

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 March 2015 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor A Cossey
Councillor J Harper
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor V Parkinson-MacLachlan
Councillor V Snook
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

PCSO Mack was present for part of the meeting and briefed on the recent burglaries, shop thefts for which an arrest had been made, assaults and anti-social behaviour. She also commented on the new powers afforded to the Police under the Anti-social Behaviour and Policing Act 2014 s35 which they were putting to good use and the introduction on the Hants Alert e-mail warning and information system to which everyone should sign up for up to date crime information and advice at www.hampshirealert.co.uk

28. Apologies for absence

28.1 Cllrs Brown, Harris, Lyon, Mignot, Roling, Thomas and Thornton.

29. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

29.1 Cllr Cossey drew Members' attention to the vacancy in one of the Twynams properties.

29.2 Cllr Harper confirmed the necessary tree work in Bracken Close had been completed.

30. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 February 2015

30.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Snook abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 be accepted as a true record.

31. Matters Arising

31.1 Para 18.1 Dropped kerb parking. The Chairman reminded everyone that those wishing to have a dropped kerb outside their property for ease of access could apply to EBC but there would be a charge levied.

32. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

32.1 Cllr Toher declared an interest in the application from Age Concern for a grant and abstained from the discussion and voting.

33. Correspondence

33.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to a letter from the Post Office confirming the relocation of the facility from its existing location on Spring Lane to the Co-op Retail store adjacent although no date was given.

34. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 24 February and 10 March 2015 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

- 34.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 24 February and 10 March 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 34.2 Proposed Cllr McKeone, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 24 February and 10 March 2015 be received and accepted.

35. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 10 March 2015 – to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

- 35.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meetings held on 10 March 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 35.2 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Winstanley, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 10 March 2015 be received and accepted.
- 35.3 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Winstanley, **RESOLVED** unanimously, except for the grant to Age Concern when Cllr Toher abstained, that the recommendations to grant £1000 to Age Concern Bishopstoke to help meet the annual entertainment costs, the draft byelaws for play areas and open spaces and the new PCSO agreement, when received, be approved.

36. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the February 2015 Statement of Account

- 36.1 The Statement of Account and Payments Schedule for February 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 36.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments for February 2015 be authorised as per the tabled Schedule.

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

- 37.1 Cllr Toher reported that a new caretaker had been taken on by the Hall Committee and that the AGM would be postponed in order to give time to finding a new chairman.
- 37.2 Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan had attended the recent PACT meeting at which five members of the public were also present and that changes were being made to the eligibility rules for applying to become a member of the Carnival Court.
- 37.3 Cllr Winstanley had attended a HALC board meeting at which discussion had taken place on HALC withdrawing its membership of NALC on the grounds that it was not receiving value for money; the issue would be discussed further at the forthcoming AGM.

38. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 38.1 St Mary's Church tree. A decision from EBC was still awaited on the felling of the Beech tree adjacent to the Church building as recommended by the tree surgeon.
- 38.2 Vandalism at the Brookfield play area the previous weekend had resulted in the wetpour safety surfaces being ripped up and the seating area disturbed. A Police report had been raised and repair work initiated.
- 38.3 The Riverside clock would be repaired on or soon after 15 April when parts had been obtained.
- 38.4 Both the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk had held their annual meeting with the allotment tenants. Matters discussed included the completion of the wet weather parking areas, a likely increase in rent in 2017, the need for volunteers undertaking work around the sites to have completed a risk assessment, be trained as necessary, wear appropriate protective clothing and hold public liability

insurance, the storage of Carnival items in one of the site huts which would necessitate the removal of some redundant machinery, advice on crime prevention, the ban on using hose pipes to keep water costs down, and how site representatives are selected.

38.5 Members noted that the byelaws for play areas and open spaces would need the approval of the Department for Communities and Local Government as non-compliance resulted in a crime being committed.

38.6 Members also noted that the submission under the Localism Act 2011 of the Council's right to bid for asserts of community value when they came up for sale would soon be ready for submission to EBC for adoption.

39. March 2015 press release

39.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the Age Concern Bishopstoke grant, the recent PACT meeting and the forthcoming Annual Assembly.

Action: Clerk

40. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

40.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will be on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.05pm.