

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor S Bateman
Councillor G Davies-Dear (Items 16 -19)
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor H McGuinness
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor I Pemberton
Councillor A Roling
Councillor M Shephard
Councillor V Snook
Councillor M Thornton
Councillor R Uren
Councillor S Toher

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

1. Election of Chairman

- 1.1 Proposed Cllr Mignot, Seconded Cllr Roling that Cllr Winstanley be elected as Chairman.
Proposed Cllr Pemberton, Seconded Cllr Shephard that Cllr Toher be elected as Chairman.
- 1.2 **RESOLVED** by five votes to eight that Cllr Winstanley be elected as Chairman of Bishopstoke Parish Council.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

- 2.1 Proposed Cllr Pemberton, Seconded Cllr Shephard that Cllr Toher be elected as Vice-Chairman. Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Thornton that Cllr Mignot be elected as Vice-Chairman.
- 2.2 **RESOLVED** by seven votes to five with one abstention that Cllr Toher be elected as Vice-Chairman of Bishopstoke Parish Council.

3. Apologies for absence

- 3.1 Apologies for late arrival had been received in advance from Cllr Davies-Dear (work).

4. Appointment of members of committees

- 4.1 The following Members were appointed to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee – Cllrs Hansell, Pemberton, McGuinness, Roling, Toher and Winstanley.
- 4.2 The following Members were appointed to serve on the Planning Committee – Cllrs McKeone, Shephard, Snook and Uren, leaving three vacancies

5. Appointments of representatives on working groups, external panels and committees

5.1 The following Members were appointed to the following working groups, external panels and committees as shown –

EBC Road Safety	Cllr McGuinness and Snook
EBC Planning Focus Group	Cllrs McKeone, Snook and Uren
EDAPTC	Cllrs Toher and Winstanley
Website working group	Cllrs Winstanley and Thornton
Newsletter working group	Cllrs Roling and Winstanley
Bishopstoke Memorial Hall	Cllr Uren
Bishopstoke Community Association	Cllrs McKeone and Winstanley
BPC/LAC Liaison	Cllrs Toher and Winstanley
Carnival Group	Cllrs Roling and Winstanley
Highways liaison	Cllrs Bateman, Snook and Toher
Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Snook with Cllr Toher deputising
Otter Close play area liaison	Cllr Bateman

It was agreed that representation and the numbers of representatives could be varied as the need arose.

6. Announcements by the Chairman

6.1 Cllr Winstanley welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their support.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2008

7.1 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Shephard, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Hansell, McGuinness, McKeone, Snook, Thornton and Uren abstaining that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2008 be accepted as a true record.

8. Matters Arising

8.1 The Clerk would follow up on the concerns expressed about the Police asking for a variety of personal details when making door to door enquiries.

Action: Clerk

9. Declarations of Interest

9.1 Cll Toher expressed an interest in the grant recommended for the Eastleigh Town Band (Item 12) and Cllrs Hansell, Roling, Toher and Winstanley expressed an interest in the item on Police withholding their support for the management of traffic at road closures (Item. 16.4)

10. Correspondence

10.1 The listing for correspondence received between 19 March and 6 May 2008 had been circulated with the agenda papers, together with copies of that correspondence where appropriate. Follow up action would be taken on the concern generated by the Action on Climate Change Group using 'BIFOHH' in their correspondence when this was more likely to be linked to the Local Area Committee.

Action: Clerk

11. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 1 and 29 April 2008 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations

- 11.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 1 and 29 April 2008 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 11.2 Proposed Cllr Shephard, Seconded Cllr Pemberton, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 1 and 29 April 2008 be received and accepted.
- 12. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2008 – to note Resolutions and consider Recommendations**
- 12.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2008 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 12.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Roling, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions from the meeting held on 8 April 2008 be received and accepted.
- 12.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Roling **RESOLVED** with Cllr Toher abstaining that £200 be granted to the Eastleigh Town Band towards the costs of renting suitable premises to facilitate practices and storage.
- 13. Adoption of Annual Accounts and approval of Statement of Assurance**
- 13.1 The examined Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 had been circulated with the agenda papers. No comments were raised by Members.
- 13.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 be adopted and the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign them.
- 13.3 The Clerk led Members through the Statement of Assurance contained within the Annual Return.
- 13.4 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Uren, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Return.
- 14. Re-appointment of Internal Examiner for 2008-9**
- 14.1 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that Ms Eleanor Greene be re-appointed as the internal examiner for Bishopstoke Parish Council for the financial year 2008-9.
- 15. Reports from Members on External Meetings at which they have represented the Parish Council or have attended in any other capacity**
- 15.1 Cllr Bateman updated Members on the progress being made by the Interim Partnership Board at the Children’s Centre, highlighting the on-going difficulty in finding a co-ordinator and the plan to hold information days in Bishopstoke in the near future.
- 15.2 Cllr Roling reminded Members that the usual series of Bishopstoke Carnival Quizzes would be held this year and encouraged Members to lend their support.
- 15.2 Cllr Winstanley highlighted the initiatives whereby the Hamilton Road Neighbourhood Watch had issued Hampshire County Council leaflets giving advice on cold calling, general consumer advice on consumer rights and staying safe in the home for the senior residents of

the area and the introduction of ‘No Cold Calling Zones’ and commended the initiative to others.

Cllr Davies-Dear arrived at this point

16. Clerk’s Monthly Report

- 16.1 The Clerk highlighted receipt of an invitation to Members to attend the Mayor’s presentation and dance performance at Wyvern College on 19 May.
- 16.2 Hampshire Constabulary was withholding formal Police support for managing traffic at road closures and this could seriously impact upon the success of charitable events such as the Bishopstoke Carnival and others who relied upon access to public roads as part of their fund raising. Unless this support was reinstated, event organisers would incur considerable extra costs in employing someone accredited under the new Roads and Streets Works Act to manage the traffic; there would also be the associated advertising costs in the press, estimated to be in the region of £1000, to give legal effect to this and a requirement to have £10million public liability insurance.
- 16.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Standing Order requiring notice of matters for debate or decision be set aside to enable emergency discussion to take place on this matter.
- 16.4 Members expressed their serious concerns at the planned withholding of formal Police support on such occasions and instructed the Clerk to write to the Chief Constable requesting reinstatement of Police support for such events and activities which formed an important part of community life. Additionally, mention of the funding provided by the Parish Council for the dedicated PCSO was to be highlighted in the letter.

Action: Clerk

- 16.5 Standing orders were then reinstated.

17. Payment of Accounts

- 17.1 The Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers. A copy of the schedule is attached to these minutes.
- 17.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Mignot, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

18. To consider content of the Press Release for May

- 18.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the internal elections and appointments, the forthcoming Annual Assembly, the grant awarded to the Eastleigh Town Band and the serious concern felt by Members should the Police continue to withhold their management of traffic when roads are closed for local fundraising events.

Action: Clerk to draft

19. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 19.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 24 June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm