

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**MINUTES**

**Present** : Parish Councillors : J Gibbon (JG) Chairman  
N Barter (NTB)  
G Brutton (GRB)  
Mrs A Smith (AS)  
P Edwards (PE)  
Mrs M Tatner (MT)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

**Also present:** Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green  
Mr R Stockton  
Mr A Prior  
Mrs W Prior  
Ms S Porter  
Mrs C Ash

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr A Thorne.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

MT proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be approved as a correct record, this was seconded by PE and agreed.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes, including Action Plan.**

Matters, not otherwise included on the agenda, were as follows:

(i) MRA reported that Wiltshire Council had agreed that the Parish Council could provide an additional salt/grit bin for that part of the road. This will be sited just inside the entrance to the resident's car park. The bin will be provided, and stocked with grit, by the Parish Council. Councillors made clear that the contents of the bin were being provided for use on the public footpaths and road, not on private garden pathways.

(ii) Six fluorescent waterproof safety jackets had been purchased for use by the Emergency Response Team. It was agreed to purchase matching sets of waterproof trousers.

(iii) the sign regarding use of the new Play Trail had been erected on the site.

(iv) Wessex Contract Services had been asked to provide a quotation for the cost of securing the old toilets on the Recreation Field and a response was awaited.

## **5. Report from Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green**

Cllr Green gave a short report in which she expressed concern about the lack of action by the Police in deterring speeding motorists. This was likely to be discussed at the next meetings of Wiltshire Council's Community Area Transport Group and the Community Safety Group. Inadequacies in the operation of their Operational Flood Working Group were raised with Cllr Green, in particular the lack of any proper record of agreed actions and the failure to follow-up issues raised. Cllr Green undertook to pass on these concerns. JG thanked Cllr Green for all her hard work on behalf of the parish.

## **6. Public Forum.**

No matters were raised.

## **7. Chairman's Items**

No matters were raised.

## **8. Flooding Update**

Roger Stockton set out the current position as regards flooding in the village (copy attached). Mr Prior asked the Parish Council to support the case to the Environment Agency for action to be taken by the relevant landowner to repair a weir and the main river bank to the west of the village. At present excess water was flowing into one of the associated streams resulting in flooding threatening properties in the Croucheston area of the village. Following discussion it was agreed to make representations to the EA on this matter. It would also be reported at the next meeting of Wiltshire Council's Flood Working Group.

It was pointed out that nearly all the volunteers who make up the village's Emergency Response Group (co-ordinator, flood wardens and area representatives) are somewhat elderly (most more than 70yrs) and that it would be helpful if rather more younger members of the community were to come forward to help. In a general discussion it was pointed out that the same could be said for other village institutions, such as running the Village Hall, looking after the Church etc. The fact that younger members of the community had come forward to produce STaB, run the Bishopstone Play Group etc was very welcome. However, it was agreed to mount a campaign to encourage more volunteering in the village, including through social media.

## **9. Parish Clerk's Report**

### **(i) Telephone Box consultation**

As reported at the last meeting, the Parish Council had been consulted by BT about the proposed removal of the telephone box opposite the entrance to Pitts Lane. This is part of a much wider programme to remove under-used phone boxes nationally. A total of only 2 calls had been made

from this box in the last year. Following publicity in STaB, one representation had been received calling for retention of the box as a village landmark and in case of failure of the mobile signal. It was considered that BT was unlikely to want to continue to maintain the box on that basis. The box itself, without a phone, could be retained if it was purchased and maintained by the Parish Council. No suggestions had been received as to alternative uses (the village already has a defibrillator elsewhere, and uses such as a book exchange require someone to organise it). It was agreed not to oppose removal of the box.

(ii) Real Madrid Football Training

The SWWAB was proposing to sponsor places on a football skills training course at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury next August. One participant per parish could be sponsored, with the parish paying 50% of the cost (about £100). MRA said that he, and other Parish Clerks, had pointed out that parishes had no powers to sponsor an individual as proposed. The SWWAB were considering how to proceed. In the meantime the course had been advertised on notice boards in the village and on the village website and no interest had been shown.

(iii) s106 expenditure

The parish had £3,410 available from s106 contributions made by developers (the Faulston Barns development) which had to be spent by March 2021 or it would revert to Wiltshire Council. WC Officers had confirmed that this money could be used for the project to secure the toilets, but there would certainly be a residue which needed to be spent on recreation related projects. It was agreed that the Clerk should bring forward further options for consideration at the meeting in March.

(iv) Expenditure Items

MRA said that he had incurred expenditure of £215.94 in respect of the purchase of the six jackets for the Emergency Response Team (see 4(ii) above) and the annual subscription to Parish Online, which provides all the maps he uses for parish council business. He said that the six sets of waterproof trousers proposed to be purchased (4(ii)) would cost £71.94. MT proposed that these various items of expenditure be approved. This was seconded by AS and agreed.

MRA said he would circulate to Councillors detailed proposals for the grit bin to be provided in Whitlock Rise.

## **10. Planning Matters**

MRA reported that it is likely that fresh proposals will shortly be brought forward by the landowners for the re-development of Croucheston Mill. As before, the intention would be to have an informal public discussion about options for the use of the site before any proposals were finalised and a planning application submitted. It is possible that this could form part of the Annual Parish Meeting in early March.

## **11. Questions or statements from Councillors.**

There were none.

**Date, location and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, following the Annual Parish Meeting which would begin at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman

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Date

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**ACTION PLAN**

<b>WHAT ACTION</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Possible new grit bin for Whitlock Rise to be investigated.	MRA	✓
Quotes to be obtained for securing derelict toilets on Recreation Field.	MRA	
Options for pedestrian gates for footpaths to replace stiles to be investigated.	MRA	
Information to be obtained re cars dumped in Whitlock Rise car park.	MRA	✓
Community to be consulted on proposal to remove BT box.	MRA	✓
Campaign to promote greater volunteering in the village.	PE	
Proposals for use of s106 reserves to be brought forward.	MRA	
Proposals for purchase of grit bin to be circulated.	MRA	

**FLOODING REPORT UPDATE - BISHOPSTONE  
DTG: 1000Z 30 DECEMBER 2019**

Further to the previous report.

1. Signs were deployed in both Netton Street - to curb excessive speed through standing water - and Faulston Lane where there was deep standing water.
2. The river broke its banks in several places, which in turn eased flooding by filling some of the water meadows. There was one area where flooding became hazaerdous, this was at the junction with Pitts Lane and the footpath into the water meadow to the East of Pitts Lane. Water from the field belonging to The Old Farmhouse drained down the side of the field and formed a fast running stream across the footpath. This is to be discussed with the property owners.
3. A breach in the bank in the SE corner of the field will allow water to flow through into the main drainage ditch in the water meadows. The current situation puts Sue Porter's property under threat. Sandbags were deployed to help.
4. Sedge Cottage was under considerable threat of flooding. The owners are discussing issues with hatch owners around them but overlook the fact that Sedge Cottage is listed as being at AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF FLOODING GIVEN A FLOOD ALERT/FLOOD WARNING.
5. The Parish Steward cleared one cut in Netton Street but only after being shown where it was. Can we ensure he at least tries to contact Parish Council or Flood Warden?

**POINTS FOR Parish Council - 9 JAN 20**

1. ADEQUATE WARNINGS FROM EA AND OTHER SOURCES
2. LEVEL OF FLOODING NOT LIKE 2013-14
3. NEVERTHELESS THREE AT RISK PROPERTIES WERE THREATENED
4. ACTIONS -  
SIGNS DEPLOYED IN NETTON STREET AND FAULSTON LANE  
SUPPORT PROVIDED TO SUE PORTER  
PROBLEMS WITH SEDGE COTTAGE AND THE COTTAGE IN CROUCHESTON  
PROBLEM IN PITTS LANE, DANGEROUS WATER FROM WILLIAMS'S FIELD