



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 13th October 2021, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall.

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

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

Apologies: - Cllrs. M. MacCallam.

4 members of the public were present.

78.0/21 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

79.0/21 Declarations of Interest – none required.

80.0/21 Member Dispensation – none required.

81.0/21 Public Participation: -The following issues were raised: -

a. Speeding Park Estate a resident expressed concern regarding speeding around the Park Housing Estate. Members agreed to request Highways to undertake a speeding survey of the estate prior to requesting any action. The Chairman wished to place on record the thanks of the Council for the support given by this resident in opening/shutting the gates at The Park all year round.

b. Planning Application Palmer Terrace, DM/21/00862/FPA. The applicant gave a short address to the members covering the various objections made by residents to her planning application, and her response to them. Members also asked questions in relation to the application.

c. Football Team, Officers of the Football Team advised the Council of issues they currently have and in, particular finance. The Chairman advised the team of the potential for them to apply for grant funding from the Council. Members agreed to convene a meeting of the football working group to discuss issues raised and report

back to the November meeting. The Chair also reiterated the Council's support of the club and the valuable, longstanding place it has within the community.

82.0/21 County Councillor Report

Cllr. E. Peeke tabled a written report (copy attached). An in-depth discussion took place regarding the AAP and the support it is able to give the community. Cllr. E. Peeke also advised there were 2 public vacancies on the AAP Board, Clerk agreed to obtain application forms for Cllrs. G. Turner and A. Shaw. Clerk to also organise a workshop for both groups in the Parish as well as Councillor's for 27th October 2021, to discuss the AAP and other funding bodies in the area.

83.0/21 Minutes of monthly meeting held 8th September 2021

Resolved: - It was proposed Cllr. E. Peeke and seconded Cllr. J. Brownlee and carried to adopt the minutes as a true record and endorse recommendations within.

84.0/21 'Trauma Stop'

The Director of Trauma Stop CIC gave a brief presentation on the services provided by the organisation. She also answered members questions. The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked her for the in-depth presentation and for providing a needed service for many members of the wider Community.

85.0/21 Firework Display

The Clerk advised members of the current arrangements for the event. It was agreed to charge £5 for a family of 4, £2 for an adult and £1 for a child. Tickets to be sold via the post office.

86.0/21 Michelmas Fayre.

Members received a report of the 2021 event and commented on its success. It was agreed to repeat the event in 2022.

87.0/21 Halloween/Christmas events

It was agreed to repeat the Halloween ticket event and Christmas presents for the school children, format as per 2020. It was agreed to hold the Christmas Light switch on event Sunday 5th December 2021 at 4pm. To confirm details of the event at the November meeting.

88.0/21 Planning Applications

Members noted there were 2 applications within the village in addition to the Palmer Terrace application. Members agreed to make no comment on the 2 new applications and to make no further comment regarding Palmer Terrace.

Planning Application Palmer Terrace DM/21/00862/FPA

Having heard from the applicant earlier in the meeting, from objectors at the September meeting, and several members having visited the site, members expressed the view that they felt they had fully explored the issues around the application. Members reaffirmed their support in regard to the need for and importance of the service being provided but felt at this time the most appropriate action is to make no further comment on the application and wait for Durham County Council to determine. Members expressed the hope that regardless of the outcome residents in the area will once again be settled and working together

89.0/21 Update on outstanding issues

- a. Members noted quarry mounds on the west side of the Parish have now been flattened
- b. It was agreed to chase up a site visit in respect to Highway issues and Bus Stops
- c. Cllrs. V.Cooke, G. Turner and D. Hardy commented on speeding vehicles along High Road continue, Highways to be contacted once again.
- d. Fencing in Wildlife area and repairs to Boardwalk needed. Clerk to arrange via S.E. Landscape.
- e. Cllr. D.Hardy advised members the bus service now being provided is much improved. It was agreed to write to the company thanking them for the actions they have taken to improve Bus Services/links to the Parish.

90.0/21 Monthly Transactions

Monthly reconciliation agreed.

91.0/21 Member Sharing

- a. Several members expressed concern regarding quad bikes around the village and across fields. Cllr. H. Neve suggested reconvening the Farmer Forum and agreed to co-ordinate same.
- b. PACT meetings have re-commenced
- c. Cllr. G. Turner asked if the bee project had been completed. Clerk to ask Ms. N. Dexter for an update
- d. Cllr. V.Cooke commented on recent ASB and damage to the lifebuoys in the Wildlife area, they have now been repaired

92.0/21 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th November 7.00pm in Bishop Middleham Village Hall.

The meeting closed 9.46pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman.
10th November 2021