

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 10th July 2014 at 7.30pm.

MINUTES

Present : Parish Councillors : Major JHS Thompson (JHST) Chairman
 N Barter (NTB)
 G Brutton (GRB)
 Mrs A Smith (AS)
 S Tatner (ST)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Cllr Jose Green
 PCSO Jenny Moss

N Legh
 R Stockton
 Mrs L Potter
 P Johnston
 C Goodfellow
 Mrs C Ash

Item 3 only:
 R Greenwood
 N Phillips
 G Macklin

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Thorne and Cllr Gibbon.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Development of Faulston Barns.

Richard Greenwood of Benchmark Planning made a short presentation bringing the Council up to date with proposals for the redevelopment of Faulston Barns for residential use. After careful consideration it had been decided to divide the substantial floor area into 6 units. There would be no change to the "footprint" of the building and changes to the exterior walls would be kept to a minimum, with doors and windows, wherever possible, inserted into existing openings in the structure. The roof timbers had been found to be in reasonably good condition and would be

retained, and made into internal features. Sustainable drainage, rainwater recycling etc would be a feature. It was hoped to submit a planning application by the end of July.

In discussion the issue was raised of possible traffic impact. Mr Greenwood said that it was unlikely that there would be a significant impact from just six properties. However, this aspect would be covered in the Design and Access Statement.

4. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 8th May 2014

No matters of accuracy were raised in relation to the minutes of the meeting on 8th May 2014. AS proposed that they be approved, this was seconded by ST and agreed.

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

Cllrs Thorne and Brutton had met to discuss the location of the basketball court. On consideration they had taken the view that this might be the first phase of a bigger, multi sport, hard play area. If so, a different location might be required. Cllr Thorne was to consult young people in the village about whether this was the right approach. This had still to be done. Once completed Cllr Brutton would seek estimates for the phase one groundworks. MRA pointed out that there was some urgency in this if R2 money, provisionally allocated to this project, was to be retained.

Other matters arising from the minutes were as set out in the attached Action Plan.

6. Public Question Time.

Mrs Potter said that she was concerned about the upkeep of the footpath beside her property. In particular, the hedge on the boundary of Sedge Cottage was not being kept cut back. Walkers using the footpath had to walk on her land. It was reported that Sedge Cottage was now for sale. MRA said that he would try to discover who the agents were and ask them to arrange for the hedge to be cut.

Mrs Potter said that she was hoping to get a grant so that a low wall could be built around her property to resist flooding. She also wanted to investigate what had happened to a pipe that used to run east-west under the footpath half way up to Flamstone Street. She felt that if this was operational, water that otherwise flowed down to the river behind Sedge Cottage, adding to flood risk at that point, would be diverted into the lake behind The Fishing Lodge. It was indicated that this was a matter that needed to be taken up with the landowners concerned.

7. Report from Cllr Jose Green

Cllr Green said that the rationalization of mini recycling sites had now been completed. The closest to Bishopstone was now that in the Waitrose car park. An education programme was underway in the south of Wiltshire to encourage residents to recycle as much as possible and not to present additional household waste next to their bin, which is known as 'side waste'. In addition a consultation was underway

on reducing collections of garden waste in the winter to reduce costs.

JHST said that he was fed up with Wiltshire's record on waste collection and the number of different bins that had to be used. He did not believe that this actually translated into more recycling. Further, the arrangements were constantly being changed, as now. A simpler arrangement needed to be made and stuck to.

[Post meeting note: Wiltshire Council has indicated that:

"where it had been noted that "side waste" was being left, all bins get a hanger and all side waste is collected too. The hanger on one side shows "what goes where" - i.e. what can go in the black box, blue lidded bin and green lidded bin. On the other side of the hanger it says "Please don't leave extra waste next to your bin. Most of your waste can now be recycled and your wheeled bin should be big enough for your remaining waste. Struggling with your bin? For help or advice and a full list of materials which you can recycle, contact us" (and the council's contact telephone number and website is given). This means that if residents have presented additional waste, they then have another fortnight to contact the council if they're struggling with their bin capacity, or to request a house visit, additional recycling capacity etc, before the side waste is then left the following fortnight. If side waste is left after this, we have Waste Technical Officers who will come out and do house visits to address any further capacity concerns that residents may have. We have found that, by and large, residents can manage their household waste without the need to present additional bags of waste, so long as they recycle everything they can using the black box and blue lidded bin at the kerbside. There are exceptions to this, such as large families and medical conditions, and we will offer larger bin capacity for household waste in these circumstances"].

Cllr Green said that notices had now been posted about the closures of the C12 for resurfacing work. Residents should still be able to gain access.

8. Report from PCSO Jenny Moss

PCSO Jenny Moss said that she had very little to report. Salisbury police station was now closed and the office at Bourne Hill was now open. Another night time "rural operation" had been held with the help of local farmers. Nothing untoward had been found.

9. Report from Emergency Planning Co-ordinator

Roger Stockton referred to the latest report that had been circulated (copy attached to these minutes) about contacts with riparian landowners. He said that vegetation had been cut on the Faulston Estate adjacent to the drainage channels and, as a result, the channels were now blocked. MRA confirmed that he had yet to receive an assurance from the Trustees to keep the drains clear. He undertook to chase this. NTB proposed a vote of thanks for the work Roger had done on the flooding issue. This was unanimously approved.

10. Chairman's Items

JHST said that he continued to be concerned about the amount of dog mess being left in the village. ST undertook to put warning signs up in Pitts Lane and The Styles.

JHST said he wished to put on record his thanks to all of those who had helped put

on the Bishopstone Country Fayre, which had been a great success.

He had available cards on home safety visits by the Fire Service. These were free and provided good advice to home owners about how to minimize fire risk.

He also drew attention to the service being held on 3rd August in the village church to mark the start of WW1.

11. Parish Clerk's Report

MRA reported that the Council's Annual Financial Report had been approved by the external auditors on 21 May.

Four licences had been issued on 1st June for plots on the allotments in The Styles and cultivation was now underway. It had taken more than six months to get the details of the lease from Wiltshire Council settled but this had been achieved in the end.

He had included in STaB an article about footpath improvements and called for volunteers to help replace two stiles with kissing gates on the footpath from Faulston to Crouchston. So far he had had two volunteers. If others did not come forward it might not be possible to go ahead. Meanwhile the South Wilts Ramblers had cleared Crouchston Hollow.

Following the review carried out by consultants, Wiltshire Council had decided to make no change to speed limits in the village. It was particularly disappointing, amounting to the bizarre, that the stretch of road which contained the pedestrian crossing to the bus stop, recreation field and children's play area, and the junction with Butt Lane leading to the pub and the village hall, was to remain outside the 30mph zone.

It was likely that the repairs to Mill Lane would not begin for 8-12 weeks. The warning sign for the junction of the C12 and Flamstone St was in the BBLP work programme.

Two payments needed to be authorized: £72 for the internal audit of the accounts and £49.32 to compensate for the donation of a 1 tonne bag of sand during the winter's flooding. NTB proposed that these payments be made, seconded by GRB and agreed.

12. Report back on Housing Needs Survey Meeting with Wiltshire Council Officer.

MRA said that he had circulated a note of the briefing meeting held with Julie Newitt of Wiltshire Council on the Housing Needs Survey (copy attached to these minutes). GRB and AS said that the Parish Council needed to take a very cautious approach to the provision of additional affordable housing in the parish. GRB said that he would not wish to support shared ownership provision. NTB said there was a need to ensure that any new homes went to those in need from the village. If necessary a further, special, meeting should be held to discuss this issue. MRA said that normally the next step would be for the PC to discuss with a registered provider (Housing Association) to see what they thought about any project. However, the

only housing association currently developing in Wiltshire villages was fully committed for the present so a meeting should be deferred at this stage. He undertook to inform the council if and when the position changed. In the meantime the Bishopstone Plan Group could consider what, if anything, to say on this subject in the plan. Consultation on that would provide a further test of opinion within the village.

13. Planning Matters

There was nothing to report.

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

GRB said that he had been contacted about the river flow past Croucheston Mill, which had been reduced to a trickle. He asked whether the new owner of the riparian rights in this area could be approached to ensure that a reasonable flow was maintained in all channels. Roger Stockton said that it would also be useful if he was included in any meeting. MRA undertook to arrange a meeting.

15. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman

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Date

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ACTION PLAN

WHAT ACTION	BY WHOM	COMPLETED ✓
Survey of toilets to be undertaken and estimate of likely costs to be obtained.	MRA	
Road salt spreading equipment to be investigated.	AJT	
Seek views on whether and how to commemorate WW1 locally through an article in a future STaB.	MRA	
A letter to be sent to Wiltshire Council asking for more care to be taken with rubbish collection in the village.	MRA	
Further letter to be written to Wiltshire Council re the car park at Whitlock Rise.	MRA	✓
New catch to be fitted to gate into Recreation Field	AJT	✓
Letter to be sent to riparian land owners about the need to clear ditches and river banks.	MRA	✓
Responsibility for mowing the grass at Stanley Close to be investigated.	AJT	
Scope of recreation field project to be confirmed and estimates to be obtained for construction of basketball court.	AJT/GRB	
Agents for Sedge Cottage to be approached re hedge trimming.	MRA	
Trustees of Faulstone Estate to be asked again to confirm responsibility for drain clearance.	MRA	
Meeting to be arranged with riparian owner of land near Croucheston Mill.	MRA	