



Bishop Middleham Parish Council

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Conserving our Past: Building Our Future

Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held Wednesday 10th
March 2021 via Zoom.

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

County Councillor P. Crathorne, Mr. P. Howell M.P, M. Edgar PCSO

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

1 member of the public present.

203.0/20 Apologies: - Cllrs. D.Hardy, G. Turner

204/20 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

205.0/20 Declarations of Interest – nil

206.0/20 Member Dispensation – none required.

207.0/20 Public Participation: -The Chairman welcomed Elaine Peacock to the meeting.

208.0/20 Chairman Report: – He began by welcoming Cllr. A. Shaw back to the Council and hoped he enjoys his time on the Council. He advised members he had recently attended the CDALC Executive Committee.

209.0/20 Police Report

PCSO M. Edgar reported on various issues including: - dog fouling, parking on dropped kerbs, flooding issues, door to door salesmen, fly tipping, off road quad bikes. Members raised the following issues: - ASB/criminal damage/damage to play areas.

210.0/20 County Councillor Report: -

Councillor P. Crathorne reported on the following:

- a. COVID rates continue to fall and currently 65 patients in CDDFT hospitals.
- b. National COVID Roadmap
- c. Vaccination Programme going well.
- d. Various COVID programmes in care homes
- e. DCC/Parish Elections in May
- f. Major issue regarding quadbikes in the Cornforth area
- g. Village Hall has been declared COVID secure for the coming elections.
- h. She is chasing up issues regarding potholes across the Parish.

211/20 M.P. Report

Mr. Howell informed members he had no issues to raise.

Mr. P. Howell M.P. left the meeting at this point (19.18) and Cllr. V. Cooke joined the meeting (19.24)

212.0/20 Minutes of meetings held on 10th February 2021.

Resolved: - It was agreed on a proposal from Cllr. M.McCallam seconded by Cllr. J. Brownlee to accept the minutes of the meeting and recommendations there in.

213.0/20 Correspondence: -

Members noted numerous emails circulated since last meeting, no comments made.

214.0/20 Review of Standing orders: -

Members agreed to adopt the current Standing Orders for the 2021/22 Civic year.

215.0/20 Review of Financial Standing orders: -

Members agreed to adopt the Financial Standing orders and the Delegation Scheme for the 2021/22 Civic year.

216/0/20 Risk Register

Members agreed and adopted the Risk Register for 2021/22

217/20 Asset Register

Members agreed and adopted the Asset Register for 2021/22

216.0/20 Review of Council Polices

Members agreed to adopt the Council Polices for the 2021/22 Civic year.

217.0/20 NHS and Key Workers Day

Members agreed to support the national celebration day on the 5th July 2021 and to work in conjunction with Village organisations to role out the national determined programme

218.0 /20 Community Events 2021

Members considered the proposed 2021 Events and confirmed COVID Roadmap allowing to organise the Firework Display on 5th November, Christmas Light event, and to organise a Michelmas Fayre on 29th September 2021. Cllr. M. MacCallam agreed to discuss possible funding with the Director of Brightwater towards the Michelmas Fayre.

219.0/20 2021 Elections

Details of the forthcoming Parish Council elections were discussed. Purdah to commence 25th March 2021.

220.0 /20 Wildlife Garden

Members were delighted to note the successful Neighbourhood Budget Grant and thanked County Councillor P. Crathorne for her support. The grant total £10,000. Cllr. M. MacCallam advised an Ecologist has agreed to undertake an assessment of the area and in particular if there are Great Crested Newts in the area. The cost of the Survey up to a maximum of £500 was agreed. The main drainage contractor to be Aquatic Solutions.

221.0 /20 Easter

Members discussed the successful Halloween and Christmas projects organised by the Council for young people in the Parish over the previous year and agreed to giving an Easter Eggs to each child from the school and others in the parish up to the age of 11

222.0 /20 Speed Signs

Members are awaiting a meeting with Highways Officers from DCC regarding this issue.

223.0/20 Fly Tipping

A number of members expressed concern at the amount of litter across both Mainsforth and Bishop Middleham. It was agreed to establish a Parish Volunteer Litter picking group to support an initiative to address the matter. Several members agreed to participate/organise the group in the hope of establishing it once Lockdown rules are relaxed.

224.0/20 Monthly financial Reconciliation

Members noted the financial issues to date, including a 10-month reconciliation. Monthly accounts and reports agreed.

225.0/20 Environment Contractor Report

Members noted the report for February, which Cllr. M. Maccallam had kindly checked. It was agreed the contractor be asked to repair the fencing around the play area to the rear of the Village Hall. Member also agreed to approach DCC and request a Tree Inspection Report on trees across the whole Parish and especially Manor House/The Park/Front Street/Palmers Terrace.

226.0/20 Member Sharing

a. Cllr. J. Brownlee advised the village hall is hoping to re-open in September, they have undertaken a Survey Monkey on the future of the small play area to the rear of the hall, and a representative sample taken. A report of the survey will be shared with the Council shortly.

The meeting closed 9.15pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman
14th April 2021