

BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Bishopton Parish Council

Which took place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025 in Bishopton Village Hall

MINUTES

1. Present: Parish Councillors Norman Melaney (Chair), Graham Fisher, Debbie Latham, Geoff Preston, Stephen Wall
In attendance: DBC Councillor Steve Rose (Clerk)
2. Welcome: The Chairman, Cllr. Melaney welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked Cllr. Latham for making coffee for everyone.
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 contracting works to Village Green
 - 4.3. Cllr Melaney – issues relating to the Village Hall
5. Resignation & Vacancies for Parish Councillors: none to report
6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19th February 2024
7. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda:
 - Purchase of Land by playground – an advisory meeting with former DBC Head of Planning, John Anderson, will be arranged by the Clerk. Unfortunately he is on an extended holiday so may not take place before Easter;
 - Invasive species – Cllr Wall reported that these have now all been removed and reported to the resident who raised the issue;
 - Coal Bank barrier – the Clerk will write to DBC Officer Paul Ibbertson about progress with making the Bank safe;
 - Stones on The Green: a resident had asked that these be removed. It was agreed that they would be made more prominent by painting them white which NM will arrange with Glyn Bass.
8. Finance
 - 8.1. Financial statements for 2024/25: circulated with no comments or queries
 - 8.2. Payments: £62.50 Marford Litho for printing of Newsletter; Les Foggett £110 for support with WiFi; Village Hall - £500 towards Kitchen renovation all approved proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Councillor Fisher
 - 8.3. Petty Cash payments: none to report
9. Planning Applications:
No new applications in Bishopton Parish awaiting decisions
10. March Newsletter: Cllr Melaney distributed copies for delivery



11. VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration

It was agreed that the following budget would be approved:

VE Day 10 Lamppost signs £50 NM GF;

4 x Bunting £40;

Café – £150 – propose opening from 10:00 – 14:00 on Friday 9th May;

Also a Fancy Dress Competition would be arranged when the Café is open

12. Matters raised by Residents other than Village Green issues

- Triathlon 3rd August from North East Wake Park – the Clerk asked to find out exactly what is being asked;
- Mrs. Sarah Simpson has asked what is happening with the trees outside the Old School update – Alex Watson has been contracted and will give a time for completion;
- Village Clean Up – Cllr Latham to organise; Peter Wood has offered bags; Cllr Wall will dispose of the full bags and supply bulk sacks
- Reports that dog fouling increased – the Clerk will alert the Dog Warden
- The Talbot – The Clerk will write to the Manager to remove rubbish on The Green

13. Village Green Management

13.1. Village Green Policy: Cllr Preston produced detailed maps for which he was thanked. All information is now compiled and can be published

13.2. Village Green Works: Cllr Melaney is getting all the quotations for works and hopes that Purchase Orders can be made in next 7-10 days

14. Any other business:

14.1 Cllr Laing was thanked for organising the roadsweeper although this has highlighted the need to renew the yellow lines

14.2 SRE Road signs in Mill Lane near West House Farm entrance need replacing – The Clerk will include this in letter to Highways

14.3 Replica Village Green Pump has installed - many thanks to Cllr Wall. It was agreed to produce an Interpretation Board – Cllrs Melaney and Wall will get wording to the Clerk

15. Date of next meeting Wednesday 9th April 2025, 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall