

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 October 2015 in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor G Harris (Acting Chairman)
Councillor J Harper
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor M Lyon
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor A Roling
Councillor V Snook
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor M Thornton

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 and the Cemex Ltd presentation team had postponed their talk

112. Apologies for absence

112.1 Cllrs Brown, Cossey, Parkinson-MacLachlan, Toher and Winstanley.

113. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

113.1 Cllr McKeone recommended that investigation be made in to the provision of a defibrillator to be located, with their permission, outside the Working Men's Club to enable help to be given to those in need. The Clerk would investigate.

Action: Clerk

113.2 Cllr Harris undertook to adjust the Glebe skate ramp lights timing to reflect the current need for lighting in this area and the Clerk would arrange for the solar panels to be cleaned.

Action: Cllr Harris and Clerk

113.3 Cllr Lyon reflected on the concern expressed to him by residents regarding car parking along Riverside and Church Road and whilst acknowledging that the problem was well known and longstanding by nature urged the Borough and Police, as appropriate, to take some positive action to alleviate the problems caused to local residents and other road users. In the ensuing discussion, various views were expressed by Cllrs Harris, Thornton and Thomas on the pros and cons of yellow lines, restricting the time allowed for parking especially outside the surgery and the Memorial Hall and the likelihood of restrictions causing the need for parking to spread elsewhere in the Parish to the detriment of other residents. A number of proposals had been drawn up over recent years by the Borough traffic engineers but most had both advantages and disadvantages which had resulted in little improvement action being taken. However, more thought would be applied to the problem by the Borough engineers. There was evidence that the Riverside/Church Road parking had slowed down through traffic thereby reducing the risk of accident but unrestricted parking here did not help local residents although as was pointed out no one driver had a right to park in an unrestricted area. It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to report flagrant breaches such as parking across dropped kerbs or along yellow lines to the EBC enforcement team or if there was an obstruction caused by inconsiderate parking to the Police on 101. This need would be stressed in the forthcoming Parish Newsletter and on the Parish website.

114. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 September 2015

114.1 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Harper, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Harris, McKeone, Lyon, Thomas and Thornton abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2015 be accepted as a true record.

115. Matters Arising

115.1 Para 100.1 The Clerk had acknowledged the letter of complaint from two young ladies about the removal of the hopscotch area at the Otter Close play area and was obtaining estimates to install a replacement area.

115.2 Para 106.2 The suggested name 'Cemetery Road' had not been accepted for the Stoke Farm development approach road but 'Brick Kiln Lane' had been accepted in lieu.

116. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

116.1 Cllr Harris declared an interest in the Payments Schedule as a named recipient.

117. Correspondence

117.1 None tabled.

118. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 22 September and 13 October 2015 - to note Resolutions and to determine any Recommendations

118.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 22 September and 13 October 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

118.2 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr McKeone, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 22 September and 13 October 2015 be received and accepted.

119. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 13 October 2015 – to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

119.1 Minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 13 October 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

119.2 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Harper, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 13 October 2015 be received and accepted.

119.3 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Harper, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendation to grant £1000 to Open Sight to assist in meeting the costs of providing equipment for visually impaired people of limited means living in Bishopstoke be approved.

120. To receive the RFO's Report and approve the Statement of Account and Payments Schedules for September 2015

120.1 The Clerk briefed that our long-term agreement with our insurers was due for renewal before the date of the next F&GP Committee meeting and a decision was required if advantage was to be taken of the discount on offer amounting to a saving of £101pa.

120.2 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Roling, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Council extend for a further 3 years our long-term agreement with Aviva through our brokers Came & Co.

120.3 The Statement of Account and Payments Schedules for September 2015 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

120.4 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Snook, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Harris abstaining (recipient) that the Statement of Account be noted and that the payments for September 2015 be authorised as per the tabled Schedule.

121. Neighbourhood Plan update

121.1 No further action to report at this time.

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

122.1 Cllr Lyon, in his capacity as a county councillor, reported on the planned meeting in Fair Oak to discuss traffic volumes and speeds in Fair Oak and Horton Heath. He also briefed that the County would announce its planned budget cuts in February 2016 and that, with Cllr Toher and the Clerk, he had attended the HALC AGM which had provided excellent opportunities for networking and listening to and learning from the external speakers attending.

122.2 Cllr Thomas expressed his concern at the demise of the John Darling respite facility due to funding cutbacks which when enacted would leave Eastleigh without any dedicated respite facilities requiring those Bishopstoke residents and others in need of such support to travel further afield to receive help.

122.3 Cllr McKeone explained the proposed extension of the travel token scheme to enable those eligible people using the Bishopstoke Good Neighbours Scheme to pay with tokens. The details of this change had still to be finalised and would be tabled at the next F&GP Committee meeting for debate.

Action: Cllrs McKeone and Toher and Assistant Clerk

122.4 Cllr Thornton had attended the recent BCA committee meeting at which the need to attract new business had been debated. He asked that the availability of the Hall and its facilities for hire be widely spread; this would be included in the next Parish Newsletter for information. Cllr Harris reminded all present that the Hall's lease expired in 2017 and unless the facility became more financially viable there was a grave risk of non-renewal with the consequent loss of the facility to the community.

Action: All

122.5 Cllr Harris had attended the recent meeting of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee at which a reduction in aircraft movements and passenger throughput had been noted. However, helicopter movements were on the increase mainly due to Air Ambulance refuelling and medical evacuations. There was also a growing risk posed to low flying aircraft by pilotless drones being flown in the area, in particular, from The Hub. Reports to the Police on 101 should be made if these drones were thought to be flying near to aircraft.

126. Clerk's Monthly Report

126.1 The Clerk had met with the EBC Planning Policy staff to discuss various planning matters. EBC intended to call a meeting soon to discuss the strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA) with parishes as part of the revised local Plan.

126.2 Discussion also took place on the application by the Parish Council to have its identified assets of community value recognised by EBC. However, there had been objections raised by some asset owners, in particular, the Church of England, who now held legal opinion as why churches should not be included in this initiative. Additionally, stronger justifications would be required by EBC for some of the other now contentious assets in the original submission and the Clerk would table recommendations at the next F&GP Committee meeting. At Cllr Thomas' suggestion, the Clerk would investigate seeking listed status for the Shears Mill turbines.

Action: Clerk

126.3 Members noted that five expressions of interest had been made in respect of the Clerk's post with two completed applications received to date with a deadline for receipt of 5.00pm Friday 30 October 2015.

127. October 2015 press release

127.1 It was agreed that mention would be made of the grant awarded to Open Sight, parking in Bishopstoke and the need to report transgressions and the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial.

Action: Clerk

128. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

128.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm.