

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 February 2013 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 A Roling
Councillor V Snook
Councillor S Toher

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

Public Session

PC Mark Jeffrey updated members on the low levels of crime in the area and instances of antisocial behaviour. He briefed on the school presentations to be held by the Police on various topics and he expressed his concern at the potential dangers to traffic entering and leaving the new Tesco site on Bishopstoke Road.

Ms Sadhbh O'Dwyer from The Family Book Tree introduced her organisation's concept of book donations from the community going to those in need to encourage more books in the home environment, the aim being to get children to read more. She would attend the forthcoming Annual Assembly to further spread the word.

173. Apologies for absence

173.1 Cllrs Mignot, Thornton and Thomas.

174. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

174.1 Cllr Harris passed on the sincere thanks of the Bishopstoke Historical Society for the effort put in to refurbishing the Shears Mill turbine housing and for the informative notices and photos now on display.

174.2 Cllr Harper confirmed that planning was progressing on this year's Carnival although more volunteers were needed to ensure the event's success. The Carnival would again be a two day event with fun events, especially the duck race, on the Saturday and the procession, arena events and side shows on the Sunday.

175. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 January 2013

175.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Hansell, Roling and Snook abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2013 be accepted as a true record.

176. Matters Arising

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

177. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation

177.1 None declared or sought.

178. Correspondence

178.1 The Clerk drew members' attention to a letter of thanks received from The Methodist Church for the grant awarded to them and to a letter from HCC on their consultation into surface water management. No further action was thought necessary.

179. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 22 January and 12 February 2013 - to note Resolutions and to consider any Recommendations

179.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 22 January and 12 February 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

179.2 Proposed Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr Brown, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 22 January and 12 February 2013 be received and accepted.

180. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 12 February 2013 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

180.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

180.2 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Lyon, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 12 February 2013 be received and accepted.

180.3 Proposed Cllr Thornton, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendations –

to contract with Safe Play Zones Ltd for quarterly inspections of the play areas for the time being to undertake repairs to the St Mary's Church front walls at an estimated cost of £2640 subject to approval of the Diocese to engage EBC officers to provide management services in support of the refurbishment of the Church Road and Templecombe Road play areas be approved.

181. To approve the December payment of accounts

181.1 An amended payments schedule for December 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

181.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the amended payments schedule for December 2012 be approved.

182. To receive the RFO's report and approve payments of accounts

182.1 The RFO reported that the Carnival Group had identified potential cash flow problems and had asked if more financial help could be made available, given the larger than normal expenditure on last year's two day event and that some problems had arisen in collecting all contributions due. This request would be considered at the next F&GP Committee meeting.

Action: Clerk

182.2 A payments schedule for January 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

182.3 Proposed Cllr Hansell, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

183. To consider changes to the NHS and Parish Council actions to improve health

183.1 Councillors noted the changes in public health and the role of the new Health and Wellbeing Board, the concept being to encourage a more developed effort to promoting health issues at all levels. Part of the concept was to set about determining what role parish councils could play in improving residents' health and wellbeing. The changes and the concept were noted for the time being.

184. To receive reports from Councillors on external meetings attended

184.1 Cllr Lyon linked the need to promote improvements in public health to the need to improve the fabric of the Eastleigh Rugby Club and thereby encourage greater usage in the interests of health. This was supported but fell outside the remit of the parish council. It was thought a direct approach by the Club to EBC, whose building it was, would more likely produce a favourable reaction.

184.2 Cllr Harris reported on his recent attendance at the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee meeting and also on the BCA and its agreement with The Mount developers to allow the latter's publicity/information boards to be sited within the BCA perimeter for which planning applications had been submitted.

185. Clerk's Monthly Report

185.1 All noted the decision by The Boundary Commission to delay its next review until 2018.

185.2 It was decided that the request by the Cemex representative to attend the next parish council meeting should be acknowledged but declined at this time as no plans were envisaged for that site for the time being.

Action: Clerk

185.3 Regrettably, persons unknown had smashed one of the glass panels in the bus shelter at the junction of Sedgwick Road and West Drive; repairs were in hand.

186. To consider content of the Press Release for February 2013

186.1 It was agreed that reference should be made to the need for more Speedwatch volunteers, the Family Book Tree initiative, the conclusion of work at Shears Mill for the time being, the plans for play area refurbishment, the travel token scheme and the forthcoming Annual Assembly.

Action: Clerk

186.2 It was also agreed that articles should be prepared for inclusion in the bi-monthly publication, The Local Parish Directory, which was delivered free to all households in Bishopstoke and in Fair Oak and Horton Heath. The Clerk would draft an input based upon the approved previous press releases.

Action: Clerk

187. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.10pm.