

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30pm.**

MINUTES

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

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Wiltshire Councillor J Green
Mr C Goodfellow
Mr R Stockton
Mrs P Stockton
Ms S Porter
Mr J Steedman
Mr C Rothwell
Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Gibbon.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meetings on 10th January 2019.

PE proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 10th January 2019 be approved, this was seconded by AS and agreed.

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

Salisbury Ladies Football Club. The club remains keen to use our football pitch for their home games and are now looking for funding to enable them to purchase temporary changing room facilities. It was hoped to get these in place in time for the start of next season, though time is now short given the need to obtain planning permission. The new fence on the west side of the Recreation Field had now been erected by Wessex Contract Services.

Thanks to Roger Stockton the update of the village Emergency Plan was now available on the village website and had been circulated to members of the Emergency Response Group.

New “pick it up” dog fouling signs had been purchased and had now been erected along Netton Street.

Other matters were on the agenda for the meeting.

5. Public Forum.

[Raised at the end of the meeting but accepted.]

A question was asked as to the availability of our local road gritting resource should Cllr Thorne not be available during periods of icy weather. The problem as regards gritting is that the equipment used is attached to Cllr Thorne’s vehicles which are insured for him alone. However, he agreed to see whether there was scope for anybody else to use the grit “spinner”. This could be used to grit the main road junctions, but only after any snow has been cleared. It was pointed out that we are lucky to have this facility – which is not available in other villages in the valley.

Concern was also expressed about the effectiveness and value for money of Wiltshire Council’s Parish Steward service. It was felt that the stewards were not equipped or trained to deal adequately with problems that arose (eg. repairs to potholes that did not last long). It was agreed to take the matter up with Highways Officers.

6. Report from Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green

This report was given during the Annual Parish Meeting and is included with the minutes of that meeting.

7. Chairman’s Items

There were none.

8. Parish Clerk’s Report

The refurbishment of the Children’s Play Area. Following the discussion at the January meeting, MRA reported on the types of equipment that might make up a “play trail”. He had also met with the contractors who provided the play tower to discuss what might be possible. It was agreed that he would talk to a group of parents and carers from the village about which individual items of equipment to choose for our trail and report back in due course to Councillors with a draft grant application to South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Allotments. A new lease for the land at The Styles has been received from Wiltshire Council. This will enable the Parish Council to continue to sub-let allotments to villagers for 2019/20.

The White Hart. Wiltshire Council had approved the application from the Parish Council for the White Hart to be included for a further period of five years on the list of Community Assets, thus safeguarding against any proposal by the owners, Ei Group plc, to dispose of the property for a non-public house use.

MRA sought approval to the following items of expenditure:

Clerk's Expenses

Emergency Plan Maps	£6.30
Dog Fouling Signs	£45.01
Data Protection ICO Annual Subscription	£40.00
Total	£91.31

Grant Request

Bishopstone Village Website Platform Annual Charge £33.00

He said that the costs of running the village website would better be met by a grant from the Council to those who ran the site, rather than included as Clerk's Expenses. This was in order to recognize that the website was not the property of the Parish Council, but belonged to the village as a whole.

PE proposed that these payments be made, this was seconded by GRB and approved.

9. Planning Matters

MRA said that the consultation on the retrospective planning application for the works carried out at Meadow Cottage concluded on 12th March. Comments from the Parish Council had been submitted objecting to the proposals. A further nine letters of objection from local residents had, so far, been posted on the Wiltshire Council website. The target date for a decision was 3rd April.

10. Questions or statements from Councillors.

GRB asked whether there were any arrangements whereby offenders sentenced to community service could be used to undertake litter-picking operations. He undertook to look into the matter.

12. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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 ✓
Wiltshire Council to be requested to carry out Metro Count in four locations on village roads.	MRA/PE	
Write to Highways Officers about adequacy of the Parish Steward service.	MRA	
Pub to be re-registered as a Community Asset.	MRA	✓
New lease to be obtained for land in The Styles to be used as allotments.	MRA	✓
Proposals to be brought forward for new play area equipment.	MRA	
Investigate use of community service offenders for litter picking.	GRB	