

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm.**

MINUTES

Present : Parish Councillors : J Gibbon (JG) (Chairman)
A Thorne (AJT) (Vice Chairman)
N Barter (NTB)
G Brutton (GRB)
Mrs A Smith (AS)
Mrs M Foster (MF)
P Edwards (PE)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Mr C Goodfellow
Mrs M Gulliver
Mr J Gulliver
Mrs J Goodfellow
Mr R Goodfellow
Mr M Bundy
Mrs S Bundy
Mr R Stockton
Mr M Pratt
Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 11th November 2017

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2017. PE proposed that the minutes be approved; this was seconded by GRB and agreed.

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

- **Road Signs for Mill Lane.** The “Narrow road, no passing places” signs for Faulston/Mill Lanes have now been commissioned and will be put in place before March 2018.
- **High Road Footpath.** Work to provide the informal path for pedestrians beside the High Road between Meadow View and Whitlock Rise has now been successfully completed. This project was jointly funded by the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council’s South West Area Board.

- **Mobile Phone Mast.** The new mobile phone mast (for Vodafone/O2 customers) is now fully operational and has made a big difference to the village.
- **Car Parking in Whitlock Rise.** This is to be discussed again with Wiltshire Housing Officers.
- **WW1 Commemoration Tree Planting.** Wiltshire Council has now decided not to go ahead with the idea of a central arboretum to commemorate the fallen of WW1.
- **High Road Drains.** Mr Goodfellow reported that the drains along the High Road had not been cleared. MRA said he would take the matter up again with Wiltshire Council.
- **Garden Extensions.** Wiltshire Council had made clear that, under current planning policy, the extension of domestic gardens into agricultural land does not make it more likely that the land could gain permission for development in the future. GRB pointed out that policies can change and the loss of open farmland was, in any case, a cause for concern. He would consider what action should be taken and report to the meeting in March.
- **Croucheston Mill.** At the request of the Parish Council the owners of Croucheston Mill have taken action to secure the site.

5. Public Question Time.

Mr R Stockton raised the issue of vandalism in the village. There had been incidents of vandalism particularly affecting properties in the Faulston Lane area. These have been reported to the Police who have asked that all such incidents be logged in as much detail as possible (nature of incident, time, date, location and any details of those responsible). It was agreed that villagers should be encouraged to report any incidents of vandalism to the Police and to the Parish Clerk and that he would maintain a log and report, as necessary to the Police and the Council. A notice about this should be included in a forthcoming edition of STaB and on the village website.

Mr M Pratt informed the Council that he is planning to replace the front wall of his property with something more substantial to reduce noise from cars in Church Lane. He might have to seek planning permission in due course but, for the present, was considering options.

6. Chairman's Items

JG reported that, despite representations by John Glen MP on behalf of the village, Wiltshire Council had again refused to extend the 30mph limit zone on Broad Chalke Road. The Parish Council has made a strong case, over a number of years, for the 30mph zone to be extended westwards, past the Recreation Field, the bus stops and the White Hart. However, Wiltshire Council has indicated that this proposal does not meet the criteria for 30mph limits set by the Government. Cllr Edwards undertook to look again at the evidence that could be presented to see whether there are grounds for making further representations to Wiltshire Council. This section of the road is currently subject to a 40mph limit. Consideration would now be given to whether it would be possible to deploy the new Speed Indicator Device and/or use the Community Speed Watch in that area to encourage drivers to at least observe that limit.

Mr Stockton raised the continuing problem of speeding in Harvest Lane, which is subject only to the 60mph national limit. He asked that the Parish Council should pursue the extension of the 30mph limit in that area. MRA said that, as with Broad Chalke Road, this had been requested in the past and been refused. It was also clear from the response to John Glen from Wiltshire Council on Broad Chalke Road that Harvest Lane would also not meet the criteria for a 30mph zone. It was pointed out that many of the speeding vehicles in Harvest Lane were associated with commercial enterprises at Croucheston Farm, though delivery drivers to homes in the village

were also part of the problem. It was suggested that local businesses and homeowners might be requested to ask those visiting their premises to slow down in the village, with leaflets made available to hand out. The Clerk was asked to take this forward.

JG said that both Speed Indicator Device and the Community Speed Watch were working effectively in the 30mph zone, though more volunteers were needed for the latter. The SID had suffered some damage to one of the connectors whilst being used by one of the other villages in the partnership. This had necessitated the return of the solar panel and lead to Pandora Technologies. However, they were to be commended for a rapid turn round, one week, and for undertaking a repair that had strengthened the connector. The repair had been carried out at no cost, though it had cost £42.59 to transport the parts to Cumbria. MRA said that these costs needed to be reimbursed to the Chairman. This was proposed by NRB, seconded by AS and agreed.

7. Approval of budget for 2018/19

MRA said that the papers on the Precept for 2018/19 presented to the meeting on 11th November 2017 had included a draft budget for that year (copy attached to these minutes). However, a formal resolution was needed for that budget to be adopted. AS proposed that the budget be adopted, this was seconded by PE and agreed.

8. Parish Clerk's Report

MRA said that:

- **Crouchston Farm driveway.** Wiltshire Council had confirmed that an inquiry had been made early in 2017 by Crouchston Farm as to whether permission was now required for resurfacing the driveway having regard to the law as it now stands on permitted development (developments which can be undertaken without the need for a planning application). Wiltshire Council had advised that no application was necessary.
- **Fallen tree.** A tree was blown down, early in the New Year, in front of the Wessex Water Treatment Plant at the corner of Harvest and Faulston Lanes. It had blocked Faulston Lane and brought down the telephone lines. He said that thanks were due to members of the Bishopstone Emergency Team, Openreach, Wessex Water and the landowner concerned for the rapid action taken to sort this out.
- **Wilton sign.** A query had been raised in December's edition of STaB about the siting of the "Historic Wilton" sign well within the Bishopstone parish boundary. Wiltshire Council Highway Engineers gave approval to the positioning of the sign on highway safety grounds. They deemed a location on the boundary (by the entrance into Hare Warren) a potential distraction to drivers where pedestrians cross the road. He had pointed out that there are alternative locations, within the Wilton boundary, and, if it has to be where it is, it would have been courteous to consult the Parish Council in advance. MRA said he would respond to the letter in STaB.
- **Footpath repairs.** The South West Area Board was making funds available for resurfacing of roadside footpaths. MRA asked whether there were any footpaths in the village requiring treatment. AS said there was a loose kerbstone at the entrance to Netton Close garages. MRA said he would see whether this could be included, otherwise he would simply report it as a highway repair issue.

- **Village hall rent.** An invoice had been received for £170 in respect of rental of the Village Hall in 2017. GRB proposed that this be paid, this was seconded by MF and agreed.

9. Planning Matters

MRA said that an application has been received relating to works at The Granary, Manor Farm. Details were not yet available on the Wiltshire website and he would circulate for comments when they were.

10. Questions or statements from Councillors and any further questions from members of the public.

Mr Goodfellow said there was a continuing problem of dogs not being kept under control when being walked in the village, particularly when those dogs were accompanying riders on horseback. It was agreed that a notice on this should be included in STaB.

14. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th March 2018. It would be at 8.00pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting which would begin at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman

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Date

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 8th January 2018**

ACTION PLAN

WHAT ACTION	BY WHOM	COMPLETED ✓
Representations re speeding on A354 to be taken up with Wiltshire Council if other parishes support.	MRA	
Cost of new fence on west side of Recreation Field to be investigated.	MRA	
Wiltshire Council to be requested to clear the drains along the High Road. This was done but no action taken – further request to be made.	MRA	
Car parking problems in Whitlock Rise to be taken up with Wiltshire Council housing department.	MRA	
Further consideration to be given to the issue of domestic garden extensions on agricultural land.	GRB	
Notice to be included in STaB on vandalism in the village.	MRA	
Further consideration to be given to the case for extending the 30mph speed limit in Broad Chalke Road.	PE	
Consideration to be given to using CSW and SID in 40mph area.	JG/MRA	
Letters to be sent to commercial premises and residents in Harvest/Faulston Lanes with leaflets for them to give to visitors, including van drivers, asking them to slow down in the village.	MRA	
Response to be sent to STaB re Wilton sign	MRA	
Notice to be placed in STaB re dogs not under control when accompanying horse riders.	MRA	