

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm.**

MINUTES

Present : Parish Councillors : A J Thorne (AJT) Vice Chairman
N Barter (NTB)
G Brutton (GRB)
Mrs A Smith (AS)
S Tatner (ST)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Mr A Stutchbury
Mrs A Stutchbury
Mr C Goodfellow
Mrs J Goodfellow
Mr R Goodfellow
Mr J Gulliver
Mrs M Gulliver
Mrs M Furmston
Mr N Mead
Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Foster and Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 12th May 2016

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting on 12th May. GRB proposed that the minutes be approved; this was seconded by NTB and agreed.

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

MRA said that most matters arising from the minutes were covered by the Action Plan or by other items on the Agenda. However, he reported that the grant application to SSE for funding emergency equipment for the village had been approved. This would provide for a stand-by generator, two water pumps and two-way radios for the emergency response team.

On the Action Plan MRA said that a number of matters remained outstanding. He had hoped to make a final report on the issue of whether an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

should be provided for the village. However, the Parish Council had now been offered a second hand un-used defibrillator at a very reduced price compared to a new one. Before he could make a recommendation on this it would be necessary for checks to be carried out. He would report further in September.

MRA said that he had raised the various issues concerning the front gardens in Whitlock Rise with Wiltshire Council. He had received no reply as yet. He had requested those who helped with the "Clean for the Queen" litter pick to repeat the exercise before the Summer Fayre. Some parts of the village had been tackled but it had not been possible to cover everywhere. It was agreed that the exercise might be repeated again towards the end of the year.

MRA said that an item had been included in STaB seeking views on possible sites for a bench to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Suggestions put forward included the footpath above the Faulston horseshoe, overlooking the village, and on the cut through in The Alley. It was pointed out that the former would be a welcome resting point for walkers. The latter would also serve walkers but would be more useful for more elderly residents walking within the village. MRA said that either location would have to be agreed with the landowners concerned. It was agreed that he should sound out the relevant landowners and that if both options remained viable the views of villagers should again be sought on the final choice in STaB and on the website.

MRA said that he had submitted a proposal for a pavement on the south side of the High Road between Meadow View and Whitlock Rise to Wiltshire Council. This would no doubt be considered by the Community Area Transport Group in due course. He had placed an article in STaB and on the website on the need to observe the Countryside Code.

5. Public Question Time.

It was pointed out that issues concerning the observance of tenancy agreements were arising in Netton Close as well as Whitlock Rise. Cllr Brutton volunteered to attend the next housing tenants liaison meeting (on 22nd July) to talk to housing officers about the on-going problems and to request copies of the current tenancy agreements and of covenants which applied where properties were sold under the right to buy. It was agreed that MRA should write to certain residents in Netton Close about car parking.

A question was raised about the Neighbourhood Watch in the village. This had not operated formally for some time and the previous organizer was unable to continue. MRA pointed out that re-establishing a Neighbourhood Watch was one of the action points in the Bishopstone Plan. ST said that he would investigate what was involved and see whether he could take over the role of local organizer.

6. Update from PC Pete Jung

Unfortunately PC Jung was unable to attend the meeting. AJT drew attention to the email that PC Jung had circulated about the reorganization of police services. It was clear that the changes were to go ahead and there was a general view that this will result in a less effective police presence in our area. PC Jung would now be part of a team covering the whole of south Wiltshire based in Salisbury, only the PCSOs would remain in Wilton. AJT said he

wanted to put on the record the appreciation of the Council for all that PC Jung had done. It had been clear that his regular patrolling in our area had proved a deterrence to criminals. It was agreed that a letter should be sent by the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanking PC Jung for all his efforts over many years.

7. Chairman's Items

AJT said that the Bish-Bash Country Fayre on 11th June had gone very well. It had been very well attended and they were on course to cover costs and make a donation to Salisbury Hospital Hospice. It was hoped to repeat the event next year, though it had been decided to drop the evening session which had become a magnet for unruly elements.

8. Parish Clerk's Report

MRA said that the new Parish Steward arrangements would start on 5th October. He had already sent a note setting out how this would operate to Councillors. More major road issues had to be reported using the "My Wiltshire" app. The Parish Steward would tackle a wide range of other work following a list of priority tasks submitted by the Parish Council. It seemed to him that the new arrangements were very well organized and should be a vast improvement on what had happened in the last four years.

MRA said that the problem of weed growth through the basketball court remained. It had proved impossible to get a response from the contractor who had carried out the construction. He believed that he could get a lawyer to write to the contractor on this matter. It was agreed to take that course and review the position again in September.

MRA said that he had been in extended discussion with Wiltshire Council about whether they would add the small area of land by Faulston Bridge to their grass cutting programme. This had been agreed previously (as a substitute for them no longer cutting grass in the garden plots in The Styles) but seemed to have stopped when the new contract was let. He would report further in due course.

9. Bishopstone Plan Progress Report

MRA said that he had circulated to Councillors an updated schedule of the Plan Action Points with notes on recent progress with implementation (copy attached to these minutes). Whilst progress had been made on a number of fronts, progress was slow on others. As reported previously, it had proved impossible to get volunteers to join an Implementation Group to take forward some of the key points on community support within the village. It was agreed to include a progress report in STaB in September, making clear that without further voluntary effort some aspects of the Plan would not be implemented.

10. Planning Matters

MRA said that he had now discussed what the Bishopstone Plan said about the definition of the "built areas" of the village informally with one of the Strategic Planning Team at Wiltshire Council. It was made clear that Wiltshire Council does not endorse Parish or Community Plans (it does give recognition to Village Design Statements). Nevertheless it was clear that the policy in the Core Strategy relating to small villages intended that the "built areas", within which infilling development on small plots could, subject to meeting certain criteria, be

allowed, should be tightly defined. The policy should not be interpreted as opening the door to developments which would join up separate built areas within a village. This was the approach reflected in the map included in the Bishopstone Plan.

MRA said that he had received enquiries on the extent of new construction, as opposed to restoration, at Faulston Barns. He said that he had now received an update from the developers. They had indicated that they are reclaiming all the useable elements to the original structure. Over 70% of the slate roof and ridges are being refitted and they expect the only new elements to the roof finish will be at the lower single storey sections in the courtyard. The steel frame was a requirement for the building warranty as the old brickwork had no foundations. However, reclaimed materials would be re-used. The project is running on schedule for completion in March 2017. It is intended to invite the local community to the scheme for an open day prior to handover to the purchasers. More information will follow on this later in the year.

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

Questions were raised about noise from bird scarers and about the extent of horse droppings on the roads, but it was considered that these were normal elements of rural life.

ST commended the Community Speed Watch volunteers and undertook to try to encourage some more to come forward for training.

12. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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 ✓
Trustees of Faulston Estate to be asked again to confirm responsibility for drain clearance.	MRA	
Catch fence to be erected behind the new basketball court.	AJT	
BT to be approached re broadband speeds in Whitlock Rise.	MRA	
Costs of a defibrillator to be investigated.	MRA	
Issue of front gardens in Whitlock Rise to be raised with Wiltshire Council.	MRA	✓
Landowners to be asked about possible locations for a bench to mark the Queen's reign and 90 th birthday and the village to be consulted on the choice.	MRA	
Letter to be sent to Netton Close tenants re car parking	MRA	
Possibility of setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch to be investigated.	ST	
Letter to be sent to PC Jung thanking him on behalf of the Parish Council.	MRA	
Lawyer's letter to be sent re basketball court.	MRA	
Progress report on Bishopstone Plan to be included in September STaB and further appeal to be made for volunteers for Plan Implementation Group.	MRA	