

## **Bishopton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs: L MacMahon, M.Moses, D Latham, J. Robins N Melaney. Cllr B.Jones of D.B.C.  
& L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

#### **1 Apologies for Absence; Visitors**

1.1 Cllr G Preston There were no visitors.

#### **2. Election of Chair**

2.1 Cllr Norman Melaney will remain in the Chair and remain in post until the beginning of the next Parish Council meeting in February

#### **3 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

There were none

#### **4. Previous Minutes:**

4.1 Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and were duly signed by Cllr N Melaney the Chairperson as a true record of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018\_meeting.

#### **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

5.1 **Progress report on speed monitoring equipment.**

We have just this afternoon heard from The Lambs Hill funding committee offering us a grant towards the second speed monitor.

This means that we have now been awarded grant funding to a) repair our existing monitor and convert it to solar power and b) to purchase a second solar powered speed monitor. The result meaning that we will have speed monitor permanently fixed at both ends of the village. The clerk will look into placing orders for the equipment.

The council discussed sourcing and purchasing 30mph signs for elsewhere in the village and even on wheelie bins.

The Council discussed the possibility of 20mph in the village. Councillor Jones will make enquiries about this with the highways dept at DBC.

The Councillors discussed Community Speedwatch again and it was decided to continue to actively seek volunteers for this scheme.



**5.2 Funds held for Young Persons of the Parish – play area - progress report.**

The clerk has had a site meeting with the Land Agents for the Lessor and the fencing contractor and that the fencing off of the playground had commenced.

The fencing contractor has provided quotes for digging out the gateways to the field and for providing wires to the bottom of the main fence line. These quotes were accepted by the council.

The Parish Council reiterated that there was to be no access for animals through the playground into the adjacent field, this being on Health and Safety grounds. This will be conveyed to the Land Agents for the Lessor.

The clerk will write to all the residents who expressed an interest in forming a playing field management group.

**5.3 Casual vacancy – progress report**

We had not had any response to this as yet.

**5.5. Bishopton Airfield – Progress Report**

Cllr. Melaney has contacted the quarry again and is still to get a definitive answer on delivery from the quarry.

**6. Planning Applications:**

6.1 There were no planning applications.

**7. Matters Raised by Councillors & the Clerk:**

7.1 **Car parking** - especially near the school.

Cllr Jones has contacted the enforcement team at Darlington Borough Council who will make a visit to the village and assess the situation.

**8. Village Green**

8.1 **Final Clearance of leaves**

Mr Leighton has been removed the leaves from the Village Green.

D.B.C. have undertaken the clearance of leaves around the church and the area behind the church.

**9 Wind Farm Proposals**

9.1 There are no other decisions yet. Moor House meet again towards the end of March

**10. Financial**

10.1 **2018/19 budget monitoring & current financial position**

The Clerk presented the forecast for the 2018/2019 year., and the current financial position.

The petty cash account is holding £119.55

There will be a separate set of accounts showing all the costs projections for the playing field/playground.

The Clerk reported that the Parish News Bank account has been changed and they will no longer accept the old Standing Order Payment of £70 for advertising. The Parish will have to raise a cheque to pay for this. This was proposed by Cllr Moses and seconded by Cllr MacMahon

## 10.2 Payment of Microsoft License for Office Software.

The council decided not to continue with this.

## 10.4 Organisation for Petty Cash

## 10.5 Petty cash payments.

One payment of £5.99 to Ordnance Survey for a current Map – showing rights of way.

## 11. Correspondence:

### INCOMING

1. Email from NALC Legal Update 20.12.18
2. Invoice from Microsoft for recurring payment of MS Office 21.12.18
3. Email from Macafee AV confirming payment 28.12.18
4. Email from Geoff Baines re minutes on website 31.12.18
5. Email from Karl Hume of DBC re precept 2019/20 02.01.19
6. Invoice from OS for map 04.01.19
7. Email from Gwynne Dunn re Parish Bank account 07.01.19
8. Invoice from Gwynne Dunn Parish News re advert for 2019 08.01.19
9. Email from Pippa Smalling re Big Spring Clean 2019 10.01.19
10. Email from Cllr Lee of DBC re Big Spring Clean 2019 10.01.19
11. Email from Tees Valley re village Halls week 11.01.19
12. Email from DALC re Association meeting Wed 6<sup>th</sup> February 12.01.19
13. Email from Schoolscapes re play equipment 14.01.19
14. Email from Cllr Jones of DBC re parking. 14.01.19
15. Email from R Wall fencing re marking out field 15.01.19
16. Email from Karl Hume of DBC re precept 2019/20 15.01.19

### OUTGOING

1. Email to M Leighton re leaf collection 22.12.18
2. Email to Street scene re leaf collection 28.12.18
3. Email to Geoff Baines re website 02.01.19
4. Telecon to Youngs RPS re marking out field 07.01.19
5. Telecon to R Wall fencing re marking out field 07.01.19
6. Email to R Wall fencing re marking out field 07.01.19
7. Email to Karl Hume of DBC re precept 2019/20 11.01.19
8. Email to R Wall fencing re marking out field 15.01.19

## 12. Matters Dealt with since last meeting

### 12.2 The Motte & Bailey sign

As stated in the last minutes the council are looking to replace the sign. Cllr Melaney has the old sign (or most of it) Cllr MacMahon has a photograph of the original and they will liaise to complete the design ready for a company to etch a new sign.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** 7:00pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Signed: Chairperson: Melaney Date 20/2/19