

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm.

MINUTES

Present : Parish Councillors : Major JHS Thompson (JHST) Chairman
 A Thorne (AJT)
 N Barter (NTB)
 G Brutton (GRB)
 J Gibbon (JG)
 S Tatner (ST)
 A Smith (AS)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: PC P Jung
 T Long
 R Stockton
 Mrs P Stockton
 Mrs M Tatner
 Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Jose Green, Mrs P and Mr R Abbott and Mr C Sexton.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 13th November 2014

No matters of accuracy were raised in relation to the minutes of the meeting on 13th November 2014. GRB proposed that they be approved, This was seconded by JG and agreed.

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

MRA said that he had written to Wiltshire Council about the issues raised at the previous meeting in respect of Whitlock Rise. The Council had undertaken to do something about the fence beside the car park. On abandoned vehicles they had said that further information was required: ie the registration, make and model of the vehicle and how long they had been left there. Cars were only classed as abandoned after a period of two months and one day.

The grass alongside the High Road between Meadow View and Pitts Lane had been cut by Balfour Beatty so that it could be used as a footpath.

As regards the setting up of a Community Speed Watch MRA reported that a metro count of the speed of vehicles using the High Road had been undertaken in a week in December. A total of 15,500 vehicles had been checked. The speed of vehicles at the 85th percentile (85% of the traffic was travelling at or below) was 41.4mph. This meant a large number of vehicles were travelling above the speed limit of 30mph. Some 2500 cars (15% of the total) were travelling in excess of 41mph. He hoped that this would mean that the Police Authority would agree to the setting up of a CSW.

[Post Meeting Note: The Parish Council received a letter, after the meeting, from Wiltshire Police Authority saying that this result does not meet the criteria for a Community Speed Watch (which is for speeds at the 85th percentile of 35 – 38.9mph) and that the appropriate response is inclusion a Speed Indicator Device Programme. It has been pointed out that the location is already included in the SID programme so the whole exercise appears to have been a waste of time and money. The matter has been taken up with the Police Authority and Wiltshire Council.]

The poster campaign about “self help” in the village had not appeared because of the material submitted for publication in STaB in December only that about bogus house calls had been included in the published magazine. It was hoped that it would appear in February’s edition.

Wiltshire Council had been contacted about the removal of road work cones and signs.

Other Action Plan issues remain (see checklist at the end of these minutes).

5. Public Question Time.

Matters raised by members of the public were:

- Mr Long said that he was very concerned about the traffic impacts of the proposed redevelopment of Faulston Barns. He noted that the transport department of Wiltshire Council had initially registered an objection to the planning application because of the narrowness of the road, but had subsequently withdrawn that objection following a transport assessment submitted by the developers. He considered that this assessment contained incorrect information. He had drawn this to the attention of the Wiltshire Council officers concerned, but they had now said that their view was that the lanes in the vicinity of the site are suitable to accommodate the additional vehicle movements associated with the proposed six residential units and that passing places are not necessary. He asked the Parish Council to pursue this matter and ask Wiltshire Council what steps it proposed to take to safeguard the passage of vehicles and road safety should planning permission be granted.

It was pointed out that whilst the Parish Council had supported the proposed redevelopment of the barns in its representations submitted in September 2014, it had raised concerns about the traffic impacts on the narrow lane. In addition, following the rejected bid for extended speed limits in the village, it was also an

outstanding action point in the Action Plan to send a submission to Wiltshire Council on traffic problems in Harvest and Faulston Lanes. It was agreed that the Faulston Barns development would add to these and this point should be covered in that submission. In the meantime a further letter should be sent asking specifically what action Wiltshire Council proposed to take to deal with the traffic impacts of Faulston Barns, should the proposed redevelopment be approved.

6. Report from PC Jung

Pc Jung reported on another successful night time joint operation with farmers to deter and apprehend miscreants. He thanked Cllr Thorne and the others involved.

7. Chairman's Items

JHST reported that there had been an outbreak of hooliganism during the night following the Bish Bash Christmas event. Eggs had been thrown at cars in the village. There was no suggestion that this was linked to the Bish Bash celebrations which had been a big success in the pub earlier in the evening. It was suggested that this problem was associated with youths from outside the village.

JHST said that he was concerned about the parish magazine STaB. The December edition had failed to include material submitted by the Parish Council and delivery had been late. He would raise these matters with the PCC.

8. Report by Emergency Planning Co-ordinator

Roger Stockton gave a short report on the latest work that had been completed by volunteers to clear the river bank and drainage ditches. He said that a new Flood Warden, Nigel Peasley, had been recruited for the western end of the village, following the departure of Richard Tory.

MRA reported on a meeting that had been held in the village with the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council officers. Unfortunately the latter had indicated that the promised extension of the road drains in Crouchston Drove, to pick up any outflow from the new field drain installed south of Greenfields, would not now go ahead. MRA said he has pursued this point at a meeting of the Operational Flood Working Group and was continuing to press in correspondence for the matter to be reconsidered.

Wiltshire Council had undertaken to ensure that Wessex Water cleared the culvert under their land in Netton Street, following which arrangements were in place to clear the drainage ditch in the adjoining field.

AJT reported that Wiltshire Council were still sorting out the distribution of the salt spinners to attach to 4x4s.

9. Parish Clerk's report

MRA said that:

(i) following a suggestion by residents in Meadow View who are concerned at the speed of vehicles past their property, he had written to the Headteacher of Broad Chalke School asking that a note be included in the news letter to parents requesting those using the High Road to observe the speed limit. The Headteacher had agreed to do this.

(ii) he had received an email from those responsible for the Rural High Speed Broadband project saying that the delay in implementation was due to the need for specialist teams to be brought in to install the above ground section between Broad Chalke and the new cabinet opposite the end of Flamstone Street. Work is beginning on upgrading to fibre optic those lines served from Coombe Bissett exchange, but there was no timeframe for this yet.

(iii) following the recent consultation, Wiltshire Council has decided that garden refuse collections (the green bins) will cease for December, January and February from December 2015.

(iv) it was still unclear when work to repair and re-open Mill Lane is due to begin.
[Post meeting note: now due to begin in the first week of February 2015.]

(v) a request had been received for a bus shelter to be provided at the bus stop (west bound) opposite Meadow View. Funding for bus shelters is under the control of the South West Wiltshire Area Board. It was agreed to investigate costs, funding etc for consideration at the meeting in March.

(vi) a letter had been received from the Wiltshire Citizen's Advice Bureau requesting donations from Parish Councils. He said that there was room in the relevant 2014/15 budget line for a donation of £50 to be made. NTB proposed that the donation be made, seconded by JG and agreed. Payment of the donation of £250 to cover costs associated with the preparation of the Bishopstone Plan was proposed by AJT and seconded by ST.

10. Budget and Precept for 2015/16

MRA presented a short note (copy attached to these minutes) setting out a proposed budget for 2015/16 and a recommendation for the precept to be sought from Wiltshire Council. This proposed that the precept be set at a level which meant that the related Parish Council share of the Council Tax demand in Bishopstone would remain the same as in 2014/15. This would produce income to the Parish Council of £5,511 for 2015/16. AJT proposed that the budget set out in the table attached to the circulated note be agreed. This was seconded by NTB and agreed. AS proposed that the precept be set at the level proposed in the circulated note. This was seconded by GRB and agreed.

MRA pointed out that after the introduction in Wiltshire of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), expected in April 2015, no further donations could be expected under the old R2 policy. It was money from this source that had largely funded the provision of recreation facilities in the village. The amounts of money due to the parish under CIL, when any new house is built, will be much less than under R2. The Council might therefore need to consider slightly increasing precept levels in future years.

11. Planning Matters

MRA said that he had circulated a note setting out the background to a new application that had been submitted for works to the annex at Bankside, The Alley, Bishopstone, which is within the Conservation Area. This application involved raising the roof, with the insertion of roof lights, the construction of a porch and the use of the annex for holiday letting. He said that as off street parking would be provided, there was no basis for objecting to the proposed use following the Council's comments on previous applications. The main issue for consideration was the acceptability of the proposed roof lights. Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer has already objected to the proposed development. After a short discussion it was agreed to request that any approval should be subject to the use of "conservation grade' flush roof lights.

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

AJT raised the matter of cars parked in Butt Lane near the junction with the High Road. These made it difficult for lorries and school transport to enter the pub car park and generally caused congestion. The property concerned had off street parking available. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the relevant householder requesting that cars not be left in this position.

14. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 12 March 2015 following the Parish Meeting, which would begin at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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 ✓ |
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| Survey of toilets to be undertaken and estimate of likely costs to be obtained. | MRA | |
| Seek views on whether and how to commemorate WW1 locally through an article in a future STaB. | MRA | |
| Trustees of Faulstone Estate to be asked again to confirm responsibility for drain clearance. | MRA | |
| Letter to be written to organisers of the Wilton Super Car event regarding the need to observe speed limits. | MRA | ✓ |
| Representations to be made to Wiltshire Council about traffic management and speed limits in the village. | MRA | |
| Consideration to be given as to whether CCTV might be installed at the play area. | AJT | ✓ |
| Train in play area to be cleaned. | AJT | |
| Letter to be sent to Wiltshire Council about on-going problems at Whitlock Rise (car park and rubbish in gardens) | MRA | ✓ |
| Letter to be written to adjacent landowners re fence to Whitlock Rise car park. | MRA | ✓ |
| Cutting of grass on verge on south side of High Road between Meadow View and the bus stop to be discussed with WC. | MRA | ✓ |
| Establishment of CSW in Bishopstone to be discussed with SWWAB (achieved) but further discussions to be held with Wiltshire Police Authority. | MRA/JG | |

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| Poster campaign on "self help" in the village to be prepared. | MRA | ✓ |
| Warning about bogus house callers to be included in STaB. | GB/MRA | ✓ |
| WC to be contacted about removal of cones and warning signs after roadworks. | MRA | ✓ |
| Letter to be sent to Wiltshire Council about the need for transport improvements to Faulston Lane should the planning application for Faulston Barns be approved. | MRA | |
| Provision of a bus shelter opposite Meadow View to be investigated and reported to March meeting. | MRA | |
| Letter to be sent to residents in Butt Lane about the need to avoid parking opposite the pub entrance. | MRA | |