

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 February 2010 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor S Bateman
Councillor G Davies-Dear
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor H McGuinness
Councillor C McKeone
Councillor T Mignot
Councillor A Roling
Councillor M Shephard
Councillor V Snook (for public session only)
Councillor Thornton
Councillor Toher

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

Public Session Police Sgt Emery commented on the number of opportunist vehicle thefts due to cars being left insecure and the dangers of The Mount site due to its state of disrepair. He also confirmed that nearly all the residents overlooking the Otter Close play area had been contacted and this had confirmed that the vast majority of residents had experienced no problems. He explained two new powers now being used which empowered the police to deal with alcohol related problems by requiring persons aged 10 years or more, it used to be 17 years of age, to disperse and not return and another which covered the antisocial use of a vehicle which could result in the vehicle being confiscated.

Cllr Snook left the meeting at this point

1. Announcements by the Chairman

1.1 No formal announcements were made.

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Pemberton and Uren.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 January 2010

3.1 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Shephard, **RESOLVED** with Cllrs Thornton and Toher abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2010 be accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

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

5. Declarations of Interest

5.1 None declared.

6. Correspondence

6.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention some items of correspondence of general interest but no further action was thought necessary.

7. Report on Planning Committee Meeting of 9 February 2010 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations

7.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2010 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

7.2 Proposed Cllr Shephard, Seconded Cllr Winstanley **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2010 be received and accepted.

8. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings of 9 February 2010 – to note Resolutions and consider Recommendations

8.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2010 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

8.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions from the meeting held on 9 February 2010 be received and accepted.

8.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendation to engage Green Smile Ltd to maintain the Cemetery, St Mary's Churchyard and Old St Mary's Churchyard be accepted.

8.4 Cllr Winstanley reported on progress being made to upgrade the parish website and that a mock up would soon be available which would include more photos of local scenes. Some discussion took place on aspects of the revision and these would be incorporated.

9. RFO's Report/Payment of Accounts

9.1 The Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers. A copy is attached to these minutes.

9.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.

10. Reports from Members on External Meetings at which they have represented the Parish Council or have attended in any other capacity

10.1 Cllr Toher had attended a meeting of the Memorial Hall management committee and reported that the plans to upgrade the fire alarm and exterior lights were in hand. The AGM would be held on Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 8.00pm.

- 10.2 Cllr Davies-Dear, with Cllrs Snook and Toher and the Clerk, had visited the First Wessex Housing Association's new properties on Bodmin Road and had been very impressed with the high standard of finish, especially for the disabled. The properties were an excellent example of modern day social housing.
- 10.3 Cllr Winstanley had attended a meeting of the Eastleigh and District Association of Parish and Town Councils (EDAPTC) at which there was general agreement on the success of the PCSO scheme. She had also attended a meeting at the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

11. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 11.1 The Clerk reported progress on the plans to transfer the allotments and the Cemetery from the Borough Council and that the solicitors engaged on behalf of the Parish Council were completing their searches. He also briefed on the arrangements for interviewing the applicants for the assistant clerk's position.

12. To consider content of the Press Release for February 2010

- 12.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the appointment of an assistant clerk, the opening hours of the temporary parish office and the appointment of Green Smile Ltd to maintain the Churchyards and Cemetery.

Action: Clerk

13. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 13.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 23 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

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