

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**MINUTES**

**Present** : Parish Councillors : A Thorne (AJT) Vice Chairman  
N Barter (NTB)  
G Brutton (GRB)  
Mrs A Smith (AS)  
P Edwards (PE)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

**Also present:** Mrs P Abbott  
Mr R Abbott  
Mr J Steedman  
Mrs M Tatner  
Mrs C Ash

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr John Gibbon.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**3. Councillor Vacancy – possible co-option**

MRA said that a vacancy had existed on the council since the resignation of Marion Foster in November 2018. Notices had been posted on the Wiltshire Council website and in STaB inviting expressions of interest in filling the vacancy. Mrs Michelle Tatner had now put her name forward. NTB proposed that Mrs Tatner be co-opted onto the Council, this was seconded by AS and approved. Mrs Tatner signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her place on the Council.

**4. Approval of Minutes of the meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

PE proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be approved as a correct record, this was seconded by AJT and agreed.

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

MRA said that the External Auditors had acknowledged receipt of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019. They had indicated that they would only seek further

information if they received correspondence from a local elector. The papers were now available on the Village Website and on the Parish Notice Board.

The request for a metro count on the High Road outside Manor Farm had been acknowledged. This was likely to take place in September.

Other matters were on the agenda for the meeting.

## **6. Public Forum.**

No matters were raised.

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

There were none.

## **8. Children's Play Area – Play Trail**

The meeting considered quotations for the provision of the new Play Trail in the Children's Play Area on the Recreation Field. MRA confirmed that the South West Area Board of Wiltshire Council had approved a grant of £3,990 towards the project. Three quotes had been received for the cost of providing six main items of equipment which will provide climbing, balancing and swinging challenges, linked together into a continuous "trail". These were from:

Outdoor Play South West	£7782 (including delivery, installation and vat)
Playdale	£7981 ( " )
Sovereign	£7784 (including vat but plus delivery and installation)

A paper setting out a consideration of which quotation to accept had been circulated to Councillors and a copy is attached to these minutes. Consideration was given to options for the extent of safety surfacing under the equipment and a final specification for the project agreed. Following debate it was agreed to accept a revised quote, to include safety surfacing, of £8,336 which had been received from Outdoor Play South West (the company that previously provided the Play Tower in the play area).

AJT proposed that this quote be accepted and that a claim be submitted to Wiltshire Council to draw down £4,346 from the Council's s106/R2 reserve to cover the Parish Council's costs of the project. This was seconded by AS and agreed.

Discussions will now take place with the company to agree a final layout for the trail, which it is hoped will be in place by the Autumn. In the meantime steps will be taken to maintain the Play Train in as safe a condition as possible before its removal.

## **9. Grant for Chalke Valley Sports Centre**

Following discussion at the previous meeting about whether to continue to provide grant support to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre it was reported that a number of residents of Bishopstone did make use of the facilities, including for Pilates and Yoga. PE proposed that the grant be

maintained but that the centre be encouraged to promote its use more widely. This was seconded by GRB and agreed.

**10. Parish Clerk’s Report**

MRA said that an issue had been raised concerning the grit bin in Whitlock Rise. The existing bin, which was filled by Wiltshire Council, was located towards the lower end of the road and was mainly for use in gritting the junction with the High Road. However, the higher part of the road also needed treatment in icy weather and was quite steep. Grit had to be carried up there when needed. He suggested that the Parish Council could provide an additional bin, which could be filled from its store of grit. He undertook to examine possible locations, discuss with Wiltshire Council Housing Officers and bring firm proposals to a future meeting of the Council.

MRA said that, after consulting the Chairman, he had confirmed the willingness of Bishopstone to be involved in an evaluation that Wiltshire Council is to undertake of SID effectiveness.

MRA said that it would be necessary to replace the pads in the defibrillator by the end of August because they had been in place for three years. This was likely to cost about £60.

**11. Planning Matters**

MRA said that he had submitted a continuing objection to the proposed development behind Corn Pitt House in Flamstone Street. The revised application would remove the over-looking of the adjoining house and garden, but did nothing to deal with the objection in principle to back-land development.

He would also contact Wiltshire Council about the situation at Meadow Cottage, Pitts Lane, where a revised planning application was expected.

**12. Questions or statements from Councillors.**

There were none.

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

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman

Date

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**ACTION PLAN**

<b>WHAT ACTION</b>	<b>BY WHOM</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Proposals to be brought forward for new play area equipment.	MRA	✓
Item to be included in STaB re volunteers for CSW and SID deployment.	MRA	✓
Information to be collected on usage of the CVSC.	MRA	✓
Metro count to be requested for High Road near Church Lane junction.	MRA	✓
Possible new grit bin for Whitlock Rise to be investigated.	MRA	