

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 July 2014 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Cossey
Councillor J Harper
Councillor G Harris
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot (Paras 93.6 to 104.1)
Councillor V Parkinson-MacLachlan
Councillor V Snook
Councillor S Toher

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Session

P/Sgt Carr and one member of the public were present. Sgt Carr reported on the low crime levels in the Parish detailing a recent incident of anti-social behaviour where the culprits were known and would undergo some restorative justice, two cases of theft and one burglary. He emphasised the need for householders with uPVC doors to ensure they were locked from the inside as this type of door did not lock in position when closed. He also invited all present to attend the PACT meeting in the BCA on Thursday 31 July at 7.30pm designed to bring the Police and public together.

92. Apologies for absence

92.1 Cllr Thornton; Cllrs Lyon, Roling and Thomas not present.

93. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

93.1 Cllr Winstanley had e-mailed the councillor training dates she had organised with HALC. These would be in January 2015 at the Civic Centre and all Members were requested to confirm their attendance or otherwise to the Clerk by 15 August 2014.

Action: Councillors

93.2 Cllr Winstanley also drew Members' attention and commended the policy of our grounds maintenance contractor, Green Smile Ltd, whereby young people from the community were employed under his apprentice scheme. Currently, there were three young apprentices with a fourth soon to be taken on.

93.3 Cllr Toher commented on the homeless person living in Stoke Park Woods and that the Police were aware. She also commented on the difficulties posed to other road users by employers' vehicles being used and left by employees on the public roads outside their homes especially during holiday periods and whilst recognising this was not an illegal practice requested that employers be approached to confirm their policy on this.

Action: Clerk

93.4 Cllr Snook commented on the increase in cars being parked on grass verges and the complaints he was receiving. In such cases, the individuals concerned should be encouraged to contact EBC Parking Services via the main switchboard on 02380 688000 to complain.

93.5 Cllr Harper said how pleasing it was to see the increase in roach and chub in the river.

Cllr Mignot arrived at this point

93.6 Cllr McKeone suggested it would be beneficial to lay a hard surface at the upper Glebe Meadow entrance from Church Road. This would be considered at the September F&GP Committee meeting.

Action: Clerk

93.7 Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan queried if any action was possible to reduce the incidence of speeding motorists along Hamilton Road, in particular. This would be referred to EBC.

93.8 Cllr Brown raised the problems for motorists at the Itchen Avenue/Beaver Drive junction where he thought there was a need for some yellow lines to protect drivers' lines of sight when traversing; this particular area was currently being reviewed.

94. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 June 2014

94.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Mignot and Parkinson-MacLachlan abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2014 be accepted as a true record.

95. Matters Arising

95.1 Para 80.7 EBC's initial reaction to the request to remove the damaged street sign at the Spring Lane entrance to Hamilton Road was to state it was not their responsibility given the sign was affixed to private property. However, Members expressed concern at liability should the sign fall and cause injury and the Clerk would follow up.

Action: Clerk

95.2 Para 86.4 Members noted the Eastleigh MELA had been extremely successful.

96. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

96.1 Cllrs McKeone and Parkinson-MacLachlan declared interests in the grant to the Methodist Church.

97. Correspondence

97.1 None received requiring further action.

98. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 24 June and 8 July 2014 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

98.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 24 June and 8 July 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

98.2 Proposed Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 24 June and 8 July 2014 be received and accepted.

98.3 Cllr Snook reported Members' concern at the lack of response from EBC to points raised either as part of the comments on a planning application or separately therefrom. The Clerk would raise these concerns with Head of Planning.

Action: Clerk

99. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 8 July 2014 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

99.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 8 July 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

99.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 8 July 2014 be received and accepted.

99.3 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs McKeone and Parkinson-MacLachlan abstaining (Code of Conduct interest) that the recommendation to grant £500 to the Methodist Church to help meet the cost of replacing the windows be approved.

100. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the June 2014 Statement of Account

100.1 A Statement of Account and Payments Schedule for June 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

100.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments for June 2014 be authorised as per the tabled Statement of Account.

101. To receive reports from County, Borough and Parish Councillors

101.1 Cllr McKeone reported on a climate change seminar she had attended and that a community safety meeting had been cancelled because of the improvements in community safety and reduction in low level crime making this meeting un-necessary.

101.2 Cllr Cossey reported on an EBC trial whereby special worms would be placed in some green dog waste bins to consume the waste matter.

101.3 Cllr Brown reported in general terms on planning progress for the Carnival stating that the Duck Race had to be cancelled for this year because the Toby Carvery was unable to host the event due to a private function and the accounts of the defunct Carnival Group were about to be audited prior to transfer to the Council. The first Carnival Quiz Night had been a great success and the Carnival programme would go to the printers on 10 August following which volunteers would be required to deliver copies to all households at the end of August. Finally, a Carnival Senior Princess and two Junior Princesses had been chosen from a talented field of applicants. Cllr Brown acknowledged with thanks the sheer quantity of work undertaken by those members of the newly formed Carnival Working Group and its secretary in what was the first year the Parish Council had assumed responsibility for the event.

101.4 Cllr Toher confirmed a contract had been let by the Memorial Hall committee to replace the fire doors at the side of the building.

101.5 Cllr Harris reported on changes to flight paths for aircraft using Farnborough which would result in an increase in aircraft overflying Winchester; this was unlikely to affect Bishopstoke. He also stated that the BCA was looking to recruit a caretaker/cleaner to improve the general maintenance of the building.

101.6 Cllr Winstanley had attended a Hampshire Partnership meeting on behalf of HALC.

102. Clerk's Monthly Report

102.1 The Clerk confirmed the EBC Local Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State and information on the location and dates for the public hearings would be posted on the EBC website when known.

102.2 The Clerk had attended the monthly meeting of the Local Action Group at which neighbourhood policing was discussed, the increases in beat surgeries and cycle marking and the Park Sport summer holiday facilities which would soon be advertised.

102.3 The Clerk had also attended the YZone management committee meeting at which the finances of the YZone were reviewed and note taken of the increases in hiring income from external organisations which placed the Facility on a sounder financial footing than originally budgeted for.

103. July 2014 press release

103.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the grant awarded, the on-going need for more volunteers to help with the Carnival, Carnival Quiz dates the need for Community Speedwatch

volunteers.

Action: Clerk

104 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

104.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23 September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke. *(No meeting in August)*

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm.