

## BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bishopton Parish Council which took place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in Bishopton Village Hall



### MINUTES

1. Present: Parish Councillors Geoff Preston (Chair of meeting), Graham Fisher, Stephen Wall, Norman Melaney (by Zoom)  
In attendance: Steve Rose (Clerk), DBC Councillor Deborah Laing  
Apologies: Parish Councillor Debbie Latham
2. Items of Public Participation requested: time allocation of 3 minutes is usually allowed for presentations. None received
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
  - Cllr Preston – issues relating to Mill Lane
  - Cllr Wall – issues relating to contracting works to Village Green
  - Cllr Melaney – issues relating to Bishopton Village Hall
4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – these were amended to correct “Redmarshall” to “East & West Newbiggin” and will be signed by Geoff Preston then posted
5. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda
  - Playground maintenance – report on progress - Cllr Melaney reported that installation would take place on January 6<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked AWG for making some repairs at no extra cost
  - Speedwatch and Public Meeting – this to be arranged in the new year.
  - Clerk training on Village Green Policy – full training has not been completed. Initial discussions seemed to show that the Parish Council has responsibility for maintaining the footprint of the Village Green but there is no stipulation as to how this will be funded. It seems that The Parish Council can decide locally on the policy and practice of funding Village Green maintenance.
6. Finance
  - Precept 2026-27 – agreed to be increased by 3.1% to £11,400
  - Finance 2025-26 – paper circulated with information – no questions
  - Payments: none to approve
  - Petty Cash payments: none to approve
7. Current Planning Applications all Awaiting Decision:
  - **25/00889/FUL:** Change of Use of car park to outdoor seating area including 5. No pods (Retrospective) (Amended description) – letter circulated to Parish Councillors and sent 03/12/25 – now included on DBC Planning Portal
8. Crime – PCSO Thomas Caygill not available for this meeting – will try again in new year to invite him to a future meeting
9. Christmas – all elements in hand:
  - Fishburn Band increased fee to £120 which has been included in grant request
  - Cllr Latham has chosen Carols to be sung
  - Cllr Latham and husband Peter have refreshments in hand
10. Newsletter – content agreed and distribution to take place over next couple of days.

11. Any other matters raised by residents to Clerk or Councillors - none

12. Village Green Management – nothing further to report

13. Any other business - none

14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall

