

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm.**

MINUTES

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

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Wiltshire Councillor J Green
Mr R Goodfellow
Mrs J Goodfellow
Mr C Goodfellow
Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Foster.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meetings on 12th July 2018.

AS proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 12th July 2018 be approved, this was seconded by AJT and agreed.

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

MRA said that most matters arising from the Minutes were covered by items on the Agenda. On Action Plan items he reported that:

Speeding. The management of Gurston Speed Hill Climb had replied to the letter from the Parish Council about vehicles breaking the speed limit along the High Road through Bishopstone on days when events were held at Gurston. The reply set out a number of steps they have taken to remind those attending events to observe the local speed limits. There is some evidence to show that speeding had been less of a problem at recent events. No further action was proposed.

Vandalism in the village. A comprehensive report on recent incidents of vandalism and other anti-social behaviour in the village had been sent to the Community Policing Team. No response has yet been received and it was agreed to send a reminder.

5. Amendment to Standing Orders (Public Participation in Meetings).

MRA said that proposed changes to the Council's Standing Orders, to better regulate participation of the public in its meetings, had been discussed at the meeting in July. A motion to approve those changes, proposed by AS and seconded by NTB, stood adjourned until this meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Public Forum.

No matters were raised by members of the public. However, Cllr Jose Green gave a short report on current issues. She reminded the meeting that National Armed Forces Day would be held in Salisbury. She reported that the local Housing Panels have been discontinued but that it was as yet unclear how tenant engagement was to take place in future. She referred to reports about Wiltshire Council's budget being stretched and said that Wiltshire had the third highest costs in the country for carer support.

7. Chairman's Items

JG paid tribute to Reg Barrett who died at the end of August. He said that for many years Reg had served as the Parish Council's appointee to the Trustees of the Reverend Augustus Montgomery Coal Charity. He was extremely diligent, both in the administration of that charity to support those in need within the village and in presenting a report each year at the Annual Parish Meeting. He thanked Reg for his service to the parish and offered condolences to his family. In due course the Parish Council would need to appoint a new representative to the charity. Recommendations on this will be brought forward after discussions have taken place with the Team Vicar.

JG also set out his concerns as regards the village's attitude to the volunteers that ran the Community Speed Watch. He reviewed the steps that had been taken to discourage speeding in the village. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) had been put in place and is effective if used for short periods. The Community Speed Watch (CSW) had operated for 3 years. Some 38,000 vehicles had been checked and more than 800 speeders reported. This was having some effect and the numbers reported each time are declining. For their part, the Police have made it very clear that their resources for speed enforcement are limited but that they give priority to locations where CSW teams are in operation.

The CSW team had operated for 128 sessions of about an hour each, often in the cold and rain. The village owed them a debt of gratitude for giving up their time and energy. Instead they have increasingly been the subject of criticism and negative comments on social media by some members of our community. He expressed his disappointment at the way the team has been treated. As a result he would be devoting less time to this activity and said that unless the village swings fully behind the CSW team others are bound to follow.

He said that the SID and the operation of the CSW are not the complete answer to getting drivers to obey the speed limits. But no other options were available. It was completely unrealistic to think that major changes can be made to the road layout, or traffic calming measures introduced.

Despite numerous attempts to persuade them otherwise, Wiltshire Council will not reduce the speed limits further.

He concluded by saying that if villagers really care about the safety of themselves and other road users, in particular children and the elderly, then things have to change. More people are needed to operate the CSW and, more importantly, carping and mocking the efforts of those who are prepared to contribute needs to stop. Those who criticise the CSW team have a simple choice: carry on whinging and sniping and see a complete cessation of all speed control measures or get behind the team and provide support.

Rob and Jan Goodfellow, members of the CSW team, echoed the Chairman's sentiments. It was agreed that an article should be included in STaB setting out the points made by the Chairman.

8. Service Work for Playing Field Changing Rooms

MRA gave an update was on the Recreation Field project. SLFC had begun training in Bishopstone and were seeking pre-application advice from Wiltshire Council as regards planning permission for the provision of changing rooms on the site of the old Recreation Field Pavilion. Estimates had been obtained for the necessary service works - connection of water and electricity supplies to the pavilion site and for re-establishing the toilets. An issue had been raised as regards the isolation of the electrical supply to the Changing Rooms which needed to be resolved. The proposed expenditure for the various works would only be brought forward for approval once the planning position was clearer and the works themselves would not be undertaken until it is clear that planning permission will be granted. In the meantime it was agreed that work should be carried out to clear the pavilion site of trees and scrub. An estimate had been provided of £350 for this work. This expenditure was proposed by AJT, seconded by NTB and approved.

9. Parish Clerk's Report

MRA said that the Parish Council had been consulted about the Local Government Boundary Commission review of Wiltshire Council. This is looking at the size of the Divisions represented by Wiltshire Councillors. It was agreed to submit a return that emphasized the importance of keeping the Chalke Valley parishes together in a single Division.

Cranborne Chase AONB had asked for support for their bid for the AONB to be an International Dark Sky Reserve. Councillors indicated support for this proposal, but asked that further information be obtained on the implications of that status for the area as regards both new development and any existing activities.

Consideration was given to whether to increase the annual grant made to the Chalke Valley Sports Centre. Following discussion it was agreed to make grants to the PCC, for maintenance of the graveyard, STaB magazine, the Village Hall and the Chalke Valley Sports Centre in line with the Parish Council's Budget for 2018/19 (copy attached to these Minutes). AJT proposed that these grants be made, this was seconded by AS and agreed.

Wiltshire Council had agreed to extend for another five years the lease to Bishopstone Parish Council of the allotments in The Styles. A request had been received to provide a water stand pipe for the use of allotment holders. The cost of a connection by Wessex Water and the works

on-site could be as much as £4000. It was decided that this project was probably unaffordable and that consideration should be given to alternatives, such as the provision of a water storage tank on site that could be filled from an outside source.

In 2014 the Parish Council was successful in having the pub placed on the Register of Community Assets held by Wiltshire Council. This provided certain safeguards if the owners of the pub, Enterprise Inns, wanted to dispose of it. That designation will expire in January 2019. It was agreed to make an application to renew the registration.

The bench in Church Lane had become unstable in its foundations. Re-seating of the bench was unlikely to be costly and AJT agreed to obtain a quote from Wessex Contract Services and to remove the bench for cleaning prior to its re-establishment, which would be facing the river rather than the road.

Councillor Marion Foster would shortly be moving home and had decided to stand down as a member of Bishopstone Parish Council. Her last meeting would be that in November. MRA said that the Council was required to inform the Wiltshire Returning Officer who would advertise the vacancy. If no requests for an election was received the Council would be free to co-opt.

10. Planning Matters

MRA said that Wiltshire Council had approved planning permission for the Village Hall car-park resurfacing and had requested the submission of a retrospective application for approval of the works at Meadow Cottage on the corner of Pitts Lane.

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

There were none.

13. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

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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ACTION PLAN**

WHAT ACTION	BY WHOM	COMPLETED ✓
Arrangements for erecting new fence on west side of Recreation Field to be cleared with Mr A Draper.	AJT	
Wiltshire Council to be requested to carry out Metro Count in four locations on village roads.	MRA/PE	
Report response from Gurston Down.	JG/MRA	✓
Send report on vandalism and anti-social behavior in the village to the CPT. Completed but reminder to be sent as no reply received.	MRA	
Obtain quotations for work to re-establish water and waste disposal arrangements for the pavilion site, and for the provision of an electrical supply.	MRA	✓
Article on concerns about CSW to be sent to STaB.	MRA	
Response to be sent to Local Government Boundary Commission.	MRA	
Further information to be sought on AONB Dark Skies designation.	MRA	
Consideration to be given of alternative ways of providing water to the allotments in The Styles.	MRA	
Pub to be re-registered as a Community Asset.	MRA	
Inform Wiltshire Returning Officer of Councillor vacancy.	MRA	

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL		
Budget 2018/19		
Budget Heading	Budget 2018/19	Expenditure as at 13/09/18
Hire of Village Hall	£150	
Insurance	£700	£757
External Audit	£120	£0
Internal Audit	£75	£75
Playground safety inspection	£70	
Parochial Church Council	£450	
Village Hall	£350	
WALC Subscription	£240	£260
Chalke Valley Sports Centre	£250	
Donations	£200	
STAB Donation	£450	
Clerk's/Chair Expense	£100	£123
Repairs & Maintenance	£750	£356
Contingency	£500	*£164
Totals	£4,405	£1,735
* Skip hire for Bish Bash		