

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm.**

MINUTES

Present : Parish Councillors : J Gibbon (JG) (Chairman)
N Barter (NTB)
G Brutton (GRB)
Mrs A Smith (AS)
Mrs M Foster (MF)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Mrs J Green
Mr C Goodfellow
Mrs J Goodfellow
Mr R Goodfellow
Mr J Gulliver
Mrs M Gulliver
Mr M Bundy
Mrs L Lock
Miss L Lock
Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Thorne.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meetings on 8th September 2016

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September. GRB proposed that the minutes be approved; this was seconded by AS and agreed.

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

MRA said that Wiltshire Council had issued the order to contractors to install the junction warning sign at Whitlock Rise. However, the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) had turned down the request for a pavement to be constructed along the south side of the High Road between Meadow View and the entrance to Whitlock Rise on grounds of cost. Given the width of the verge at this point they had suggested that the Parish Council might consider providing a less formal footpath for pedestrians to use that did not run immediately

alongside the road. It was agreed to investigate the cost of providing a path with a gravel, or similar, surface along this section of verge.

Residents of Whitlock Rise confirmed that they had received advice from BT Openreach that, because of the distance from the “green box’ that serves them, a high speed broadband service would be difficult to achieve. It was agreed to check speeds with others at the geographical extremes of the village to see how widespread this problem is.

MRA said that whilst he had intended to make a final report to this meeting about the provision of a Public Access Heart Defibrillator in the village, he had discovered that the South West Ambulance Service was prepared to visit villages to explain what was involved and on the support they provided for their provision. He had therefore made arrangements for a speaker from the South West Ambulance Service to attend the Parish Council meeting in January to give a presentation.

MRA said that a number of the Action Plan items would be covered later in the Agenda. He would be attending the CATG on 23 November, when the proposal to install “single track road” warning signs in Mill Lane would be discussed. He asked for approval to offer to meet 50% of the costs. This was proposed by GRB, seconded by AS and approved.

5. Public Question Time.

Mr Goodfellow raised the matter of the need to cut back hedges on the north side of the High Road, either side of the Pitts Lane Bus Stop, so that there was adequate visibility for those crossing the road. It was agreed to write to the landowners concerned.

6. Update from Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green

Councillor Green’s report is attached to these minutes.

7. Chairman’s Items

JG said that the police Community Messaging Service was now working well. He recommended that villagers sign up to receive updates on criminal activity in the area and advice from the police.

8. A Bench for the Queen

MRA said that he had circulated a paper to Councillors on the provision of a bench to mark the 90th birthday of the Queen, and the fact that she was now the longest serving English monarch. A copy of the paper is attached to these minutes.

GRB said that the track beside the potential location outlined as Option B in the paper was heavily used by farm vehicles and might not be the best location. Following discussion JG proposed that a bench made of recycled materials, such as that in the second illustration in the paper, should be provided and that it should be located as proposed under Option A in the paper, ie at the western end of the footpath from The Alley to Bridge Road. This was seconded by GRB and approved. It was proposed by GRB, and seconded by AS, and agreed, that the Chairman be delegated authority to reach a final decision on the bench to be

purchased.

9. Finance Update and Precept 2017/18

MRA said that he had circulated a paper to Councillors giving an update on the Council's financial position, with a forecast for the end of the financial year. The paper also illustrated options for the Precept to be set for 2017/18. A copy of this paper is attached to these minutes.

Since the paper was circulated MRA said he had received further information from Wiltshire Council on the tax base for 2017/18 and he presented a revised table of precept options, as follows:

	Annual Charge (Band D)	Precept
2016/17	23.05	6,331
Approx. + 10%	25.35	6,905
+ 15%	26.51	7,219
+20%	27.66	7,533

JG pointed out that Bishopstone still lagged behind neighbouring parishes as regards the level of the precept and suggested that a further increase should be made for 2017/18. MRA said that as he had now received all the necessary information from Wiltshire Council, it was not necessary to delay decisions on the precept until the meeting in January. Following discussion it was proposed by MF that the Band D charge be increased by 15% for 2017/18, this was seconded by AS and approved.

10. Parish Clerk's Report

MRA said that all the responses received by the Parish Council to its consultation on the proposal to erect a mobile phone mast on Netton Farm had been in favour. As a result he had submitted comments to the developers strongly supporting this proposal. He understood that Wiltshire Council's response had been "mixed". There would be a second round of consultation with the Parish Council when the planning application is submitted, which was expected to be during November/December.

Wiltshire Council had consulted the Parish Council on BT's programme for removing public telephone kiosks throughout the county. The rise in the use of mobile phones and the internet means that public kiosks are now little used. BT's figures show that the kiosk opposite Pitts Lane was used just 8 times in the 12 months to October. It was agreed to respond by reference to the fact that mobile phone coverage in the village is currently poor and that the removal of the kiosk service should be delayed until after the proposed new mobile mast is approved and operational. Thereafter it would be open to the Parish Council to consider whether the kiosk structure should be retained, once the phone has been removed, for some alternative use.

MRA said that it had been necessary to purchase some of the emergency equipment being funded by SSE on-line and he had paid for these items. A list of these items is attached to

these minutes. MRA sought reimbursement for this expenditure, together with £28.99 for printer cartridges, a total of £608.06. The additional insurance premium to cover the new emergency equipment would cost £85.09. GRB proposed that this payment be made. This was seconded by MF and agreed. NTB raised the issue of security marking. MRA said that the system he had used involved secure labeling with indelible UV marking if the labels were removed. NTB suggested that engraving should also be used. MRA said he would investigate.

11. Planning Matters

MRA said he had just received a consultation on a proposal to fell trees within the Conservation Area. He would circulate it to Councillors for comment.

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

GRB reported that he had held a meeting with two other residents to discuss the “Area Helper” proposals in the Bishopstone Plan. A difficulty had arisen with regard to the Data Protection Act if they were to document details of individuals in the community. MRA said that as a result he had been considering the Council’s position with regard to the Act and that he would bring proposals forward for regularizing the position to the next meeting of the Council.

Mrs Goodfellow asked for help to get a further meeting with Wiltshire Housing Managers to discuss problems in Whitlock Rise. It was agreed that Wiltshire Council would be contacted about this. *[Post meeting note: meeting now arranged for 25th November.]*

13. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman

Date

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ACTION PLAN**

WHAT ACTION	BY WHOM	COMPLETED ✓
Catch fence to be erected behind the new basketball court.	AJT	
Possibility of setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch to be investigated.	ST	
Further repairs to be undertaken to Play Train.	MRA	✓
Proposal for “single track road” signs in Mill Lane to be submitted to CATG.	MRA	✓
Contractor who provided the basketball surface to be pressed to complete repairs.	MRA	
Provision of footpath beside the High Road between Meadow View and Whitlock Rise to be investigated.	MRA	
Broadband speeds at geographical extremes of the village to be checked.	MRA	
Landowners to be contacted re need to trim hedgerows along High Road.	MRA	
Bench to be purchased and installed (see Agenda Item 8).	MRA	
Cost of engraving of security marks on the emergency equipment to be investigated.	MRA	
Consideration to be given to the Council’s responsibilities under the Data Protection Act.	MRA	

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR JOSE GREEN

As I gave a rather lengthy report last time I will just give you an update on the FREE van permits for 12 visits to the HRC in SALISBURY that **householders** can apply for. The contact telephone number for applications is 0300 456 0102 or register at the HRC site when you make a visit or online.

Currently 2633 permits have been issued and rising!!! This is for those who have vans and trailers. 4X4 and trailers under 1.8m long do not need a permit.

The Task Group I have been leading on has completed the scrutiny on the changes within the waste services. There are 18 recommendations for Cabinet to consider including a suggestion that a new location for the Churchfields HRC site should be looked into. Not only is the location wrong due to the conflict of the business units alongside the HRC but the layout of the site is not good.

Responsible waste disposal and promoting recycling is an ongoing issue which we all must take our part in. The waste hierarchy is...Prevent, Reuse, Recycle and Recover!!

Do visit the Nadder Centre in Tisbury, the Area Board had their first meeting there on the 5th October and it is proving to be very popular.

The Joint Strategic Assessment (***Our Community Matters Event***) meeting which determines what the public want to prioritise for the coming year is being held on 16th November. 6:30 Nadder Centre, Tisbury and the next Area Board is on the 7th December.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful CHRISTMAS and New Year.

Jose.

CLERK'S EXPENSES – NOVEMBER 2016**Emergency Equipment**

6 two-way radios	289.98
Submersible pump and discharge pipe	85.27
Extension cables and plugs	94.65
Fuel cans and funnels	81.57
Security labeling	27.60
Sub Total	579.07
Printer cartridges	28.99
Total	608.06