

# **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 June 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 A Roling  
Councillor V Snook  
Councillor S Toher

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

### **Public Session**

One member of the public was present.

#### **77. Appointments to committees**

77.1 The following appointments to committees were approved-

Finance and General Purposes Committee - Cllrs Cossey, Harris, Lyon, Toher and Winstanley.

Planning Committee - Cllrs Brown, Harris, McKeone, Snook and Toher

#### **78. Appointments of Members to working groups and external panel/organisation membership**

78.1 The following appointments to working groups were approved -

Inter-active media working group – Cllrs Brown and Toher

Parish Council Newsletter – Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan

Carnival Group – as required

Travel token working group - Cllrs Brown, McKeone and Toher

78.2 The following appointments to external panels/organisations were approved –

EBC Road Safety and Passenger Transport Forum - Cllr McKeone

EDALC - Cllrs Winstanley and Harris

Bishopstoke Memorial Hall – Cllr Lyon

BPC/LAC liaison - Cllrs Winstanley and Harris

Airport Consultative Committee - Cllrs Harris (primary) and Snook (standby)

Bishopstoke Community Association – Cllr Harris

Twynams Charity - Cllr Brown

#### **79. Apologies for absence**

79.1 Cllrs Lyon, Parkinson-MacLachlan, Thomas and Thornton; Cllr Mignot not present.

#### **80. Councillors' Questions and Announcements**

80.1 Cllr Winstanley confirmed the first Carnival Quiz would be held in The Foresters on 16 July and the third in The Anglers on 27 August; dates for the others would be published soon.

*Cllr Roling arrived at this point*

80.2 Cllr Winstanley also confirmed that councillor training would take place after September probably on a Tuesday evening when the Parish Council was not meeting and she would e-mail confirmation of dates in the near future.

**Action: Cllr Winstanley**

80.3 Cllr Harris confirmed he had reported some potholes in the local area and in so doing had established that not all the holes were a Highways responsibility.

80.4 Cllr Roling commented on the options to be tabled later for reducing the speed limit along Alan Drayton Way and reflected local residents' wishes to reduce the whole length to 30mph. Cllr Brown stated there was an active group on Facebook supporting this reduction.

80.5 Cllr Cossey commented that the Fair Oak and Horton Heath Carnival would take place this coming Saturday and all noted that the Bishopstoke Carnival Court would be in attendance.

80.6 Cllr Snook commented on the state of the paths in Stoke Park Woods following the recent logging and adverse weather and noted that the Forestry Commission had been approached to take remedial action

80.7 Cllr Toher reported a damaged street sign in Hamilton Road.

**Action: Clerk**

## **81. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 May 2014**

81.1 Proposed Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr Harper, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Cossey abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2014 be accepted as a true record.

## **82. Matters Arising**

82.1 Para 63.3 Following withdrawal of funding by HCC for safety alarms and pull cords in housing association properties, the Clerk confirmed that he had approached those associations with properties in Bishopstoke and First Wessex had replied to say they were reviewing the help they could give; replies from Radian and Sovereign were awaited.

## **83. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

83.1 None declared or sought.

## **84. Correspondence**

84.1 None received requiring further action.

## **85. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 27 May and 10 June 2014 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations**

85.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 27 May and 10 June 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

85.2 Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 27 May and 10 June 2014 be received and accepted.

## **86. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 10 June 2014 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations**

86.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 10 June 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

- 86.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 10 June 2014 be received and accepted.
- 86.3 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendation to grant £500 to Street Pastors to help meet staff training costs and that a separate line entry be included in the budget hereafter be approved.
- 86.4 Following discussion at F&GP on the need for some clarification in support of the application for a grant from the organisers of the Eastleigh MELA, the Clerk had circulated their response to the points raised. Members thought it appropriate now to vote on the grant request and also to query further with the organisers why they had not approached other parish councils in the area.
- 86.5 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Harris and Toher abstaining that £500 be granted to the organisers of the Eastleigh MELA to help off-set the event costs.

**87. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the May 2014 Statement of Account**

- 87.1 A Statement of Account and Payments Schedule for May 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 87.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments for May 2014 be authorised as per the tabled Statement of Account.

**88. To receive reports from County, Borough and Parish Councillors**

- 88.1 Cllr Brown reported that the Infants School Headmistress would be leaving at the end of the Christmas term.
- 88.2 Cllr Winstanley reported that she had attended a recent HALC Board meeting; that the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner would make funding available to help set up more local Speedwatch groups and that we should use this offer to attract more volunteers; that she had attended the parish paths conference sponsored by HCC and that the meeting notes would be circulated for general information; that HALC had raised objections to the proposals to revise the Quality Parish scheme which if adopted would reduce the assessment process to little more than a 'tick box' exercise; that she had attended the Surrey Court extra care home tea party and the World War 1 Memorial Service in Winchester Cathedral.

**89. Clerk's Monthly Report**

- 89.1 The Clerk reported on the bird trapped in the trampoline at Otter Close, the nine people who rang in to report it, the successful efforts of the RSPCA to rescue it and the repair cost to the equipment of £263.
- 89.2 The Hampshire Police and Crime Panel had issued a rural crime scrutiny survey and the Clerk would co-ordinate the comments received from members into a reply.

**Action: Clerk**

- 89.3 Various minor works and repairs continued to the play equipment following the recent independent safety check and various tree works were in hand following surveys after storms earlier in the year.
- 89.4 The recently published HALC handbook was issued to all members present.
- 89.5 The Borough Council was seeking comment on proposals for reducing the speed limit along Alan Drayton Way offering two options – to reduce from 40mph to 30mph on Fair Oak Road from a point 50 metres east of Scotter Road to a point approximately 180 metres east of its junction with Fair Oak Road or to reduce the existing 40mph limit to 30mph along the entire length of Fair Oak Road and Alan Drayton Way. All agreed, except Cllr Toher who abstained, that the preferred option was the latter and the Clerk would reply accordingly.

**Action: Clerk**

**90. June 2014 press release**

- 90.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the external appointments approved for councillors, grants awarded, the on-going need for more volunteers to help with the Carnival, the continuing tree safety work around the Parish, the Alan Drayton Way speed reduction proposals, Carnival Quiz dates as known and the available funding for Speedwatch.

**Action: Clerk**

**91 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

- 91.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 22 July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

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