

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.00pm.**

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: Mr C Goodfellow
Mrs J Goodfellow
Mr R Goodfellow
Mr J Gulliver
Mrs M Gulliver
Mr M Bundy
Mrs S Bundy
Mr R Stockton
Mrs P Stockton
Mrs L Lock (and others)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Thorne and Tatner.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meetings on 14 July and 22 August 2016

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on 14th July and 22nd August. NTB proposed that the minutes be approved; this was seconded by GRB and agreed.

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

MRA said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 22nd August. The agreed comments on the various planning applications had now been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Most of the matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14th July were covered by the Action Plan or by other items on the Agenda. However, he reported that the proposal for a pavement to be built along the south side of the High Road between Meadow View and Whitlock Rise will be discussed at the next meeting of Wiltshire Council's Community Area Transport Group. However, the cost may prove prohibitive. It

was agreed to make enquiries as to whether any less formal treatment, eg a gravel surface, would be allowed.

On the Action Plan MRA said that a number of matters remained outstanding. In discussion of the item on broadband speeds in Whitlock Rise, Mrs Goodfellow volunteered to send an update on speeds being achieved.

A final report on the issue of whether an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) should be provided for the village would be presented to the November meeting.

Only two people have responded to the request in September's STaB for views on possible locations for a bench to mark the Queen's reign – with one vote for each of the two suggested locations. It is proving difficult to secure agreement of the owners of the land by the Beech trees above Faulston Bowl and the logistics of installing a bench there might anyway prove problematic. The site in the old road across The Alley is more straightforward. Estimates of costs will be secured and a final decision taken in November.

A letter had been sent to residents in Netton Close about car parking in the delivery bay. The Chairman had sent a letter to PC Pete Jung thanking him for all his efforts on behalf of the village. Lawyers had written to R Ball Ltd about the surface of the basketball court and a reply was awaited. A progress report on the Bishopstone Plan had been included in STaB and on the website. Cllr Brutton volunteered to take the lead in setting up a small group to take forward the community support ideas in the plan.

5. Public Question Time.

Mr Stockton asked whether consideration should be given to setting up a Vodaphone Rural Sure Signal system in the village. MRA pointed out that this was previously considered in 2014 and not pursued. It would require about five or six households in the village to have an antenna mounted on their house and connected to their broadband. There would be an annual charge and it would only provide a mobile signal to Vodaphone users. It was agreed to mention this in STaB to see if there were sufficient volunteers to make it worthwhile to pursue the setting up of a scheme.

Mr Stockton also reported that river clearance work upstream of Faulston Bridge had been completed and an update of the village Emergency Plan will be issued once the new generator and pumps have been received.

6. Update from Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green

Councillor Green's report is attached to these minutes.

7. Chairman's Items

JG said that a meeting had been held about policing in the Chalke Valley with the new Police Inspector in charge in Salisbury. He had stressed the importance of reporting all incidents of crime, or attempted crime, via the 999 or 101 telephone lines. Police resources are deployed on the basis of the available statistics. The e-mail alert system that had been operated by PC

Pete Jung has now ended and the “Community Messaging” service should be used instead if you want to receive up to date reports on criminal activity in our area.

The Community Speed Watch now has six trained volunteers. 20,000 car movements have been monitored to date in the village and 465 vehicles reported for speeding.

8. Parish Clerk’s Report

MRA reported that the emergency equipment funded by SSE was now on order and would be delivered soon.

He asked for proposals for priorities for the new Parish Steward for when he starts on 5th October. It was agreed to include the clearing of ditches and grips, grass cutting on the triangle at Faulston bridge and the cutting back of tree and bush growth around the bus shelter at Pitts Lane.

MRA reported that repairs had been completed to the roof of the Play Train. Unfortunately Mr Goodfellow reported that new damage had just occurred. It was suggested that if this pattern continues the Council may have no alternative but to dismantle the train and remove it as it could not continue spending money on repairs, neither could it be left in an unsafe condition. This point would be made in STaB. For the present MRA would commission further repairs.

MRA reported that the accounts for 2015/16 had been approved by Grant Thornton the external auditors.

MRA requested agreement to the payment of the grants to the PCC, Village Hall and Chalke Valley Sports Centre. These had been approved as part of the budget for 2016/17. He also asked whether the Council wished to make a grant of £50 to the Chris Brown Day Centre. GRB proposed that these various grants be made. This was seconded by AS and agreed.

Finally MRA said that, following a discussion with Cllr Brutton, he proposed that CATG be approached to agree the provision of “single track road” signage for Mill Lane. Hopefully this could be provided before the new residents arrived at Faulston Barns.

9. Planning Matters

There were none.

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

Mrs Lock of 8 Whitlock Rise explained the background to the proposals for a significant extension of that property. These included the need to have appropriate accommodation for her disabled son and to make provision for his care. She was thanked but it was pointed out that the Parish Council’s comments on the application, which had already been submitted, needed to reflect the balance of opinion in the village.

12. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman

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 (residents to report latest position).	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	✓
Support for a Vodaphone Rural Sure Signal scheme to be canvassed in STaB.	MRA	
Further repairs to be undertaken to Play Train.	MRA	
Proposal for "single track road" signs in Mill Lane to be submitted to CATG.	MRA	

COUNCILLOR JOSE GREEN - SEPTEMBER '16 PC REPORT.

I am often asked about what is the current situation regarding ***Syrian Refugees*** in Wiltshire? particularly under Wiltshire Councils care. 27 arrived in the County in December, 14 extra in June with a further 6 later this month. Some are unaccompanied children and each has been allocated a volunteer to support them as they become accustomed to the British way of life.

The second ***weed treatment/spraying*** is currently taking place where required. Work is now in process of the rural verge cut, if there are any areas that could be removed from the cutting programme without compromising safety, please inform the Council. Priority sheets for the Parish Steward are for discretionary HIGHWAY works only. The budget for litter collection has been increased to £2.5m.

Recently, I attended a meeting with Inspector Pete Sparrow to discuss and get up to the minute information on ***Policing*** in the rural areas and particularly in the Chalke Valley. A number of farmers, PC's and game keepers attended as they have great concerns on what and how the Police intend to deal with the poaching and gambling that has been taking place and which is a huge and worrying problem as guns are involved. Inspector Sparrow said that rural crime is low compared to the urban areas but although the Police are not up to strength yet there is a recruitment drive on at present. The intention is to continue with the night time surveillance, working closer with Dorset and creating an efficient way of working by promoting ***Community Messaging***. Meanwhile all crime and suspicious goings on must be reported to ensure the statistics reflect what is happening in rural areas.

Wiltshire Council has a statutory duty to provide sites for ***residents*** to dispose of their ***household*** waste, free of charge. ***HRC opening times are 10am - 4pm 5 days per week. Please check before you leave home as to what days are closed as different HRC's have different closure days.*** Vans and large trailers take longer to unload therefore a FREE permit is being introduced for up to 12 visits per year starting 5th September to cut down waiting times. The permit will be presented to staff who will stamp it to record the visit. The permit will not need renewing until all 12 visits have been made. 4x4's and small trailers under 1.8m will not need a permit. This process has been proven to be successful with other local authorities.

Extension of the basic Broadband commitment scheme.

This scheme is designed to provide support for homes and businesses that are unable to receive speeds in excess of 2 mgbt's per second and to those who will not benefit from the superfast BB rollout. The subsidy is for such premises that should not have to pay more than £400 over a 12 month period - the cost represents the monthly charges, installation, hardware and activation costs. Eligible residents are provided with a subsidy code and can choose from a number of retail providers. Go to www.wiltshireonline.org. (as a first port of call) alternatively, there is a dedicated email address for queries....
broadband@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Nadder Centre in Tisbury is now open and the library will be opened on the 10th September. The new equipment in the fitness suite is excellent as is the whole building and well worth a visit when you next go into Tisbury.

The Help to live at Home service....Mears contract is expanding after they successfully tendered. Two previous providers (including MiHome care which was not extended due to missed visits and an 'inadequate' CQC report) have reduced their coverage which MEARS will now take up. Nadder Close in Tisbury which is currently a sheltered housing scheme is soon to be upgraded which will enable residents to receive an extra-care facility, offering 24/7 care and sup