

# BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 September 2010 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

**Present:** Councillor S Toher (Chairman)  
Councillor S Bateman  
Councillor B Hansell  
Councillor H McGuinness  
Councillor C McKeone  
Councillor T Mignot  
Councillor A Roling  
Councillor M Thornton (Items 1 - 9 only)  
Councillor R Uren  
Councillor A Winstanley

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

**Public Session** Sgt Emery gave an update on the local crime situation highlighting the recent closure of a cannabis factory in a private house and the warnings given to moped riders causing nuisance around the YZone Youth Facility area. The riders concerned had been given Section 59 warnings which meant if caught again they risked having their bikes confiscated. An arrest had been made for criminal damage in Edward Avenue and the working patterns of the PCSOs had been amended to enable them to be in School areas when children were arriving. There was discussion at the apparent heavy handed approach adopted by wheel clampers on cars parked in Bodmin Road at school drop off times and some sympathy was expressed for mothers especially new mothers doing the school run for the first time. There were notices clearly displayed identifying the risk of being clamped if parking in a resident's slot. However, it appeared that cars were being clamped if they obstructed a private parking slot and it was thought appropriate for the Clerk to reflect Members' general concerns to First Wessex Housing Association and to the School.

**Action: Clerk**

Sgt Emery illustrated the general downward trend in reported crime over the past three years and attributed this in large part to the success of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the presence of PCSOs.

### 1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Davies-Dear, Pemberton, Shephard and Snook.

### 2. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

2.1 Following discussion on the benefits of inviting a speaker on the Eastleigh Transition Network, it was decided the Chairman should reply declining the offer.

**Action: Chairman**

2.2 Cllr Roling reminded Members that the last of the Carnival Quiz Nights would take place on Wednesday 22 September and encouraged all to attend.

2.3 Cllr Winstanley reported that the Carnival had been very successful and £818 had been raised from the street collection; this money would be allocated to local good causes.

2.4 Cllr Bateman raised the problem of vehicles parked on verges and pavements causing problems to pedestrians and those with pushchairs. Verge parking itself was not illegal but where it caused an obstruction it should be reported to the Police by dialling 101.

### 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 July 2010

3.1 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Hansell, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Uren abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2010 be accepted as a true record.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere in the minutes.

#### **5. Declarations of Interest**

5.1 Cllrs Roling, Toher and Winstanley each declared an interest in Item 9 (Carnival grant).

#### **6. Correspondence**

6.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to correspondence received but no further action was thought necessary.

#### **7. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 27 July, 10 August and 7 September 2010 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations**

7.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 27 July, 10 August and 7 September 2010 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

7.2 Proposed Cllr McKeone, Seconded Cllr Hansell **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 27 July, 10 August and 7 September 2010 be received and accepted.

#### **8. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 7 September 2010 - to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations**

8.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2010 had been circulated with the agenda papers. There were no recommendations to determine.

8.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 7 September 2010 be received and accepted.

#### **9. To consider an application for Grant Aid from the Bishopstoke Carnival Group**

9.1 An application for Grant Aid had been received from the Bishopstoke Carnival Group and the Finance and General Purposes Committee had referred it to the full Parish Council for decision. The amount requested was for £2600 to meet various organisation costs and the trips to Germany by the Carnival Queen and to Disneyland France by the Senior Princess. These trips were thought to be an appropriate manner of recognising the efforts put into promoting Bishopstoke here and overseas by the Queen and Senior Princess during their year in office. However, as costs mounted each year, Members thought it more appropriate to separate out these visit costs from any future claims for financial assistance.

*Cllr Toher left the meeting at this point and Cllr Winstanley assumed the chair*

9.2 Members then debated the amount of grant to be provided and in so doing recognised the investment in community cohesion made by the Carnival which attracted many hundreds of participants and watchers on the day. Although efforts were made to encourage local businesses to contribute towards the running costs, it was also recognised that money was tight for local firms and that larger companies trading in Bishopstoke were headquartered away from the parish and were less inclined to contribute. All acknowledged that if funding was not forthcoming the future of the Carnival was at risk. As a result of this support and concern, different amounts of grant were tabled and subsequently withdrawn as the debate progressed eventually resulting in a firm proposal.

9.3 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Mignot, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Bateman, McGuinness and Uren against that £2600 be granted to the Bishopstoke Carnival Group to assist in meeting the organising and other costs of the Carnival.

*Cllr Toher re-assumed the chair and Cllr Thornton left the meeting at this point*

#### **10. To receive the RFO's Report and approve Payment of Accounts**

- 10.1 The Payments Schedules had been circulated with the agenda papers. Copies are attached to these minutes. In reviewing the schedules and in order to provide all necessary information to Members, the Finance and General Purposes Committee was tasked to review how best to present financial information in future.

**Action: Clerk**

- 10.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Uren, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedules.

**11. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended**

- 11.1 Cllr Winstanley reported on the recent *Streetmeet* with PCSOs on Fair Oak Road; the Hampshire County Council workshop on doing more with less and climate change; and a Hampshire Highways presentation on reducing street clutter and white lining.
- 11.2 Cllr Uren reported on the recent Bishopstoke Community Association meeting at which the management systems and methods of increasing awareness of the facilities available were to be reviewed.
- 11.3 Cllr Toher reported on the renovations to the Memorial Hall and how bookings were strong and the One Community AGM where the need amongst community groups to retain a positive approach in the current financial climate had been emphasised.

**12. Clerk's Monthly Report**

- 12.1 The Clerk reported he had added pages to the website on allotment and Cemetery management together with a selection of downloadable application forms.
- 12.2 The forthcoming HALC AGM called for representatives to vote on certain agenda items and one in particular, the increase in fees necessary to sustain the present organisation, was then discussed. The proposal highlighted the additional income generated by a 4% and an 8% increase on current fee levels which, when expressed as pounds, resulted in a proposed increase of £25 or £50 respectively on a current fee level of £1018; this included the annual subscription to NALC which was being frozen for the next year. Cllr Toher would represent the Council at the AGM.
- 12.3 Proposed Cllr Uren, Seconded Cllr Roling, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Winstanley abstaining (to chair the AGM) that Cllr Toher should vote according to the option she supported at the time.

**13. To consider content of the Press Release for September 2010**

- 13.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the 2010 Carnival and the grant awarded.

**Action: Clerk** to draft

**14. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

- 14.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 26 October 2010 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

*There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15pm*