

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 9.30 pm.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Present** : Parish Councillors : E R Draper (ERD), Chairman  
N T Barter (NTB),  
B Lampert (BL),  
T W Long (TWL), Clerk  
J F Murray (JFM), Vice Chairman  
J H Thompson (JHT)
- County Councillor : Tony Deane

Seventeen parishioners were present.

2. **Apologies for absence** : Apologies had been received from PC Peter Jung.

3. **Declaration of Interests** : There were no amendments or additions to those previously registered.

4. **Public Question Time** : Questions and statements were put forward by several of the people present about the proposal from Wiltshire County Council to introduce speed limits on the C12 at the eastern end of the parish. In summary the proposal on the table after up to 20 residents had written in line with the motion passed at the last Parish Council Meeting was :-

- Introduce a 50 mph speed limit from the existing 40 mph limit near the western Coombe Bissett boundary through Stratford Tony to a point near the eastern Bishopstone boundary.
- From that point introduce a 40 mph limit through Bishopstone as far as the existing 30 mph limit at Meadow View.
- Because of budget restrictions, the administrative, legal and installation costs of £5,000 for the Bishopstone parish section would have to be split 50/50 between Bishopstone PC and Wiltshire CC. From a Stratford Tony resident a statement was made about informal discussions that had taken place between parishioners. It was felt that the speed limit of 50 mph that had been proposed for the Stratford Tony section ought to have been 40 mph. The Chairman (ERD) explained that Wiltshire County Council had asked this Parish Council to present the proposals to the people of Stratford Tony so that a formal response could be developed. The Clerk would organise such a meeting. See Action Plan.

Statements from Bishopstone parishioners asserted that the speed of vehicles in the area of the Church Lane junction presented an unacceptable risk to residents, pedestrians, schoolchildren and other motorists. In addition that the time available to see vehicles approaching from the east if a driver was pulling out from Church Lane was reduced to an unsafe point when cars were travelling at speed. It was added that the situation was not much better with cars approaching from the west since speeding vehicles very rapidly caught up with a vehicle exiting Church Lane. All the people speaking about the situation at the Church Lane and Portfield Road junctions referred to the history of accidents including a fatality that had occurred in the area.

Although some parishioners felt that more dramatic action was needed to slow the traffic to a safe speed and some felt that it was an impertinence to expect the parish to contribute, a general feeling emerged that the offer was probably the best available right now.

One parishioner opined that with the pressure that the Parish Council had been exerting over some considerable period of time it seemed that this was the only option on the table.

5. **Minutes of the last meeting** : BL proposed approval, seconded by JFM. Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. **Speed Limit Proposals from Wiltshire County Council** : The Chairman (ERD) thanked the parishioners for the statements they had made and noted the strength of feeling that had been built over this subject. Each councillor in turn expressed their view on the issue. All felt that the safety along this stretch of the C12 had reached unacceptable levels, that a speed limit was needed and that the current proposal even with the financial contribution required was the best offer we were likely to get. It was decided unanimously to accept the County Council's proposal. See Action Plan.

7. **Policy R2 Funds** : JFM reported that quotes for a store cupboard at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre had been obtained. Councillors had previously agreed that Bishopstone funds could be used to pay for the cupboard. Salisbury District Council would now have to approve the quotes so that orders could be placed. The remaining funds accumulated for Bishopstone were available to purchase some additional playground equipment. This would be finalised at the next Parish Council Meeting.

8. **Questions or Statements from members** :

The Chairman (ERD) noted that the snow during February had been the worst for about 20 years so he had noticed that we no longer have grit bins in strategic places in the village where they might be needed. The Clerk agreed to look into the subject. See Action Plan.

The Chairman added that the white lines in the centre of the highway had recently been repainted at Stratford Tony; why had ours not been repainted. The Clerk offered to look into it. See Action Plan.

Finally the Chairman thought that action should be taken to improve the groundwater drainage in Croucheston. Even though we may be uncertain of the exact location of the land drains that had been installed many years ago it should be possible to locate them so that the council contractors could flush them out. See Action Plan.

JFM reminded members that finance statements had been circulated even though we were not going to discuss them at this meeting. BL proposed and JHT seconded that a £57.70 cheque for the Clerk's expenses should be approved so it was signed.

9. **Planning Matters** :

Decisions given by Salisbury District Council since the last meeting :

Reference	Place	Development	Decision	Date of Decision
2008/1975	Riverside, Flamstone Street	Rear extension	Granted	21.01.09
2008/2017	Land adjoining Ebblesway, Croucheston Drove	Erect new dwelling & detached garage following demolition of existing outbuilding	Granted	18.02.09
2008/2018	Land adjoining Ebblesway,	Erect new dwelling & detached garage following demolition of existing outbuilding	Granted	31.01.09

	Crouchston Drove			
2009/33	Throope Down Barn, Blandford Road	Add two windows to gable end of garage	Granted	26.02.09

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual General Meeting of the Council on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Bishopstone Village Hall.

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Signed as an accurate record :

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CHAIRMAN

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DATE





Attachment 3

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009**

**Bank account balances as per statements**

Current account as at 31/01/2009	£ 704.53
Business access account as at 31/12/2008	£ 7,009.83
Outstanding deposits	
Outstanding cheques & transfers	- £ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 6,714.36</u></b>

**Cash book balances**

Current account	£ 304.53
Business access account	£ 6,409.83
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 6,714.36</u></b>

Yet to be accounted for £10.00 in the name of Sports Club

Unpresented cheque £400.00 in favour of CVSC

## Attachment 4

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL****Expenditure v Budget for the financial year 2008/2009  
As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009**

Details	Expenditure	Annual Budget	Variance to Budget	Est outcome for the year
Churchyard Cutting	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
Village Hall	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Clerks Salary/Expense	£97.43	£1,000.00	£902.57	£200.00
Hire of Village Hall	£72.00	£60.00	-£12.00	£72.00
WALC Subscription	£150.12	£150.00	-£0.12	£150.12
Chalke Valley Sports Club	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
Insurance	£471.31	£640.00	£168.69	£471.31
Audit Commission	£120.00	£150.00	£30.00	£120.00
Recreation Ground	£60.00	£1,000.00	£940.00	£160.00
Internal Audit	£55.00	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00
Repairs & Maintenance		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
Bus Shelter Cleaning		£105.00	£105.00	
Donations	£100.00	£200.00	£100.00	£200.00
Contingency	£100.00	£500.00	£400.00	£500.00
Local Elections			£0.00	
	<b>£2,725.86</b>	<b>£6,360.00</b>	<b>£3,634.14</b>	<b>£2,928.43</b>

Notes

Variance to budget : Numbers in black are positive : numbers in red are negative  
Expenditure is shown net of VAT which is refundable

Clerk's expenses : assumed a further £100 this year

Recreation Ground : assumed £100 for fencing repairs and other sundry items

Donations : assumes no more this year

Contingencies : assumes £100 for the remainder of this year

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**ACTION PLAN**

WHAT ACTION	BY WHOM	COMPLETED ✓
Discover the cost of installing seats at the White Hart bus stop & Recreation Ground swings	JFM	
Organise trimming the lower branches off the overhanging trees at the White Hart and Old School house bus stops	ERD	
Investigate feasibility of renovating the disused toilets on the Recreation Ground	TWL	
Survey the existing street signs and approach Salisbury District Council about updating them	TWL	
Obtain estimates for a mower and strimmer	TWL	
Investigate whether SWAG grant will pay for a mower and strimmer, otherwise request it from R2 funds	JFM	
Announce the Model Publication Scheme in STAB and upload it on the village website	TWL	
Seek a volunteer to become Tree Warden through STAB	TWL	
Keep the nettles on the Recreation Ground under control	TWL	
Search for a wire strainer so that JFM can organise erection of the chain link fence on the Recreation Ground	ERD	
Write to H C Farris & D Adeley to organise a speed limits meeting in Stratford Tony	TWL	
Write to Wiltshire County Council accepting their speed limit proposal for Bishopstone	TWL	
Investigate how grit bins are installed for salting the icy roads	TWL	
Find out when white lining on C12 through Bishopstone is being repainted	TWL	
Investigate the flushing through of the land drains under Crouchston housing development.	TWL	