

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 14th March 2011 at Hinton Parva Village Hall

Those Present: Karolyn Tapper (Vice Chair), Lesley Drewett (Clerk), Stuart McGuigan, Sarah Paye, Ian Thomas, Ian Thompson, Rob Selbourne.

1. Approved Apologies

Simon Jenkins (Chair), Julian Cooke, Doug Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Bennett.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Question Time

The Chair had given his apologies for the main meeting and the Vice Chair, Karolyn Tapper had agreed to run the meeting. As the meeting was starting a little earlier than advertised it was decided to leave this item until later in the meeting in case any parishioners should arrive at the advertised time of 7:30 pm.

A parishioner arrived later in the evening to ask what had happened with regard to his complaint at the state of the eroded banks and protruding manhole in the High Street caused by large vehicles. The Clerk explained that she had not received any feedback from SBC in response to her email, but she would chase them for an answer. He had noted yellow paint had been sprayed in the area and wondered what this was for. A Councillor from Hinton Parva had also noted yellow paint had been sprayed in the vicinity and there did not appear to be any potholes close by.

Action: The Clerk is to notify the parishioner as soon as she understood what SBC intended to do about the problem and query the yellow paint spraying. (Complete)

Councillors agreed that the verges around the village were being badly eroded and it was decided that the Highway team should be asked what they provide with regard to protection of the verges around the village. Lots of parishioners are choosing their own way of protecting them and things were beginning to look very messy.

Action: The Clerk is to write to Rachel Ind to ask for a site visit and solution to the problems. (Complete)

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

This item was brought forward, but has been left in this part of the minutes for completeness.

The Chair asked for a proposition that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as a true record, the proposition was put forward by Councillor Thomas, unanimously agreed and the minutes were then signed by the Vice Chair.

5. Matters Arising

This item was brought forward, but has been left in this part of the minutes for completeness.

All actions from the previous meeting had been completed except for the following:

WALC/SAE Meeting minutes

As the minutes had not been received by the Clerk for circulation and information regarding the AONB Management Plan and Councillor Bennett was not in attendance, the following actions were carried forward to the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Bennett is to forward the current minutes to the Clerk for onward distribution and interest.

Signed:

Date:

AONB Management Plan

Action: Councillor Bennett is to email through details.

6. Planning

S/10/1982/JABU – Erection of wooden decking to front (retrospective) – Royal Oak, Cues Lane, Bishopstone

Councillors had no objections to the above planning application. The Clerk was asked to write to SBC strongly support the application on the ground that it is an asset to the village and the outside seating is a long standing amenity as shown in the pictures submitted to SBC. Councillors felt that they should let Rachel Ind know they appreciated her recent gesture with regard the licence. Councillors enquired about Rachel's action to look at the transport act.

Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)

Action: The Clerk is to write to Rachel Ind with regard to the licence and the transport act. (Complete)

Councillors asked whether the map of the parish highways had been received from Rachel Ind. It had not.

Action: The Clerk is to Chase Rachel for a copy of the highways map. (Complete)

The Navigus planning document was briefly discussed as Councillor Thompson had found it interesting. He briefed Councillors on the document in terms the localism agenda and the expertise needed to be able take functions on as a Parish Council. He recommended that Councillors read the document.

GRANTED

S/10/0149/RM – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of a two storey rear extension with 2 no dormer windows, The Hawthorns, Cues Lane, Bishopstone.

A debate took place around this planning application as Councillors views had been ignored once again. It was decided to take photographs of the new window on the rear of Gails Cottage and send them to D Potter as an example of poor planning decision making. It was decided to invite the conservation officer to the June meeting.

Action: Ian Thomas is to take some photographs to send to David Potter.

Action: The Clerk is to invite the Conservation officer to the June meeting.

REFUSAL

No refusal schedules had been received.

7. Reports from Borough Councillor

The Borough Councillor had given his apologies owing to a prior commitment.

8. Reports from Sub Committees

Annual Village Maintenance

Councillor Tapper advised Councillors of the 2 dates that the village maintenance team would be attending. Councillors were asked to forward any works to the Clerk in time for the pre meeting date of 19th July 2011.

Best Kept Village

It was decided not to enter the competition.

There were no reports as no sub-committee groups had met.

9. Main Points

True Heart

Councillor Thomas informed Councillors that the Christies representative had spent 2 hours in the village with him. There was no response to date, but a summary is expected imminently.

Councillors were reminded of the appeal date; 22nd March 2011 at 10:00 am at the Civic Offices, Committee Room 3.

10. Accounts to be paid

There were no expenses to be ratified. The only accounts to be paid had been ratified in the precept.

11. Correspondence

The Chair then asked if Councillors wished to view any of the other correspondence; none did.

12. Parishioners Feedback/ComplaintsDevelopment in the Field off Bourton Road

The Clerk had received communication from a parishioner who was querying a development in the field off the Bourton Road. Councillors informed the Clerk of the planning application number and the plans were pulled from the archive room.

Action: The Clerk is to inform the parishioner that the development was granted. (Complete)

Wind Turbines

The Clerk had received a communication from South Marston asking for their support in fighting the wind turbine development at Honda. Councillors decided that Bishopstone should not respond.

Problems within Bishopstone

The Clerk had received a complaint from a parishioner regarding dog excrement on the footpaths, cyclists and waste collections. The Clerk had received communication from SBC on all of the complaints and had brought a map to the meeting for consideration of 2 additional "No cycling" signs in the area around the pond. Councillors felt it would be better to have "No cycling" signs painted onto the tarmac rather than have more signs.

Action: The Clerk is to notify Annie Ellis. (Complete)

Action: The clerk is to put an article regarding dog excrement into the newsletter. (Pending next newsletter)

Grips

Councillor Selbourne raised a concern regarding grips on the New Road on the bend close to the T Junction.

Action: Councillor Selbourne is to take a look at them to see if they need a marker and email the Clerk.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th April 2011 at Bishopstone Village Hall at 19:30 pm

Action: Apologies to the Clerk before the meeting.

Signed:

Date: