

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 June 2015 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Cossey (Paras 58 to 71.1)
Councillor J Harper
Councillor G Harris
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor V Parkinson-MacLachlan
Councillor A Roling
Councillor V Snook (Paras 58 to 59.5)
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor S Toher

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)
Mrs C Taylor (Assistant Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Session

Mr S Lugg, CEO HALC, gave a presentation on the personnel and employment advice available from HALC with particular reference to staff recruitment.

58. Apologies for absence

58.1 Cllr Lyon.

59. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

59.1 Cllr McKeone queried the lack of activity on the community garden on Bishopstoke Road; it was thought this could be due to a lack of funding.

59.2 Cllr Thornton queried the rule stating if 25 signatures were obtained from the public opposing the loss of a public house to an alternative use this change would be subject to a planning application; the Clerk would check.

Action: Clerk

59.3 Cllr Parkinson-Maclachlan regretted the lack of volunteers to form a Community Speedwatch group and noted that the concept would be presented to the public at the Carnival in the hope of attracting more interest.

59.4 Cllr Brown indicated a need for yellow lines at the Itchen Avenue junctions and would produce evidence in due course.

Action: Cllr Brown

59.5 Cllr Harris queried the end date for the works on Riverside and some discussion took place on the way traffic had been eased by rerouting the buses. The Clerk would discuss the Riverside work with the supervising engineer.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Snook left at this point.

59.6 Cllr Winstanley asked when the revised speed limit for Alan Drayton Way was to be introduced; the Clerk would check.

Action: Clerk

59.7 Cllr Toher reported that part of the wall and railings on Riverside opposite the Chinese takeaway had been damaged and asked that this be reported for repair.

Action: Clerk

59.8 Cllr Thomas commented that the proposed park and stride car park for 150 cars on Dutton Lane should ease the congestion along Bishopstoke Road and parking in Bishopstoke when it became available for use.

60. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 May 2015

60.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Winstanley, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Roling and Thomas abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2015 be accepted as a true record.

61. Matters Arising

61.1 There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere in these minutes.

62. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

62.1 None made.

63. Correspondence

63.1 None tabled.

64. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 12 and 26 May and 9 June 2015 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

64.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 12 and 26 May and 9 June 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

64.2 Proposed Cllr McKeone, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 12 and 26 May and 9 June 2015 be received and accepted.

65. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 9 June 2015 – to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

65.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 9 June 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

65.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 be received and accepted.

65.3 Proposed Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan, Seconded Cllr Winstanley, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Toher abstaining that the recommendation to grant £300 to the Eastleigh MELA be approved.

65.4 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendation to support disaffiliation by HALC from NALC be approved.

66. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the April 2015 Statement of Account

66.1 The Statement of Account and Payments Schedule for April 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

66.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments for April 2015 be authorised as per the tabled Schedule.

67. Adopt the Annual Financial Statements and approve the Statement of Assurance

67.1 The examined Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

67.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 be adopted, the Statement of Assurance be approved and that the Chairman, Clerk and RFO, be authorised to sign accordingly.

68. To elect Cllr Lyon to the Planning Committee

68.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Thornton, **RESOLVED** unanimously that Cllr Lyon be elected to the Planning Committee.

Action: Clerk

69. To determine a response to EBC's draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement

69.1 EBC was undertaking a consultation on its draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement which explained how the Council intended to involve the community in decisions on planning policies and applications. The document was available to view on the EBC website at www.eastleigh.gov.uk/localplan

69.2 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** that no further action be taken on this consultation.

70. To determine a response to the Electoral Review of Hampshire

70.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission had formally started a review of Hampshire County Council and views were being sought on future electoral division boundaries for the Council with the aim of delivering electoral equality for voters across the County.

70.2 Initial views expressed supported a change where Borough and Parish wards were split to making them co-terminous. This and any other views would be discussed further at the next F&GP Committee meeting before a response was made.

Action: Clerk

71. To receive reports from County, Borough and Parish Councillors

71.1 Cllr Harris commented that the underlying financial problems experienced by the BCA were easing, that a playground inspection was due and that HCC were to review the premises in the near future. First Wessex young volunteers would soon complete some renovation work on the building under supervision and from the recent Southampton Airport Consultative Committee meeting he had attended he reported that passenger numbers were increasing with minimal increase in flights. There were no known complaints from Bishopstoke residents.

Cllr Cossey left at this point

71.2 Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan reported on a meeting she had attended with Cllrs Harris, Mignot and Thornton and the Clerk hosted by First Wessex who had identified parts of Bishopstoke as deprived areas and were set on doing something about this. The initial step was to circulate a questionnaire seeking personal views on community needs and shortfalls and then devise an action plan to alleviate problems. The Clerk raised the prospect of combining our Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire with that of First Wessex since many of the questions to be asked were similar and it was agreed this should be explored further. It was also noted that it would make sense if there was a Carnival tent for the Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Plan working group and First Wessex's community spirit representatives to engage with the community at this event; this was agreed. Cllr Parkinson-

Maclachlan also briefed there recently had been a very successful event organised by the Under 5's Fun Day Association.

- 71.3 Cllr Winstanley had attended a HALC board meeting at which the recent transparency requirements had been discussed and also the County boundary review, noting the aim was to achieve equality across divisions within 10% whilst respecting community identity.

72. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 72.1 Vandalism remained a serious problem in the Parish with more trees at Brookfield being damaged for no apparent reason.

- 72.2 Our Community Right to Bid submission would be sent electronically to EBC later in the week following some minor modifications.

- 72.3 The Clerk requested that the Bishopstoke Newsletter working group meet with a view to producing a Newsletter and an up to date contacts list as he was receiving an increasing number of queries re contact details.

Action: Cllrs McKeone and Parkinson-MacLachlan

73. June 2015 press release

- 73.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the grant awarded to the MELA and the Carnival.

Action: Clerk

74. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 74.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 28 July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05pm.