

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 June 2012 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor G Harris
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor V Snook
Councillor M Thornton

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

Public Session

No members of the public were present. PC Mark Jeffery gave a short presentation on the Community Speedwatch initiative which was designed to involve volunteer members of the community in collecting car registration details, together with the speed and time of the alleged offence, for the police to follow up as appropriate. More details were available on road.policing.management@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Members agreed to give this matter further thought.

77. Apologies for absence

77.1 Cllrs Cossey, Harper, Mignot, Roling, Thomas and Toher.

78. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

78.1 None.

79. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2012

79.1 Proposed Cllr Thornton, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2012 be accepted as a true record.

80. Matters Arising

80.1 Para 74.5 Cllr Winstanley confirmed the likelihood of a training course for new councillors on a Tuesday evening in the near future.

Action: All

81. Declarations of Interest

81.1 None declared.

82. Correspondence

82.1 The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to correspondence received which included notification of the appointment of BDO LLP as our external auditors for five years from 2012/13 and details of the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy.

83. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 15 and 29 May and 12 June 2012 - to note Resolutions and to consider any Recommendations

83.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 15 and 29 May and 12 June 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

83.2 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr McKeone, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 15 and 29 May and 12 June 2012 be received and accepted.

84. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 12 June 2012 – to note resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

- 84.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 84.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 be received and accepted.
- 84.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the following recommendations be approved:
- that £750 be granted to the Bishopstoke Players to help finance the purchase of new stage lighting
- that a contract be entered into with EBC Direct Services for emptying the two dog waste bins near the Otter Close play area
- 84.4 Councillors then considered the recommendation to open an internet banking facility and some debate ensued on whether or not to add a read only capability to enable an independent check to be made on the account at any one time. The Clerk would take advice and report back but in the meantime it was thought appropriate to sign the necessary forms.

Action: Clerk

- 84.5 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** unanimously that an internet banking facility be opened with the Co-operative Bank plc.

85 To receive the RFO's report and approve payment of accounts

- 85.1 A Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 85.2 Proposed Cllr Thornton, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

86. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended

- 86.1 Cllr Harris reported on his attendance at the Southampton Airport's Consultative Committee meeting highlighting that the airport was now a hub feeding Schipol Amsterdam airport for international routes and had introduced the latest technology for security search and baggage handling and some new lighting. He also commented that fewer complaints had been received than in previous years with none from Bishopstoke and that the Olympic torch would pass through on its way to the Channel Islands on 15 July 2012.
- 86.2 Cllr McKeone had attended the Eastleigh Passenger Transport Forum at which community transport development and good neighbour schemes had been discussed.
- 86.3 Cllr Brown briefed on the planning for this year's 100th Bishopstoke Carnival to be held over the weekend 8 – 9 September 2012. There would be new events and competitions with the traditional river float competition being held this year on the Saturday evening. He encouraged all to join in the pub quiz series details of which were on the parish notice boards.
- 86.4 Cllr Winstanley had attended a parish engagement event hosted by the County Council designed to develop links between councillors and volunteers at all levels. She had also attended the BCA and Church very successful events marking the Royal Jubilee, a HALC board meeting and an LAC team meeting at which the distribution of developers' contributions was discussed.
- 86.5 Cllr Thornton had attended the Armed Forces flag raising ceremony in Eastleigh.

87. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 87.1 The Clerk briefed on actions in hand now the Localism Act was in being, drawing particular attention to the new declaration of pecuniary interests disclosure form, the contents of which would now be displayed on the parish website to encourage further transparency, and the new Code of Conduct which was being drafted for adoption. There was also discussion on the new General Power of Competence which would enable qualified councils to do more than allowed at present.

88. To consider content of the Press Release for June 2012

- 88.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the grant awarded, forthcoming quiz nights, Jubilee parties and the thought being given to introducing Community Speedwatch.

Action: Clerk

89. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 89.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 24 July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business and before closing the Meeting at 9.50pm..