

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 October 2014 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor P Brown (para 124 onwards)
Councillor G Harris
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor V Parkinson-MacLachlan
Councillor A Roling
Councillor C Thomas (para 133.1 onwards)
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

No members of the public were present.

120. Apologies for absence

120.1 Cllrs Cossey, Snook and Thornton; Cllr Harper not present.

121. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

121.1 Cllr Harris reported that Hampshire County Council was reviewing the need for remedial work on the dangerous wall at the BCA which, if it went ahead, would involve a road closure.

121.2 Cllr Winstanley confirmed the Church Service in St Mary's on Remembrance Sunday, 9 November, and the short Service to take place at the War Memorial on Armistice Day, 11 November, and invited all to attend.

Action: All

122. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 September 2014

122.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Lyon, McKeone, Parkinson-MacLachlan and Roling abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2014 be accepted as a true record.

123. Matters Arising

123.1 Para 106.2 Cllr Lyon would investigate the probable slippage in the start work date for repairs to the Riverside railings and confirm the design. (*Clerk's note –HCC web link was subsequently circulated by the Clerk*)

Cllr Brown arrived at this point

124. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

124.1 Cllrs Brown, Harris and Parkinson-MacLachlan each declared a personal interest in the monthly statement of account payments for September.

125. Correspondence

- 125.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to the letter of thanks from New Hope for their Carnival grant and to the letter confirming arrangements for members of the public to attend the Inspector's examination of the Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan.

126. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 23 September and 7 October 2014 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

- 126.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 September and 7 October 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

- 126.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Harris, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 23 September and 7 October 2014 be received and accepted.

127. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 7 October 2014 – to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

- 127.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 7 October 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

- 127.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meetings held on 7 October 2014 be received and accepted.

- 127.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendations to re-adopt the Council's Freedom of Information and Charges Policy and to spend £1,848 ex VAT on replacing the worn safety matting in the Otter Close and Brookfield play areas be approved.

128. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the September 2014 Statement of Account

- 128.1 The Statement of Account and Payments Schedule for September 2014 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

- 128.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Brown, Harris and Parkinson-MacLachlan abstaining (personal interest) that payments for September 2014 be authorised as per the tabled Statements of Account.

129. To consider, if necessary, a response to the Countryside Access Plan

- 129.1 Details of the County Council's consultation on the Countryside Access Plan and the web link had been circulated to Members to reply individually if they wished but after discussion it was not thought necessary to respond as a Council.

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

- 130.1 Cllr Toher reported that Eastleigh Borough Council would be advising the Memorial Hall committee on necessary improvements to the Hall which could result in a bid for grant funding in the future. Cllr Toher had also attended the HALC AGM at which a presentation had been made by the Chief Executive of NALC, awards made to the Clerk of the Year, for the best local council website and for the best newsletter, and for best use of social media. Affiliation fees for the next year were agreed and the reappointment of the independent financial examiner was approved .

- 130.2 Cllr Harris reported on the internal dampness of the BCA south side walls and that HCC was considering what action to take. He had attended a training course for tree wardens and would produce notes on the course content due course. He had also attended a HALC finance course and confirmed that those Members involved with the Airport Consultative Committee were now required to sign up to a code of conduct.

Cllr Thomas arrived this point

130.3 Cllr Parkinson-MacLachlan had attended the Street Pastors AGM and passed on their willingness to have Members join them out on patrol to better understand their role in the community.

Action: All

130.4 Cllr Lyon outlined the car parking problems related to the local schools and Wyvern. He stressed the need for more 'joined up' thinking between the various agencies involved and was attempting to alleviate the problems caused at peak times. He commented on the life expectancy of the Eastleigh Police Station, possible improvements to the cycle path lighting between Bishopstoke and Fair Oak, and the forthcoming HCC transport meeting on 29 October to discuss traffic problems between Eastleigh and Fair Oak which included a recommendation to reduce the speed limit the length of Alan Drayton Way to 30mph.

130.5 Cllr Winstanley had been present for part of the recent YZone management committee meeting, had attended the opening of the Sunnybank Care Home and had attended a First Wessex National Housing Forum to discuss the implications of the housing shortage.

130.6 Cllr Thomas encouraged all present to visit the CCTV office in the town centre; those interested should forward their names to the Clerk.

Action: All

131. Clerk's Monthly Report

131.1 The Clerk reported the presence of travellers' ponies on EBC land behind Stokewood Surgery which the Borough was taking enforcement action over. Access had been via a broken YZone fence which had since been repaired. He briefed on the immediate future of neighbourhood policing which fortunately left us with the same cover as previously ie one police officer and one PCSO but they would now be known as part of the Neighbourhood and Prevention Team (NPT).

131.2 The Clerk had also attended the recent YZone Youth Facility management committee meeting. The facility had now recruited its full complement of staff during which process the young people themselves had formed their own selection committee; this initiative had been well received by the young people and the candidates attending for interview. The Facility's finances had been reviewed and, as a result of the success in attracting more external hirings, these were now in a strong position although the suggestion by the Clerk that the Parish contribution for next year be reduced did not find favour as there could be large capital items requiring funding in future years and it was thought more appropriate to build up reserves to meet these.

131.3 The purchase of a bike rack for those attending the Facility to secure their bikes and scooters was approved and the need for additional car parking was discussed. With the increase in hirings, cars were increasingly being parked on Blackberry Drive when the small public car park and the few slots outside the YZone were occupied to the detriment of residents and other road users. It was also noted that visitors to Stokewood Surgery parked there when the Surgery car park was full. As a member of the management committee, the Clerk was tasked with exploring the possibility of extending car parking on the open space with EBC and eventually the Parish.

132. October 2014 press release

132.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the Remembrance Day and Armistice Day Services next month and the purchase of new safety matting in Otter Close and Brookfield play areas. *(Clerk's note - at a subsequent meeting, the Chairman also agreed to the inclusion of the need for a few more volunteers for Community Speedwatch training).*

Action: Clerk

133. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

133.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 25 November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55pm.