



## Bishop Middleham & Mainsforth Parish Council

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### Conserving our Past: Building Our Future

#### Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

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Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Parish Council held  
Wednesday 9th September 2020 via Teams.

**Present:** - Cllrs. H. Neve (Chairman), J. Brownlee, V. Cooke, N. Dexter, G. Turner.

In attendance: - County Councillor P. Crathorne, PC S. Burnett PCSO M. Edgar

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

No members of the public present.

**75.0/20 Apologies:** - Cllr. D.Hardy, A. Shaw, M. MacCallam

**76/20 Notice of meeting:** - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

**77.0/20 Declarations of Interest** – Cllr. H. Neve regarding skatepark

**78.0/20 Member Dispensation** - none

**79.0/20 Public Participation:** -There were no members of the public present.

**80.0/20 Police Report:** – Cllr. H. Neve welcomed PC Burnett to her first meeting.

The August police report was as follows: -

1 Dangerous Drug misuse

1 Suspicious Car

Several issues of ASB in The Park. Cllr. V.Cooke agreed to raise the issues with the football teams

Cllr. V.Cooke raised the issue of speeding on High Row and asked for an update from the police. PC Burnett agreed to follow up and report back to Cllr. V.Cooke outside of the meeting. Parish Clerk to write to L. Mowbray, of DCC Highways for the result of the speeding survey undertaken on the same road and Mainsforth. Cllr. V.Cooke also requested assistance in recruiting volunteers for speed watch. Cllr. V.Cooke also raised the issue of quad bikes riding along High Row.

PC Burnet advised there has been no further incidents of shooting cats in the Parish, but police will continue door knocking

There is evidence of 'Dog Chalking'

The Parish Clerk advised both he and the Chairman had received replies to their letters to the Chief Constable thanking former PCSO M. Hobson for the service she had given the Parish.

**81.0/20 County Councillor Report: -**

- a. The County Council have allocated an additional £500,000 to employ further Neighbourhood Wardens
- b. Schools have now fully returned
- c. Limited day service return
- d. £99 million has been spent on small business/leisure/hospitality grants
- e. She encouraged members to accept the flu injection
- f. She had been delighted to attend the re-opening of the village hall
- g. The toilet refurbishment is not happening due to cost, but she had advised Cllr. H. Neve she was prepared to support the Wildlife Garden to the tune of £10,000 from her Neighbourhood Budget. It was agreed the Clerk with support from Cllr. M. MacCallam submit the application. Cllr. H. Neve thanked Cllr. Crathorne on behalf of the Council

**82.0/20 To confirm the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Resolved:** - they were agreed and endorsed on a proposal by Cllr. N. Dexter and seconded Cllr. J. Brownlee.

**83.0/20 D.C.C. Environment Awards-** Cllr. N. Dexter agreed to look at the recent letter from DCC regarding these awards and investigate if any groups in the Parish could qualify. Cllr. J. Brownlee also agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee if they would consider nominating, the Parish Council for all the work they have undertaken.

**84.0/20 Firework Display:** - The Parish Clerk had previously circulated correspondence from Rainbow Fireworks advising if the Council were to cancel due to COVID 19 they would honor the same day in 2021. Members also considered the risk assessment elements required for such events

**Resolved:** - On a proposal by Cllr. V. Cooke and seconded by Cllr. H. Neve to cancel the 2020 Firework display and to book for 2021.

**85.0/20 Christmas Event:** - it was agreed to contact Ferryhill Band for their comments and to place on October Agenda

**86.0/20 Environment Contractor Report:** - members considered the report submitted by S.E. Landscape. Members commented on the Orchard Area and work required. Cllr. N. Dexter and A. Shaw to inspect the area and submit report to the Parish Clerk to discuss with S.E. Landscape. Clerk to apply for insurance cover for volunteers who may wish to assist the Council. It was also agreed to consider applying for tree grant during Tree Week from DCC. Area next to Zinna, Parish Clerk to raise this area with contractor, and to discuss wildflower bed. Cllr. H. Neve and N. Dexter agreed to meet with the tenant of the new garage and assess what work is needed. Report then to be submitted to Parish Clerk to raise with S.E. Landscape.

**87.0/20 Fly Tipping:** - Cllr. N. Dexter agreed to attend the County Environment Committee to discuss Fly Tipping on behalf of the Council.

**88.0/20 The Park Playground:** - agreed to place swing on October Council agenda

**89.0/20 Annual Accounts:** - Parish Clerk advised the Accounts have been submitted by the required time and there had been no items raised by the Internal Auditor, so no action plan had been required.

**90.0/20 Planning Application:** - It was agreed to make no comments in respect of the Manor House, Palmers Terrace application.

**91.0/20 Neighbourhood Warden:** - Cllr. H. Neve advised a new warden has been allocated to the Parish, and it was agreed to invite her to the October meeting.

**92.0/20 Pit Lane:** -Cllr. H. Neve advised he had spoken once again to the company working from the area. Parish Clerk to arrange for the gate to be repaired in conjunction with Cllr. V.Cooke. Parish Clerk has raised the issue once again with Saville's re purchasing the land and a reply awaited. It was agreed the Parish Clerk contact the Diocese directly for an answer and to also Apply to Land Registry for confirmation of land ownership.

### **93.0/20 Football Teams**

A discussion took place regarding the use of the field. The Pavilion has now been provided with COVID 19 safe equipment and relevant signs. Members agreed to enter into a sanitary bin rental contract.

In respect of fees it was agreed: -

- a. Junior under 11 fees for the coming year reduced to £200 due to it being initial year
- b. Senior football team fee £300 for the coming year
- c. Teams to arrange and pay for their own line marking. If teams wish to apply for financial grant to the Parish for consideration.

Cllr. V.Cooke advised he would inform the teams verbally and Parish Clerk to follow up in writing.

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The meeting closed 9.07pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman.

14<sup>th</sup> October 2020