

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 February 2014 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Cossey
Councillor G Harris
Councillor J Harper
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot
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.

32. Apologies for absence

32.1 Cllrs Hansell, Roling, Thomas and Thornton.

33. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

33.1 Cllr Winstanley, with Mike Thornton MP and the Mayor, had attended the presentation to MacMillan Cancer Care of a cheque for £2500 representing monies raised by customers of The Foresters Arms public house.

33.2 Cllr Harris queried the older style energy saving bulbs being installed in the street light upgrades and Cllr Brown queried the size of the plant being used for lamp standard replacement in that it caused temporary obstruction in the road. C/Cllr Lyon would investigate.

Action: C/Cllr Lyon

33.3 Cllr Lyon had received queries on the future of the old Ashtrim site and also on the cycle path initiative along Bishopstoke Road and noted that full information was on the EBC website.

33.4 Cllr Brown reported that the Carnival Group would be debating a proposal to transfer responsibility for the Carnival to the Parish Council at its next meeting in March.

33.5 Cllr Toher commented that the cut back of vegetation in the Bishopstoke Channel was a sensible move.

34. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 January 2014

34.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2014 be accepted as a true record.

35. Matters Arising

35.1 Para 6.1 The Memorial Hall committee had agreed that the two path lights to the rear of the Hall could be switched on when the Parish Office was in use, if required.

36. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

36.1 None declared or sought.

37. Correspondence

37.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to correspondence received and, in particular, constituents' enquiries on the intention by HCC to retain the traditional lamp columns on West Drive, Riverside and the Oakbank footpath

when replacing the existing lanterns with more efficient and dimmable lights. This had subsequently been confirmed despite there being holes dug adjacent to these columns indicating an intention to replace. Cllr Lyon commented on the difficulty experienced by passing traffic because of the size of the plant being used to dig the holes and would follow this up in his capacity as a county councillor with HCC.

Action: C/Cllr Lyon

37.2 A resident's letter complaining about the poor compensatory payment offered by SSE for loss of power over the Christmas period was tabled for information.

38. Report on Planning Committee Meetings on 28 January and 11 February 2014 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

38.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 28 January and 11 February 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

38.2 Cllr Toher queried why no developer contributions had been sought for play facilities from The Mount developer given there would be visitors who could benefit from their installation and Cllr Brown commented that visitors to residents at The Mount would probably have families with them who would want to use a play area. The Clerk would follow up with EBC.

Action: Clerk

38.3 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 28 January and 11 February 2014 be received and accepted.

39. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 11 February 2014 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

39.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 11 February 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

39.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Winstanley, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 be received and accepted.

39.4 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** that the recommendations to grant £200 to Cruse Bereavement, to grant £300 to Street Pastors, to re-adopt the Council's publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and to adopt the draft Health and Safety in the Workplace policy, be approved.

39.5 Members considered the draft Schedule of Community Assets circulated previously and agreed some changes. The Clerk would now follow up with EBC with a view to obtaining their acceptance that if the identified assets were to be lost to the community for some reason, the community would become poorer for this loss.

Action: Clerk

40. To receive the RFO's report and approve the January 2014 statement of account

40.1 The Clerk reported that C/Cllr Moore had approved a further grant from his devolved budget of £750 towards the costs of the play areas upgrades. This left a balance currently of £37,822 to be funded by the Parish Council.

40.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the tabled statement of account.

41. To receive reports from Councillors

41.1 Cllr Toher reported that the Memorial Hall finances were in good shape with increased in hire income and that the electrical upgrade work had been completed. She also confirmed it was not policy to allow teenage parties in the Hall.

41.2 Cllr Lyon reported that he had met with local heads of schools as the county councillor to discuss parking and traffic flow problems at peak times and that a working party would be established to identify ways of alleviating these problems. He also confirmed the County had signed off its budget for 2014-15, that the accredited community safety officer (ACSO) scheme had been discontinued to save costs and that he was now a member of the Adult Mental Health sub-committee at HCC.

41.3 Cllr Harris reported that the temporary building in the grounds of the BCA would soon be removed and that the developers were in the process of repairing the damaged wall area around the pre-school play site.

41.4 Cllr Winstanley reported she had attended a meeting at HCC with the Fire and Police Services in attendance to review resilience planning; she had also attended a HALC finance meeting and confirmed that electronic banking for councils was about to become an approved method of making payments; and that EBC had set its budget for 2014 – 15 which confirmed no increase in council tax or cuts to services. All noted that EBC would relocate to its new offices in the town centre on 24 March.

42. Clerk's Monthly Report

42.1 The Clerk reported that work on the play area upgrades was nearing completion and that Mr Morris from EBC who was overseeing the installations would formally take over the completed works in due course. Installation had taken longer than expected because of the adverse weather and initial public reaction to the new equipment had been very favourable.

42.2 The Chairman and Clerk had met informally with the Area Co-ordinator and discussed repairs to the Glebe Meadow solar lights for which EBC had met the costs, the Brookfield asset transfer progress, the Precept for 2014 -15 and the likely transfer of responsibility for organising the Bishopstoke Carnival from the existing Carnival Group to the Parish Council.

42.3 The Clerk thanked those Members who had responded to the draft Community Resilience Plan. He would now produce a revised draft having taken advice from EBC and HCC, approach local organisations whom it was thought could provide specialised advice or assistance in the event of an emergency, and table a revised draft in due course.

Action: Clerk

43.4 Members noted the revised EBC Local Plan was out for consultation and the Clerk confirmed consultation would be included on the agenda for the next Planning and F&GP Committee meetings.

Action: All

43.5 The Clerk confirmed speakers had been invited to the Annual Assembly to be held on 1 April 2014 where the theme would be 'The Mount – Yesterday and Tomorrow'.

43.6 A new notice board had been ordered for installation outside the Memorial Hall with space and costs shared equally between the Memorial Hall committee and the Parish Council.

44. February 2014 press release

44.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the grants awarded, the play areas upgrade, the Annual Assembly theme, the need for Community Speedwatch volunteers, the Parish Office opening hours and telephone number and the travel token scheme

Action: Clerk

45. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

45.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 25 March 2014 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55pm.