

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Cossey
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor J Harper
Councillor G Harris
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor A Roling
Councillor V Snook
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor S Toher

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)
Mrs C Taylor (Assistant Clerk)

Public Session

One member of the public was present.

59. Election of Chairman

59.1 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Mignot, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs McKeone and Toher abstaining that Cllr Winstanley be elected Chairman for the year 2012-13.

60. Election of Vice-Chairman

60.1 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Harper, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs McKeone and Toher abstaining that Cllr Roling be elected to Vice-Chairman for the year 2012-13.

61. Apologies for absence

61.1 None.

62. Appointment of Members to Committees

62.1 The following appointments to committees were approved:

Finance and General Purposes Committee – Cllrs Toher, Roling, Cossey, Lyon, Hansell, Winstanley and Thornton

Planning Committee – Cllrs McKeone, Snook, Brown and Harris

63. Appointments of Members to working groups and external panel membership

63.1 The following appointments to working groups and external panels were approved:

Newsletter Working Group – Cllrs Winstanley, McKeone and others as required
Website Working Group - Cllrs Winstanley, Lyon and others as required
Borough Council/Local Council Planning Focus Group – Planning Committee and the Clerk
Eastleigh Association of Parish and Town Councils – Cllrs Winstanley and Roling
Bishopstoke Memorial Hall Management Committee – Cllr Lyon
Bishopstoke Community Association – Cllr Harris
BPC/LAC Liaison – Cllrs Winstanley and Roling and the Clerk
Carnival Group – Cllr Harper

Highways and transport – Cllr McKeone and others as required
Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Harris with Cllr Snook as deputy and Cllr Toher as second deputy
Travel token working group – Cllrs Toher, McKeone, Lyon and Thornton
Bishopstoke Parochial Charities - tbc

64. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

- 64.1 Cllr Thornton advised that pupil premiums for the Junior School had been set at £32,600, the Infants School at £21,000 and Wyvern at £85,500 and Cllr Thomas commented on the problems suffered by many families relating to the allocation of school places for the Autumn term particularly those with 4 year olds. He asked that Members encouraged those families with problems to contact himself or Cllr Roling accordingly.

Action: All

- 64.2 Cllr Thomas also encouraged Members to review the application from Sainsburys to further development their store in Eastleigh town centre and the likely impact of that development on car and bus travel through Bishopstoke.

Action: All

65. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 April 2012

- 65.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Roling, **RESOLVED** with new Members abstaining that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2012 be accepted as a true record.

66. Matters Arising

- 66.1 There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere in these minutes.

67. Declarations of Interest

- 67.1 None declared.

68. Correspondence

- 68.1 The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to correspondence received but no further action was thought necessary.

69. Report on Planning Committee Meeting of 24 April 2012 - to note Resolutions and to consider any Recommendations

- 69.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 April 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
69.2 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2012 be received and accepted.

70. Adoption of Financial Statements and Approval of Statement of Assurance

- 70.1 The examined Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
70.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Lyon abstaining that the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 be adopted, the Statement of Assurance be approved and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign accordingly.

71. Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2012-13

- 71.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Thornton, **RESOLVED** unanimously that Mr P Reynolds be re-appointed as the internal auditor for the year 2012-13.

72. To receive the RFO's report and approve payment of accounts

- 72.1 A Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers.
72.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

73. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended

- 73.1 Cllr Winstanley had attended a meeting of the Carnival Group and asked Members to note the Jubilee Lunch being organised jointly with St Mary's Church at the Church on Sunday 3 June 2012 starting at noon.
- 73.2 Cllr Toher had attended a Memorial Hall management committee meeting and was pleased to advise the Hall's finances were in a healthy state. She had also attended the monthly meeting with the LAC co-ordinator at which various matters of common interest had been discussed.
- 73.3 Cllr McKeone had attended the BCA's AGM and asked Members to note the Street Party planned in the car park for Saturday 9 June 2012 starting at 2.00pm.

74. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 74.1 The Clerk expressed his frustration at the last minute requirements by EBC, some of which he understood were due to European Union legislation, for surveys on bats, birds, wildlife and supporting structures in connection with the planning application to replace the Shears Mill tin shed with a modern brick-built structure which would enable the public to see the turbines and learn about their history and also markedly improve the Riverside corner which was the main entrance to the Bishopstoke conservation area. Pending the results of these surveys, the planning application had been placed on hold and this further delay could jeopardise the grant from the National Lottery. He requested those Members who were also Borough Councillors take whatever action they could to expedite the situation.

Action: Borough Councillors

- 74.2 The developer of the Whalesmead Road site had asked for suggested names for these properties and after some discussion it was determined that Collyer Mews (after the local man lost on the Titanic), Nine Elms Mews (recognising the influx of workers from the Nine Elms area of London with the growth of the railway works at Eastleigh) and Moody Court (previous site owners) should be submitted.

Action: Clerk

- 74.3 HCC was holding a Parish Engagement event on Friday 25 May 2012 in Winchester and the Chairman and Clerk would attend.
- 74.4 Changes in recent legislation and the abolition of the Standards Board for England had resulted in a recommendation that parish councils adopt the code of conduct drawn up by their Borough and the Clerk briefed that he would table this and any other amendments to Standing Orders at a later date.
- 74.5 HALC's training programme did not include a familiarisation course for new councillors until later in the year and efforts were in hand to organise such a course locally for newly elected Members in the near future

75. To consider content of the Press Release for May 2012

- 75.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the recent elections.

Action: Clerk

76. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 76.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business and before closing the Meeting at 9.20pm..