information including felling of various trees
Brookside Farm 18 The Green Bishopton STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 1HF
Ref. No: 25/00092/TFC - NO OBJECTIONS
9. March Newsletter:
Discussion on draft circulated included:
 - Use another picture – SR to find copyright free pictures. SW to provide more from his personal collection;
 - A short history article from SW to be added;



- Add link for Village Green Policy
- Reword end of Village Green to include “Apply common sense and pragmatism”;
- Village Hall Coffee Mornings – times: 9.30 - 12.00
- Need dates for Village Sweep Up
- Councillor Stephen Wall’s name needs amending;
- Deadline for copy 28/2
- Print by 10/3
- Distribute after next meeting on 12/3

10. Matters raised by Residents other than Village Green issues

- Lindley McMahon asked about progress with invasive species – SW to further investigate as he thought they had been removed and will report back to next meeting;
- Penelope West asked about items removed from property – DL has had a discussion;
- Sandra Elliott request for scaffolding – SR has been in touch and issue resolved;
- NM reported on a request to install a flagpole on the church – he has previously investigated this and it was very expensive as the whole tower had to be strengthened. Will report back on options.

11. Village Green Management

- 11.1. Village Green Policy nearly complete – maps now complete. Should be published by 31/3. Formal thanks given to NM for all his work on the Policy.
- 11.2. Village Green Works: NM & SR hoping to issue purchase orders for all works by the end of 31/3

12. Any other business

13. Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th March 2025, 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall