

Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held
Wednesday 11th January 2023, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. G. Turner (Chair), Cllr J. Brownlee, Cllr. J. Burrows, Cllr. V. Cooke, Cllr. G. Jacobs, Cllr. M. MacCallam, Cllr. P. Maddison Green

A. Hall (Parish Clerk)

Representatives from the Junior and Senior Football Clubs

Apologies: Cllr. H. Neve, Cllr. E. Peeke (County Councillor)

ITEM NO.	MINUTES	ACTION
1.1/23	Notice of Meeting - it was moved by Cllr. G. Turner to open the meeting at 7.00pm.	
2.1/23	Apologies: Cllr. H. Neve and Cllr. E. Peeke (DCC)	
3.1/23	Declarations of Interest - None declared.	
4.1/23	Minutes - The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 21 st December 2023 were approved. Proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Brownlee and seconded by Cllr. Cooke	
5.1/23	<p>Public Participation - Representatives from the Bishop Middleham Junior Football Club and Senior Football Club attended to discuss the state of the pavilion changing rooms. It had been noted that the changing rooms had been left in a dirty state and it was felt that this was unacceptable. The other issue is around the water. The representatives were informed that all taps should be securely turned off and the water turned off at the stop tap after every match and checked before leaving. The Clerk requested the representatives to contact her if there were any items they felt would be helpful for cleaning purposes. The representatives were happy with the discussion and left the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that football / changing rooms was not on the agenda but it was an important situation that needed to be discussed. After the representatives left, the Members discussed what could be done to improve the situation. It was agreed that notices be put up as a checklist for the teams to see as they are leaving as a prompt. One of the representatives had also asked about a first aid kit. This highlighted the need to look at the arrangements in more detail and agree who is responsible for providing certain items, liability and health and safety. The Parish Clerk will look for information and gather support to pull together what is needed and bring it to a future meeting.</p>	AH
6.1/23	County Councillor's Report - apologies sent - no report provided.	
7.1/23	Playgrounds - the first site meeting had taken place on 3 rd January with Ben Worley, Project Manager for HAGS. It was felt this was productive and notes from this meeting had been circulated to Members. We are waiting for a start date from Ben, along with some documentation that is required.	

7.1/23	<p>Communications - more Councillors had been contacted by Matt and were now up and running on the new email system. It was hoped that by the next meeting all councillors who be using the new system.</p>	
8.1/23	<p>Finance Monthly transactions to 31st December were give to Members - the relevant invoices were available for inspection if required by the Members. A couple of the transactions were questioned and satisfactorily explained.</p> <p>Budget and Precept 2023/24 - The report provided by the Parish Clerk advised members that there would be a potential overspend of £2,260 if Phase 2 did not take place and £3,040 if Phase 2 did take place. Members agreed that this amount could be met from reserves for 2023/24 and that there should be no increase in the Precept. Proposed Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. MacCallam.</p> <p>Garages - from the previous meeting the renter who had not paid anything for 2022 had been in touch requesting that he be allowed to keep the garage going and would pay double each month. Members were informed that he had already paid the double amount for January 2023. AGREED: to allow this tenant to carry on with the tenancy. However, if they failed to make a payment this provision could be revoked.</p>	AH
9.1/23	<p>Policies</p> <p>a) Code of Conduct - approved by Members b) Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy - approved by Members AGREED: to implement the Code of Conduct and Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy. Proposed Cllr. Turner, seconded Cllr. Cooke</p> <p>c) Communications Policy - members felt this need to be amended to include Leaflet Drops and should be looked at in conjunction with a Marketing Policy. AGREED: to carry forward to next meeting.</p> <p>From these discussions it was noted that Councillors could report issues to DCC, etc, as members of the public and could make the Chair and the Clerk aware of the of any issues raised.</p>	AH
10.1/23	<p>Member Sharing <u>Cllr. Brownlee</u> Concerns had been raised regarding the pub, opening times. It was agreed that Cllr. Burrows would speak to the landlords to see if there is any help the Council could provide.</p> <p><u>Cllr. Cooke</u> - Dog fouling was becoming an increasing problem in the village. AGREED: Clerk to contact neighbourhood warden for support.</p> <p>Boards needed in the park to put up the Dogs on Leads / Pick up After Your Dog posters. AGREED: Clerk to get quotes for this.</p> <p>Speeding - still an issue. Clerk to follow up <u>Cllr Maddison Green</u> Raised issue of driving conditions on roads in village in icy conditions. Although there are salt bins, these are used quickly. Cllr Maddison Green has raised with DCC with no response back.</p> <p><u>Cllr Burrows</u> Xmas lights - concern raised re some of the lights in Bishop Middleham</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>

	<p>not working. Members informed that the Clerk was attending a meeting with Blachere Illuminations as they have a sale. Clerk will feed back to Members.</p> <p>New trees at South View have been cut and removed. Also trees on brewery field. South View are the responsibility of DCC. Members were informed funding had been requested from DCC for £250. Quote had been received from A Hills & Sons. Cllr Maddison Green suggested contacting SSE who provide free trees. AGREED: Clerk to follow up DCC funding and look into the SSE tree scheme and share quote with Cllr MacCallam</p> <p>Tree had fallen on public right of way by the 3 miler. AGREED: Clerk to report to DCC to have tree removed. Cllr to share a map of the location.</p> <p><u>Cllr Turner</u></p> <p>Concern raised re bird scarers locally, which are quite noisy, at half hour intervals.</p> <p>Bird Flu on the lake - there are a few dead carcasses. It was thought it had been reported by Durham Bird Club. Cllr Maddison Green had found advice and guidance regarding Avian Flu and the possible risk to other animals and humans.</p> <p><u>Cllr MacCallam</u></p> <p>Still concerns around the situation at Pitt Lane. Requesting updates on the current situation. It had been mentioned that diggers had been on site</p> <p><u>Cllr Jacobs</u></p> <p>Query regarding park at the village hall. Members were informed the fencing is due to be repaired but the person requested to do this is unable to at present. Also DCC have informed us they are not able to help to remove the park at present. Members were requested to pass the names of any companies they know locally who could help with this to the Clerk.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
11.1/23	Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 th February 2023 at 7pm	

The meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed: - Chair.

Date: _____