

Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held
Wednesday 10th April 2024, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. H. Neve (Chair), Cllr. V. Cooke, Cllr. G. Jacobs, Cllr. M. MacCallam
1 Resident
A. Hall (Parish Clerk)

| ITEM NO. | MINUTES | ACTION |
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| 1.04/24 | Notice of Meeting -Cllr. Neve opened the meeting at 7pm. | |
| 2.04/24 | Apologies: Cllr. P. Musgrove (personal), Cllr. G. Turner (Wedding), Cllr. J. Brownlee (Wedding), Cllr. J Burrows (Work) | |
| 3.04/24 | Declarations of Interest - None to report | |
| 4.04/24 | Minutes - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 rd March 2024 were accepted and approved. Resolved: Proposed Cllr. Neve, seconded Cllr. Cooke | |
| 5.04/24 | Public Participation 1. Member of the public attended to give some background to a Community Grant application which was being discussed later in the meeting relating to the installation of stage lighting at the Village Hall that had been donated. 2. Member of the public raised an issue of the entrance to the Village Hall and the small fence that had, at times, caused problems with vehicles hitting it due to not being visible. Members asked that quotes were sought to place a sign at the small fence, indicating the barrier and could also point the way to the path to the park. | |
| 6.04/24 | County Councillor's Report No report received | |
| 7.04/24 | Outdoor Activities a) Wildlife Garden -following a meeting between the Chair, Clerk and a representative of the Wildlife Trust, a plan was being produced to encourage members of the public to be involved in the wildlife garden. A series of activities were being planned by the Wildlife Trust and more information would follow. b) Village Open Garden / Garage Sale -a date of Sunday 23rd June had been agreed to hold this community event. A concern was raised regarding participating in the Open Garden and also the Garage Sale, with was to be looked at. It was suggested that the Parish Council purchase sunflower seeds and compostable pots to give to all of the children in the school, this would tie in with the funding received from the Lottery Fund for the coronation events. It was proposed by Cllr. MacCallam and seconded by Cllr. Neve that | |

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| | the Parish Council would support this event. Cllr. Neve and Cllr. MacCallam to produce publicity to get this event started. | |
| 8.04/24 | Community - Relief if Need Charity - item to be moved to next meeting. | GT |
| 9.04/24 | Health and Safety - The floor in the pavilion had been repaired and was now felt to be safe, however, it was noted that this area should be looked at further when the room has been cleared of equipment. | AH |
| 10.04/24 | Finance a) Payments and receipts for March 2024 had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting - no issues raised. Resolved: approved all transactions. b) Annual Audit & AGAR arrangements - Members were informed that the documentation had been received. c) Community Grant application - for the installation of stage lighting that had been donated to the Village Hall. Quote received of approx. £1,800. Grant requested of £1,000 to cover some of the cost. Members felt this was a worthwhile cause as it would enable the Village Hall to support more entertainment. Resolved: to support this event for the full amount. Proposed Cllr. Neve, seconded Cllr. Cooke. | |
| 11.04/24 | Planning - Nothing to report | |
| 12.04/24 | Councillor Vacancy The Co-option closing date was 2 nd April - no responses had been received. It was agreed to look at this again over the next couple of months to find other ways of promoting the position. | |
| 13.04/24 | Policies - 1. Co-option and Voting Policy - Cllr. Neve suggested some amendments to this policy, which were felt to be appropriate. Cllr. Neve to email these amendments to the Clerk to update and finalise the policy. 2. Tree Policy - move to next meeting 3. Standing Orders - it was felt that no amendments were required to this document and that it would be approved at the next meeting. | HN |
| 14.04/24 | Member Sharing <u>Parish Clerk</u> - King's Portrait had been received, this was to be displayed in the Village Hall. - A request had been made to DCC regarding gateways - this was showing as still open on the Do It Online system <u>Cllr Neve</u> - Suggestion to put D-Day on the pebble bed - which could be done on the next litter pick event. | |
| 15.04/24 | Next Meeting: Annual Assembly 8 th May 2024 (6pm), Annual Meeting (7pm) | |

The meeting closed 7.40pm

Signed: - Chair.

Date: 15th May 2024