

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Cossey (paras 219 to 226.3)
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor J Harper
Councillor G Harris
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot (paras 219 to 220.5)
Councillor V Snook
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor S Toher

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

Public Session

Six members of the public were present together with three guests representing the interests of Cemex in developing the old quarry site off Breach Lane at the top of Church Road for housing and allotments. The presenting team outlined their proposals for the development including where the entrances would be situated and the screening effect offered by existing trees. They had previously held a public consultation on the proposals to develop up to 85 houses on the site, although the unit mix had yet to be determined, together with allotments. Since then, they had recognised some of the serious concerns raised by members of the public, many of which were reiterated at this meeting, and which included the adverse impact of this development on local traffic density, especially when added to the traffic to be generated by another proposed development near the Cemetery, the lack of sufficient local infrastructure to accommodate these large numbers of new houses, especially where schools were concerned, the adverse visual impact generated locally and the loss of valuable countryside in Old Bishopstoke. Concerns were also raised over the potential development of the proposed allotment sites in later years, the impact of additional parking required by residents and visitors on an already congested Church Road, and the detrimental impact on the adjacent site of special scientific interest.

Lengthy discussion ensued on these various aspects and some assurances were given on local parking arrangements and legal agreements to protect sites from future development. The traffic problems, in particular, were recognised by all and in part might be resolved by redesigning local road junctions and roundabouts and Junction 5 on the M3. The developers outlined their intention to apply for outline planning agreement in the immediate future following which, if granted, detailed studies into further traffic routing, sewage disposal and other concerns would be undertaken to arrive at the best solution. The Chairman reminded all present that the decision was vested in the Borough Council which, in turn, was required to have a 5 year planned land supply to meet the need for more housing and in conclusion thank those present for a lively discussion.

219. Apologies for absence

219.1 Cllr Roling and County Cllr Moore.

220. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

220.1 Cllr Winstanley reminded all present of the forthcoming round of pub quizzes in support of the annual Carnival and encouraged councillors to attend and also give their support to the Carnival itself.

220.2 Cllr McKeone again requested that Hampshire Highways be approached with the intent of tidying up and making safer the damaged railings on Riverside pending full repair and repaint in the Autumn. County Cllr Lyon undertook to follow this up.

Action: Cllr Lyon

220.3 Cllr Cossey reminded all present that the Fair Oak and Horton Heath Carnival would take place on Saturday 29 June 2013.

220.4 Cllr Lyon asked that any local issues which he may be able to help with as a county councillor be made known to him.

Action: All

220.5 Cllr Brown praised the community involvement exercised by Mrs Glynis Elliot who was currently in poor health and again highlighted the shortage of volunteers to help organise the Carnival and the need for everyone to play their part.

Cllr Mignot left the meeting at this point

221. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2013

221.1 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Cossey, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Lyon, Snook, Thomas and Thornton abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2013 be accepted as a true record.

222. Matters Arising

222.1 Para 205.1 Members' appointments. It was agreed that Cllr Lyon should join the Travel Token Working Group and also represent the Parish Council on the Bishopstoke Memorial Hall management committee.

Action: Cllr Lyon

222.2 Para 206.1. Riverside railings. Hampshire Highways did not consider the broken railings near the Riverside junction to be unsafe but, as reported above, Cllr Lyon would raise this matter as a county councillor.

222.3 Para 215.5 Riparian ownership. Cllr Mignot had visited those residents who were riparian owners of waterways with county council officers and a maintenance plan was being devised.

223. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation

223.1 Cllrs Winstanley and Toher declared an interest in the grant applications and abstained from voting.

224. Correspondence

224.1 The Clerk drew attention to correspondence received from Open Sight thanking the Council for the grant awarded; a letter from Age Concern outlining the introduction by them of a Food and Friendship scheme where, in conjunction with Meals on Wheels, volunteers would visit clients at lunchtime for a chat to combat social isolation and poor nutrition; and EBC's 'Talking Business' publication.

225. Report on Planning Committee Meetings on 14 May and 11 June 2013 - to note Resolutions and to consider any Recommendations

225.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14 May and 11 June 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

225.2 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr Brown, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 14 May and 11 June 2013 be received and accepted.

226. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 11 June 2013 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

226.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

226.2 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 11 June 2013 be received and accepted.

226.3 Proposed Cllr Cossey, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** that the recommendations -

that the bids for Grant Aid from the Bishopstoke Memorial Hall and the Bishopstoke Players be considered jointly since they both related to the same requirement and that £1750 be granted (Cllr Toher abstained)

that £500 be granted to the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association towards the costs of their annual Mela (Cllr Winstanley abstained)

that the draft Statement of Community Involvement circulated by EBC be noted

that the draft Snow and Ice Policy as amended

be adopted.

Cllr Cossey left the meeting at this point

227. To receive the RFO's report and approve the May payments of accounts

227.1 A Payments schedule for May 2013 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

227.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule with the addition of a payment to Mr Luff for tree work completed.

228. To receive reports from Councillors on external meetings attended

228.1 Cllr Winstanley requested help in delivering Carnival programmes and in marshalling the Carnival procession route.

Action: All

228.2 Cllr Snook reported on the recent Southampton Airport Consultative Committee meeting at which it was reported that traffic numbers were down but passenger handling numbers were down by a lesser amount so that there would be more passengers per aircraft. No complaints about noise had been received from Bishopstoke. In general, noise complaints were also down.

228.3 Cllr Lyon reported on the parking problems at the Eastleigh Rugby Club and the opportunities provided for youngsters to undergo rugby training.

228.3 Cllr Thomas reported on the Eastleigh Mardi Gras arrangements and that information could be obtained from the Borough website.

228.4 Cllr McKeone reported on the Passenger Transport Forum meeting at which presentations had been given on taxi licensing and the Three Rivers Rail Partnership.

229. Clerk's Monthly Report

229.1 The Clerk reported on a rat problem in Glebe Meadow, damage to a Fair Oak Road bus shelter, probable drug abuse at the Otter Close open space, damage to the wetpour safety surface in the Sayers Road play area and a traveller alert operating in the area. Appropriate action had been taken in each circumstance.

229.2 The Hampshire Mills Group had nearly completed their painting of the turbines at Shears Mill and the lease enabling the public legally to access land owned by the Borough Council to view the Mill was in preparation. Approval had been given for the erection of a parish office on land adjacent to the Memorial Hall and an order for its supply and erection issued. Work on site would likely start at the end of July.

229.3 The plan to insert dragons teeth along the grass verge in Oakbank Road to deter parking on the grass had had to be abandoned due to the existence of water, gas and electricity services.

229.4 More informal meetings with interested parties had been organised by the recently recreated Stoke Residents Association involving EBC planners, the Chairman and Clerk, and representatives from the Dunford family's agents, to discuss the proposals to build new houses at Stoke Park Farm. An outline planning application would be submitted soon.

230. June 2013 press release

230.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the grants awarded and the Carnival Quiz Night dates.

Action: Clerk

231. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

231.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23 July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.