

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 January 2015 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor G Harris
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor V Parkinson-MacLachlan
Councillor A Roling
Councillor V Snook
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor S Toher

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

Public Session

PC Mark Jeffrey was present for part of the meeting and briefed that crime levels remained low in our areas although unwanted door knocking on the Brookfield estate had caused annoyance to residents; however, the culprits had now been identified and action taken with parents. PCSO Lucinda Mack was now working our area with PCSO Tom Blyth. The Neighbourhood policing team continued to hold 'street meets' with local residents, the next being in the Parish Office on 28 January and a further one planned at the next Street Scene gathering.

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Cllrs Brown, Cossey, Harper and Thomas; Cllr Lyon not present.

2. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

2.1 Cllr McKeone reported local concern at the damage caused to grass verges particularly in the Sedgwick Road area by parked cars; the Clerk would take advice on the introduction of yellow lines although it was recognised that their implementation would likely cause the need to park to move elsewhere.

Action: Clerk

2.2 Cllr McKeone also reported concern made known to her about the impact on fish life when work started next month on the Riverside railings repairs. There had been much exchange of information on this subject between interested parties, including Cllr Thornton who would provide the Clerk with copies to be circulated.

Action: Cllr Thornton

2.3 Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan repeated concerns being made known to her regarding speed and parking along Underwood Road, and in particular outside the school, and the increased use being made of Sayers Road as a 'rat run'. This was noted.

2.4 Cllr Toher asked that hastening action be taken to repair the broken railings opposite the Memorial Hall.

Action: Clerk

2.5 Cllr Snook asked that action be taken to deter parking across or near the dropped kerbs at the bottom of Underwood Road which the Clerk would follow up with EBC.

Action: Clerk

- 2.6 Cllr Mignot raised the risk of accident with the increased parking along Church Road and the possibility of EBC introducing time limits on parking, a suggestion which had not previously been supported, and the loss of sight lines for drivers on the curves; this was also recognised as a factor in slowing down drivers' speeds. These comments were noted.
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 November 2014**
- 3.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Harris and Snook abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2014 be accepted as a true record.
- 4. Matters Arising**
- 4.1 Para 135.5 Cllr Roling reported that the 30mph speed limit along the length of Alan Drayton Way would be implemented in the Summer.
- 5. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**
- 5.1 Cllr Winstanley declared a personal interest in the non-confidential payments for November as did Cllr Toher for the grant paid to the Memorial Hall.
- 6. Correspondence**
- 6.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to the changes implemented to the Whalesmead Post Office, the HALC partnership now in being with Rotary District 1110 with the aim of improving Winter lights displays in 2015 through this partnership, and the CAB Annual Report which was now to hand.
- 7. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 25 November and 9 December 2014 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations**
- 7.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25 November and 9 December 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 7.2 Proposed Cllr McKeone, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 November and 9 December 2014 be received and accepted.
- 8 Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 9 December 2014 and 6 January 2015 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations**
- 8.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meetings held on 9 December 2014 and 6 January 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers. There were no recommendations to consider.
- 8.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 9 December 2014 and 6 January 2015 be received and accepted.
- 9. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the November and December 2014 Statements of Account**
- 9.1 The RFO reported that the actual amount receivable from EBC for the combined Precept and top-up grant would be £40 more than bid for because of the way the formula was calculated. She also reported that the Carnival account had now been wound up and £2,934.04 transferred to BPC's account.
- 9.2 The Statements of Account and Payments Schedules for November and December 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 9.3 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Toher and Winstanley abstaining (personal interest) that payments for November and December 2014 be authorised as per the tabled Schedules.

10. To identify an additional male member of the Travel Token Working Group

- 10.1 Members agreed it was wise to have a minimum of two male and two female members of the Travel Token Working Group to enable complete impartiality when assessing a person's claim and noted Cllr Cossey's offer to join the Group.
- 10.2 Cllr Cossey's willingness to join the Travel Token Working Group was accepted with thanks.

11. To receive reports from County, Borough and Parish Councillors

- 11.1 Cllr Toher informed Members that initial plans and options for renovating/rebuilding the Memorial Hall would be considered in the near future and that the current hiring rates would remain in force for the next year.
- 11.2 Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan reported on the recent Carnival Working Group meeting at which Cllr Harris had been elected chairman and the dates finalised for this year's Carnival as 12/13 September.
- 11.3 Cllr McKeone had attended a recent Passenger Transport Forum meeting at which support for the Older Drivers' Forum initiative was deemed to be worthwhile, the Solent Go travel card should prove beneficial to entitled users, and that a campaign to attract more volunteer drivers to assist those in need of transport was in hand.
- 11.4 Cllr Winstanley briefed on the Christmas activities she had attended and the HALC board meeting.

12. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 12.1 The Clerk reported on damage caused by cars parked on the grass along Oakbank Road and the need to prevent this; he was reviewing various options.
- 12.2 Quotations were being sought for work on the Beech tree in St Mary's Churchyard. Members noted the PCC had expressed their concern at the need to fell the tree but whilst sympathetic concluded that, given the substance of the report and the need to respect the duty of care placed upon them, the alternative of reducing the tree heavily by up to 12m in height so it remained at no higher than 16m, and reduce the spread by the same to create a more compact shape, might retain the tree's amenity and make it safer for approximately 5-10 years, it would also accelerate the tree's decline as this would involve taking off the majority of the canopy to reduce leverage and sail area on the weak stem and unions.
- 12.3 The Clerk reported he was in the process of revising the Community Resilience and Emergency Plan, drafting a Neighbourhood Plan with Cllr Toher, and compiling the Council's submission under the Localism Act 2011 Community Right to Bid, all of which were grouped together under the title of the 'Bishopstoke Project'.
- 12.4 The Quality Parish Scheme would cease to exist in its present form on 31 January 2015 and would be replaced by a Local Council Award Scheme comprising three levels of recognition. The first level, Foundation, would be granted to existing QP Councils upon application by the month end and an application had been made. However, accreditation to the two higher levels would be by application, assessment and payment of a fee. Further information was awaited when following receipt further action would be recommended by the F&GP Committee.
- 12.5 The draft Sustainability Appraisal Report for travelling communities had been received but as it did not impact directly upon Bishopstoke no further action was thought appropriate.
- 12.6 There were now six persons who had expressed an interest in becoming part of the Community Speedwatch Scheme for Bishopstoke. The Police would now be approached for the necessary training and advice.

Action: Clerk

13. January 2015 press release

- 13.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the Bishopstoke Project, Community Speedwatch, the new PCSO and the Police Streetmeet surgeries.

Action: Clerk

14. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 14.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.40pm.