

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Bishopstoke Parish Council
held in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke
commencing at 7.33pm on 25 February 2020**

Present: Councillor Sue Toher (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Harris (Vice Chair)
Councillor Peter Brown
Councillor Andrew Daly
Councillor Anne Dean
Councillor Chris Greenwood
Councillor Trevor Mignot (from item 150)
Councillor Andy Moore
Councillor Mike Thornton
Councillor Gin Tidridge

In Attendance: Mrs Sophie Thorogood (RFO to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

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144 Apologies for Absence

144.1 Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Francis, Cllr Parker-Jones, Cllr Roling and Cllr Winstanley.

145 Councillors' Questions

145.1 Cllr Tidridge asked if it would be possible to arrange a session for residents considering applying to become a Parish Councillor in the May elections. And also, whether it would be possible to include a section in the next newsletter to encourage not only potential new Parish Councillor candidates, but also to encourage participation in the elections themselves. Cllr Toher advised discussions would be held with the Clerk to see what was feasible.

Action: Clerk

145.2 Linked to Cllr's Tidridge's question about upcoming Parish elections, Cllr Daly asked whether it would be possible to place a sign advertising the disabled entrance at the junction of Portal Road to Spring Lane.

Action: Clerk

145.3 Cllr Moore commented on the number of potholes in the village. Cllr Toher asked for this to be discussed further in the meeting.

146 To adopt and sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 January 2020

146.1 The minutes of the above meeting had been circulated prior to this meeting.

146.2 Proposed Cllr Greenwood, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 January 2020 be adopted as a true record.

146.3 Cllr Tidridge asked for clarification on item 138.2 whether it was unanimous, or whether she had abstained.

Action: Clerk

147 To consider Matters Arising from the above Minutes

147.1 The Clerk reports that The CCTV notes are not yet fully transcribed. When they are they will be added to the minutes and of course, made available to the new Council as requested.

There were no further actions for the Clerk

Action: Clerk

148 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

148.1 No declarations or requests made.

149 Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 28 January 2020 – to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

149.1 The Planning Committee Minutes from 28 January 2020 had been circulated prior to this meeting.

149.2 Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Greenwood, **RESOLVED** unanimously to note the resolutions of the Planning Committee meetings held on 28 January 2020.

150 Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 11 February 2020 – to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

150.1 The Finance and General Purposes Committee Minutes from 11 February 2020 had been circulated prior to this meeting.

150.2 Proposed Cllr Tidridge, Seconded Cllr Dean, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020 be noted.

150.3 Cllr Thornton declared an interest in the grant to the Street Pastors. Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Council increase the grant to £700 to the Street Pastors.

150.4 Cllr Toher suggested that the Council writes to Ascension Trust, the organisation behind the Street Pastors, to explain that by increasing the annual membership fees, leading to each Street Pastor section struggling to meet the running costs and applying for grants. Eventually it could lead to the various Street Pastors around Eastleigh Borough merging and overall reducing the combined membership fees Ascension Trust receive.

150.5 Cllr Toher declared an interest in the war memorial. Proposed Cllr Tidridge, Seconded Cllr Moore, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the central war memorial plaque is replaced, bringing the

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wording to the same height as the adjacent plaques, and replacing the phrase “all other Bishopstoke men and women” with “all from Bishopstoke”.

151 Report on Buildings Committee Meeting of 18 February 2020 – to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

151.1 The Buildings Committee Minutes from 18 February 2020 had been circulated prior to this meeting.

151.1 Proposed Cllr Dean, Seconded Cllr Greenwood, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the Buildings Committee meeting held on 18 February 2020 be noted.

152 To receive reports from Working Groups and other bodies

152.1 It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will be meeting on 27 February 2020.

152.2 No other reports were received.

153 To receive the RFO’s Report and approve the February 2020 Statement of Accounts

153.1 The RFO reported nothing further to add to the Statement of Accounts.

153.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Moore, **RESOLVED** unanimously to receive the RFO’s report and approve the February 2020 Statement of Accounts.

154 To receive reports from County, Borough and Parish Councillors on matters of interest

154.1 Cllr Brown gave an update on the works to remove asbestos in Bishopstoke Community Association.

154.2 Cllr Greenwood expressed concerns at the length of time it had taken to repair the damaged drain cover outside Stokewood Surgery.

154.3 Cllr Harris reported that he attended the Airport Consultative Committee meeting and a ceremony was held to mark the contribution of Godfrey Olson. Another 30 day consultation period for the airport extension would begin in June 2020. Cllr Harris also attend the BIFFOH meeting and reported that the Parish Council are not being kept up to date.

154.4 Cllr Moore reported that he has received complaints about the number of potholes in the village, and expressions of concern of the money being spent on the cycle way improvements along Bishopstoke Road.

154.5 Cllr Daly suggested whether the potholes could be dated so that the length of time to repair them could be monitored.

154.5 Cllr Thornton reported that he had attended an Eastleigh and Romsey area Mencap meeting and a production of Honk at Wyvern College. Cllr Thornton has been lobbying Hampshire Highways about the number of potholes in the village; there are 12 alone in Underwood Road.

154.6 Cllr Tidridge reported that she had attended the LAC meeting where the main matter was the proposed TRO for Church Road. Cllr Tidridge had also attended a team meeting where the next batch of proposed TROs were discussed – the Underwood Road section was discussed during the Planning Committee earlier in the evening. Studies are outstanding for the next section of TROs to be placed at the top of Church Road – Stoke Park Road to Bishopstoke Lane, Bracken Crescent to Fox Close. Cllr

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Tidridge reported that new bins will be placed in Mitre Copse, underpass on Fair Oak Road, Sewall Drive/Edward Avenue. Cllr Tidridge had attended 2 meetings of the Policy and Scrutiny Panel where a rise in crime was discussed. BIFFOH are asking ELAC to improve signage on train bridge for cyclists. Finally, Cllr Tidridge had attended Full Council where the 2020-21 budget was passed.

154.7 Cllr Toher spoke at the LAC and attended the final meeting of the BMH Management Committee.

155 To receive the Clerk's Monthly Report

155.1 The Clerk reports that the Parish Office roof has now been fixed at a very reasonable cost. A large branch had come off one of the trees along the path through from the office to Portal Road and that has been dealt with by Green Smile.

155.2 Interviewing for the Cemeteries Officer and Admin Assistant post has gone well with all candidates appearing suitable for the role. The position has been offered and the new employee is expected to start in the second week of March.

155.3 The Clerk has recently received a few more requests for bin calendars. In contrast to earlier requests, these latest ones have simply phoned up and demanded a copy of their calendar be posted to them.

156 To consider content for the February 2020 Press Release

156.1 It was agreed that the press release would include: the grant for the Street Pastors; the replacement of the War Memorial plaque; to advertise a session for potential candidates for Parish Councillors; and to advertise the change in ownership of the BMH with new contact details.

Action: Clerk

157 Date, time, place and agenda items for next meeting

157.1 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 March 2020, at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.

157.2 Agenda items for the meeting to the Clerk by Monday 16 March 2020 please.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.33pm

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