

Bishop Middleham Parish Council

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Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held Wednesday 12th January 2022, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall.

Present: - Cllrs. H. Neve (Chairman), J. Brownlee, V. Cooke, M. MacCallam, E. Peeke, A. Shaw, G. Jacobs.

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

Apologies: - Cllrs. G. Turner, D. Hardy.

2 members of the public were present.

122.0/21 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

123.0/21 Declarations of Interest – none required.

124.0/21 Member Dispensation – none required.

125.0/21 Public Participation: -There was no public participation.

126.0/21 County Councillor Report

Cllr. E. Peeke advised due to Christmas break there was little to report.

Cllr. H. Neve on behalf of both the Council and Community wished to place on record thanks to Cllr. E. Peake for the service she had given since her election in May 2021. Members unanimously agreed with these sentiments.

127.0/21 Minutes of monthly meeting held 8th December 2021

Resolved: - It was proposed Cllr. M. MacCallam seconded Cllr. V.Cooke and carried to adopt the minutes as a true record and endorse recommendations within.

128.0/21 Action Plan

The following matters were raised: -

a. Clerk advised he has arranged for the garage to be repaired, company linking into Cllr. V.Cooke to take forward

- **b.** Clerk to chase up with the golf club progress on repairing the path linking Bishop Middleham to Hardwick Hall
- **c.** Clerk agreed to update grant form and present a draft to February meeting for adoption.

129.0/21 Review of charges 2022

Cllr. H. Neve proposed Cllr. V.Cooke seconded and carried not to increase Council charges for the Civic year 2022/23.

130.0/21 2022/23 Precept

Cllr. H. Neve proposed Cllr. V.Cooke seconded and carried not to increase the Precept for the coming Civic year.

131.0.21 Correspondence

- a. Estimate for Chairman's Chain. It was agreed not to proceed at this time.
- **b.** Various emails/circulars for information only.

132.0/21 Christmas events

Cllr. H. Neve wished to place on record thanks to all members and Clerk for the successful events held at Christmas 2021, all well received by the Community.

Cllr. H. Neve and A. Shaw reported on comments made by residents regarding the Christmas lights. The Clerk reported that S.E. Landscape had advised 10 new motifs are required. Clerk also advised new regulations to have been introduced by DCC and covers stress testing lamp posts and checking of light sockets.

It was agreed the Clerk prepare a report for the February meeting and Cllr. H. Neve agreed to invite residents to a special meeting to be held 6pm prior to the February meeting to discuss the way forward for 2022 lights.

133.0/21 Planning Applications

No current applications were noted.

134.0/21 Monthly Transactions

Monthly reconciliation agreed.

135.0/21 Annual Assembly

It was agreed to hold the 2022 Annual Assembly on the 2nd Wednesday in May prior to the Council Annual meeting.

136.0/21 Grant Applications

a. Model Rail Exhibition 18th June 2022. Mr. J. Burrows presented the grant application on behalf of the group and answered members questions. All members commented favorably on the application, and it was proposed Cllr. J. Brownlee seconded by Cllr. M. MacCallam and agreed to a grant of £760 towards the project.

b. Application from Adult Football Team. Members considered the application from the Football team to support the purchase of a new strip and equipment. Members commented that whilst supporting the application it should be noted as a one-off grant and not a precedent. It was proposed Cllr. H. Neve seconded by Cllr. M.McCallam and agreed to support a grant of £1000.

Both grants to be paid from the Thompson grant.

Members considered the football team current contract and agreed to renew the contract for 2022 and issue. Members asked that the Clerk emphasize the need to all users of the Pavilion to clean after use and to report any defect to Clerk.

137.0/21 Member Sharing

a. Cllr. V.Cooke raised the issue of gulley cleaning on High Road

b. Cllr. M.McCallam reported on the repeated flooding issues on The Park due to drainage. Clerk has written to NWA asking for action

c. Cllrs. commented on the increasing size of dolomite piles on the outskirts of the village by the quarry. Cllr. V.Cooke agreed to raise the matter with the Quarry manager

d. Cllr. M.McCallam gave an update on the tree planting for the Queen's Platinum celebration on 6th February. Clerk advised trees to have been ordered and paid for. He has also asked S.E. Landscape to undertake trial bore holes, they are to link this with Cllr. M. MacCallam. Clerk to arrange a plaque commemorating the event. Clerk also advised he has sought permission to plant the trees on the Brewery Field from DCC. Cllr. A. Shaw agreed to assist in the planting and to bring the trees out of storage on the day.

e. Cllr. E. Peake raised the issue of the lack of a handrail at Broadoaks. Clerk to report to DCC.

f. Cllr. H. Neve gave a report of the recent meeting/actions being taken by Brightwater in and around the Parish boundary.

g. Clerk advised the special meeting to discuss the Queens Platinum Celebration is to be held Wednesday 25th July at 7pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to advertise on Website and Cllr. H. Neve agreed to advertise on Facebook.

138.0/21 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26th January 7pm Bishop Middleham Village Hall re Platinum Celebrations

Wednesday 9th February 6pm meeting with public re Christmas Lights Wednesday 9th February 7.00pm Full Parish Council in Bishop Middleham Village Hall.

The meeting closed 9.20 pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman. 9th February 2022