

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 October 2013 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor J Harper
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor A Roling
Councillor V Snook
Councillor S Toher

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

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

259. Apologies for absence

259.1 Cllrs Cossey, Hansell, Harris, Thomas and Thornton.

260. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

260.1 The Chairman reminded everyone of the forthcoming Armistice Day Services in the Parish at which she would be laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

260.2 Cllr Toher suggested it was timely to re-advertise the Community Speedwatch initiative and seek more volunteers for training.

260.3 Cllr McKeone expressed concern at the excavated earth dumped on the Church Road verges as work on the gas main continued but said the contractors had confirmed the ground would be reinstated in the near future.

261. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 September 2013

261.1 Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Harper, **RESOLVED** unanimously with minor amendment that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013 be accepted as a true record.

262. Matters Arising

262.1 Para 246.2 Allotment hut. Temporary repairs had been effected to the allotment storage hut with more permanent repairs planned in the near future.

262.2 Para 253.6 Use of parish office. EBC had confirmed that the Carnival Group could use the parish office as a meeting venue given the Parish Council's involvement with the event.

263. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

263.1 None declared or sought.

264. Correspondence

264.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to correspondence received; no further action was thought necessary.

265. Report on Planning Committee Meetings on 24 September and 8 October 2013 - to note Resolutions and to consider any Recommendations

265.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 24 September and 8 October 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

265.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 24 September and 8 October 2013 be received and accepted.

266. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 8 October 2013 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

266.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 8 October 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

266.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 8 October 2013 be received and accepted.

266.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendation to grant £1000 to The Friends of Bishopstoke Guiding to assist them in extending their security fence and the recommendation that participants in the travel token scheme be invited to reapply by the end of February each year and not January, be approved.

266.4 The Chairman also requested that Members 'like' the Council's Facebook page and encourage others to do likewise.

Action: All

267. To receive the RFO's report and approve the September 2013 payment of accounts

267.1 The RFO reported that a refund was likely from SSE when the electricity supply was connected to the parish office as some existing underground cables could be used which would reduce the costs of the work involved and that he was liaising with the Memorial Hall on jointly funding a new notice board for use by both organisations.

267.1 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the tabled schedule.

268. To receive reports from Councillors on external meetings attended

268.1 Cllr Harper reported that although some Carnival invoices were still outstanding the finances looked reasonably healthy despite the appalling weather.

268.2 Cllr Lyon had attended the HALC AGM with Cllr Toher and the Clerk and as a county councillor he had attended the recent FOHH Parish Council meeting.

268.3 Cllr Toher reported that the Memorial Hall was now booked each evening and the electrical upgrade was now in progress. She had also attended an Eastleigh Passenger Transport Forum meeting and gave subsidy figures for bus services in the Eastleigh area – HCC £531,000 and EBC £61,000pa. There were a number of taxishare and carshare services in operation with the Stoke Common carshare making 100 trips per year. An informal gathering of councillors, members of the public and Streetscene operatives had discussed a range of subjects including dog mess, street sign cleaning, young children playing 'chicken' on Alan Drayton Way and drug paraphernalia left in public open spaces. At the HALC AGM, Cllr Toher reported that the recently appointed Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Hayes, had given an interesting talk on his role and how he saw the future of policing. This was followed by a vote for a small increase the annual membership fees with a discount to councils sharing a clerk and some free training where the clerk was CiLCA qualified.

269. Clerk's Monthly Report

269.1 The Clerk reported that the Eastleigh Christmas lights would be switched on with a fete and parade on Saturday 23 November; that at the recent YZone management meeting it had been decided to encourage the youngsters to adopt a litter bin by allowing them to paint it in the hope it would encourage more to use it and there was encouragement given to setting up a youth council as part of the facility's management practice; the PCSO assigned to Bishopstoke would change temporarily from Dani Gomer to Rhys McCarthy; and that details of the proposed parking restrictions on Riverside and Church Road were now available.

270. October 2013 press release

270.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the grant awarded, Armistice Day Service and Facebook.

Action: Clerk

271. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

271.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.20pm.