

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 July 2012 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Cossey
Councillor J Harper
Councillor G Harris
Councillor M Lyon (Items 94 to 102)
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor A Roling
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor S Toher

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

90. Apologies for absence

90.1 Cllrs Hansell, Mignot and Snook.

91. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

91.1 Cllr Harper raised the dangers for car drivers exiting Torwood Gardens on to Alan Drayton Way posed by cyclists hidden by a high private hedge. The Clerk would follow up.

Action: Clerk

91.2 Cllr Cossey confirmed that Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council were prepared to share the capital costs of introducing Community Speedwatch; this would now be referred to the F&GP Committee.

Action: Clerk

91.3 Cllr Harris expressed concern on behalf of local residents at the prospect of heavy construction traffic using Riverside and Church Road during the development of The Mount site but accepted this would form part of the planning application consideration.

91.4 Cllr Brown recounted problems with teenagers on the Otter Close play area denying access to toddlers. The Clerk would report this to the Local Action Group and Police Safer Neighbourhood team.

Action: Clerk

92. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 June 2012

92.1 Proposed Cllr Harris, Seconded Cllr McKeone, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2012 be accepted as a true record.

93. Matters Arising

93.1 Para 74.5 Cllr Winstanley confirmed the new Code of Conduct was soon to be considered by EBC following which the Bishopstoke code would be tabled for adoption.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Lyon arrived at this point

94. Declarations of Interest

94.1 None declared.

95. Correspondence

- 95.1 The Clerk drew Councillors' attention to correspondence received which included thanks from the Bishopstoke Players for the grant awarded and letters from local residents regarding litter in Stoke Park Woods. The suggestion that Community Payback be approached to undertake regular litter sweeps for the benefit of those who enjoy the Woods was accepted.

Action: Clerk

96. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 26 June and 10 July 2012 - to note Resolutions and to consider any Recommendations

- 96.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26 June and 10 July 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 96.2 Proposed Cllr Thornton, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 26 June and 10 July 2012 be received and accepted.

97. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 10 July 2012 – to note resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

- 97.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2012 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 97.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Winstanley, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 10 July 2012 be received and accepted.
- 97.3 Para 72.2 Discussion on the potential offered by social network sites was discussed and it was thought appropriate for three councillors and a staff member to discuss further and set up the necessary accounts. Cllrs Brown, Thornton and Toher volunteered, with Cllr Toher leading, assisted by the Assistant Clerk.
- 97.4 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously to set up social network sites.

Action: Clerk

- 97.5 Para 76.2 Cllr Winstanley explained that appropriate training courses could be run by HALC, in addition to those already planned for 2013, at an extra cost of up to £750. She had in mind courses covering councillor core skills, finance for parish councils, planning for councillors, the parish council as an employer and charring skills. Costs would be reduced if other local councils provided councillors to attend.
- 97.6 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that additional training courses be arranged for new councillors and others.
- 97.7 Proposed Toher, Seconded Cllr Lyon, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the LAC increase the community investment programme priorities for the Stoke Common and Templecombe play areas replacement of play equipment from priority 3 to priority 1.
- 97.8 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that negotiations be opened with EBC on the transfer of ownership of Glebe Meadow to the Parish Council wef 1 April 2013.
- 97.9 The Clerk would undertake further investigation into the recommendation to install another bus shelter in Underwood Road and report back to the F&GP Committee. Cllr Thornton's suggestion that each bus stop should have a litter bin would also be followed up.

Action: Clerk

98. To receive the RFO's report and approve payment of accounts

- 98.1 A Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 98.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

99. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended

- 99.1 Cllr Harris had attended a BCA management committee meeting and reported that quotes were being obtained for a protected play area.

99.2 Cllrs Thomas and Roling commented that their county councillor grant budgets were being increased and encouraged all present to consider submitting bids for funding worthwhile projects.

Action: All

99.3 Cllrs Harper and Toher confirmed that the Carnival planning was progressing well and Cllr Brown reported on the success of the Carnival Court at other events elsewhere which reflected great credit on the Court members.

99.4 Cllr Thornton informed the meeting that a consultation was about to start on Riverside parking and proposals to restrict the length of time allowed for parking.

99.5 Cllr Winstanley had attended the Eastleigh and District Association of Parish and Town Councils' AGM and a HALC general management committee meeting and commented that, as a cost saving measure, HALC staff would relocate to the Civic Centre early next year. She had also attended the St Paul's Church 50th anniversary events.

100. Clerk's Monthly Report

100.1 Parish office. Estimates of cost for the proposed parish office were being obtained following an interesting meeting with one supplier to discuss design. Ideally, the new office should be in operation from April next year.

100.2 Shears Mill. An application for planning was about to be submitted together with supporting documentation for the new turbine housing for Shears Mill which would enable visitors to view the turbines and read about their history and generally improve the appearance of this entrance to the Bishopstoke conservation area.

100.3 Riverside railings. The dilapidated state of the Riverside railings often caused adverse comment from those in or visiting the conservation area and a bid had been made for their complete redecoration. However, initial estimates of cost exceeded the Highways budget and the concept of matched funding with the LAC would be discussed at the next F&GP Committee meeting.

Action: Clerk

100.4 Following complaints from adjacent residents on the state of the Longmead Arms site, the Clerk had reported the need for remedial action by the developer to EBC.

101. To consider content of the Press Release for July 2012

101.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the likely introduction of Community Speedwatch and the need for volunteers to operate the equipment, and the forthcoming Carnival weekend..

Action: Clerk

102. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

102.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business and before closing the Meeting at 9.00pm.