

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Bishopstone
Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

MINUTES

Present : Parish Councillors : Major JHS Thompson (JHST) Chairman
 A Thorne (AJT)
 G Brutton (GRB)
 Mrs A Smith (AS)
 J Gibbon (JG)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

Also present: Cllr Jose Green
 PC Pete Jung

 R Stockton
 M Bundy
 Ms L Pleydell-Bouverie
 Mrs S Blank
 J Webb
 Ms C Duggins
 T Long
 A Symonds
 Mrs P Abbott
 Ms H Holdsworth
 C Goodfellow
 Mrs C Ash

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Barter and Cllr Tatner.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 10th July 2014

No matters of accuracy were raised in relation to the minutes of the meeting on 10th July 2014. GRB proposed that they be approved, this was seconded by AS and agreed.

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

MRA said that following discussion at the meeting on 10th July regarding the pipe under the footpath from Flamston Street to Crouchston he had received further representations on the matter from the owners of Sedge Cottage. He had visited the site and confirmed that water was flowing through the pipe and into the lake at the rear of The Lodge. He had also inspected the channel which flowed from the river to the pipe. Whilst this was somewhat overgrown it was not preventing the flow of water. The landowner concerned had confirmed that the channel would be cleared out in October/November. It seemed unlikely that blockage of the channel/pipe had been a significant factor in last winter's flooding. He had written to the owners of The Cottage and Sedge Cottage with this information.

AJT said that he was now to attend a training course run by Wiltshire Council on the use of the salt spreading equipment.

GRB said that he had sought competitive tenders for the surfacing of the proposed basketball practice court. He would report further when these were received.

MRA continued to seek assurances from the Trustees of Faulston Estate about maintenance of drainage ditches.

Action on the meeting with the riparian owner at the west end of the village would be covered on the Emergency Planning Co-ordinator's report. Other matters arising from the minutes were as set out in the attached Action Plan.

6. Public Question Time.

Matters raised by members of the public were:

- the deteriorating state of the surface of the new car park at Whitlock Rise. Cllr Jose Green of Wiltshire Council undertook to raise this with the officers concerned.
- concern that some of the "super" cars which paraded through the village on 10th August had not stuck to the undertaking not to exceed the speed limit. It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with the organisers of the event.
- the need for a campaign to encourage the many cyclists who use the valley road to wear high visibility clothing. It was suggested that this might be something to be taken up with the South West Wiltshire Area Board.

7. Report from Cllr Jose Green

Cllr Green referred to the next South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting when there would be a "Health Fair" with information and advice for all those involved with community health matters, including advice for carers, help available for the elderly to remain living at home etc.

She referred to the consultation on concessionary fares. It was pointed out that, as proposed, it would not be possible for those on concessionary fares to get an early enough bus from Bishopstone into Salisbury to get the connection for appointments at Southampton Hospital.

Discussions are still going on with regard to future funding for youth services.

8. Report from PC Pete Jung

PC Pete said that there had been an increase in the incidence of hare coursing in the area and when challenged some of those involved had been aggressive. If hare coursers were seen they should be reported but not challenged.

9. Planning application for Faulston Barns

MRA gave a brief introduction regarding the planning application for the redevelopment of Faulston Barns for six houses. JHST then invited comments from the public. Points were put forward both for and against the proposals:

- some felt that it was a good plan, which would preserve the bulk of the fabric of the barns, without the addition of inappropriate extensions etc.
- others raised concerns about the traffic impact on the narrow Faulston and Mill Lanes, disruption of wildlife and the risk of making the existing flooding problems worse.
- there was particular concern about the impact of construction traffic whilst work was underway.

GRB said that he thought the number of houses was too large. AS said that she was against the proposals because the village needed affordable homes not the type of property the subject of the present proposals.

Roger Stockton said that, in his view, the traffic impact of the proposed development would be relatively minor when compared to the wider problem of the increase in traffic using Harvest and Faulston Lanes, much of which was commercial traffic to Crouchston Farm, and the speed of those vehicles. There were now many more families with young children in the immediate area. It was therefore desirable for the Parish Council to take the matter up with Wiltshire Council.

MRA pointed out that Wiltshire Council had just turned down the request for extending the 30mph limit on the C12 to cover the junction with Harvest Lane and the request for a 20mph zone in the village had been rejected. Previous attempts to get speed restrictions on village roads such as Flamstone Street had also been firmly rejected. However, he said that the Parish Council could always put together further representations on this matter, which could be sent direct to the portfolio holder Cllr J Thompson, who had taken the decision on the C12.

On a vote (JHST, AJT and JB in favour, GRB and AS against) it was agreed to support the proposed redevelopment of Faulston Barns, subject to conditions relating to traffic controls, retention of bats, maintenance of the adjoining footpath and restrictions on hedge heights.

It was also agreed to make further representations to Wiltshire Council with regard to the problems of traffic management in the village and measures to reduce the speed of vehicles, particularly in the village roads such as Harvest and Faulston Lanes.

10. Chairman's items

JHST drew attention to the article in the parish magazine, STaB, regarding vandalism in the village. The damage that had been done to the train in the children's play area, the deposit of dog excrement on the Recreation Field, where dogs were not permitted, and the other damage done within the village, was quite unacceptable. He asked that villagers keep their eyes open and report any incidents to the Parish Clerk.

There was a short discussion as to whether it would be possible to install CCTV in the play area, though this could raise data/child protection issues. AJT undertook to investigate.

11. Report by Emergency Planning Co-ordinator

Roger Stockton referred to the latest report that had been circulated (copy attached to these minutes).

Discussions had been held with the riparian landowner at the west end of the village and the issue of the pipe under the Flamstone St/Croucheston footpath had been resolved. There were outstanding matters with Wiltshire Council as regards work in Netton Street and Croucheston Drove. The river was substantially clear, though there had been a problem when weed had been cut and allowed to block the bridges in Faulston Lane. He was chasing Wiltshire Council to get delivery of the flood prevention materials that had been promised last winter.

12. Parish Clerk's report

MRA said that he now had sufficient volunteers to undertake the work to replace two stiles with kissing gates on the footpath from Faulston to Croucheston. This work would probably be done in October.

He had completed, on behalf of the Council, a Wiltshire Council questionnaire on priorities for expenditure on open spaces in the village. This would inform the future distribution of money from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

MRA presented cheques for signature for grants to village organisations agreed as part of the budget.

13. Rural Open Sure Signal

MRA said that there had only been lukewarm support for making an application under Vodafone's Rural Open Sure Signal project. There had been no volunteers for hosting the five ground stations that would be required, and, as things stand, the village could not meet the requirement so far as broadband speed was concerned (though it might in future). It was agreed not to pursue this at the present time.

14. Planning Applications

MRA said that there were three other planning applications for consideration:

14/08239/FUL – Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of detached 3 bed dwelling at Croucheston Down Farm Stables, SP5 5RF.

14/08480/FUL – Conversion of existing integral garage to residential use at The House, Harvest Lane SP5 4DE.

14/08539/TCA – 30% crown reduction on horse chestnut tree at Netton Old Farm House, SP5 4DD.

It was agreed not to raise objection to any of these proposals. MRA said that he would circulate details to the Councillors not at the meeting to see whether they had any comments. *[post meeting note – no objections were raised]*.

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

No matters were raised.

16. Date, location and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of Bishopstone Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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 ✓
Survey of toilets to be undertaken and estimate of likely costs to be obtained.	MRA	
Road salt spreading equipment to be investigated.	AJT	✓
Seek views on whether and how to commemorate WW1 locally through an article in a future STaB.	MRA	
Responsibility for mowing the grass at Stanley Close to be investigated.	AJT	✓
Scope of recreation field project to be confirmed and estimates to be obtained for construction of basketball court.	AJT/GRB	✓
Agents for Sedge Cottage to be approached re hedge trimming.	MRA	✓
Trustees of Faulstone Estate to be asked again to confirm responsibility for drain clearance.	MRA	
Meeting to be arranged with riparian owner of land near Crouchston Mill.	MRA	✓
Letter to be written to organisers of the Wilton Super Car event regarding the need to observe speed limits.	MRA	
Representations to be made to Wiltshire Council about traffic management and speed limits in the village.	MRA	
Consideration to be given as to whether CCTV might be installed at the play area.	AJT	