

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 April 2010 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor A Winstanley (Chairman)
Councillor S Batemen
Councillor G Davies-Dear
Councillor B Hansell
Councillor H McGuinness
Councillor A Roling
Councillor M Shephard
Councillor Toher
Councillor R Uren

In Attendance: Mr P J Storey (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council) and Mrs C Taylor (Assistant Clerk)

Public Session Mr M Broom from Stoke Park Junior School was present for part of the meeting.

The Chairman invited Mr Broom to outline his ideas on how the School and the Parish Council could work together to make the community of Bishopstoke a more 'cohesive' place for the benefit of the residents. Following earlier exchanges of ideas, Mr Broom outlined how each year group within the School had selected a likely area of interest to follow through with the community cohesion project becoming an annual exercise for the pupils. At the moment, it was likely that Year 6 would undertake gravestone research, Year 5 had yet to confirm but was likely to undertake a project connected with the River, Year 4 would concentrate on how greening issues affected plants, trees and wildlife, Year 3 would look at historical and geographical aspects of the community and the whole School would look to become more involved with Bishopstoke Carnival and, in particular, the river float competition. This was thought most encouraging as the Carnival had originated as a river carnival. Although there was much work still to be undertaken, all agreed this was a promising start likely to benefit both children and the community.

Cllr Toher suggested that presentations to older members of the community, and others, on a year group's work to date would be welcome and Cllr Davies-Dear reminded everyone that there existed species of tree within the grounds of The Mount site of scientific interest which hopefully would be preserved after the site was developed. Mr Broom's e-mail address was noted – mark.broom@yahoo.com

1. Announcements by the Chairman

1.1 None made.

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs McKeone, Mignot, Pemberton, Snook and Thornton.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 March 2010

- 3.1 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** with Cllr Bateman abstaining (absent) that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2010 be accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 Para 10.1 The Hamble Parish Clerk would attend the June meeting to present on the Hamble travel token scheme.
- 4.2 Para 12.2 The Summer edition of the Newsletter would contain an article on twinning with further thought being given to the concept later in the year.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 None declared.

6. Correspondence

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

7. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 23 March and 13 April 2010 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations

- 7.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March and 13 April 2010 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 7.2 Proposed Cllr Shephard, Seconded Cllr Davies-Dear **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 23 March and 13 April 2010 be received and accepted.

8. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings of 13 April 2010 – to note Resolutions and consider Recommendations

- 8.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2010 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 8.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Uren, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions from the meeting held on 13 April 2010 be received and accepted.
- 8.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Uren, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the following recommendations from the meeting held on 13 April 2010 be approved:

that the following Cemetery fees and charges be agreed for the year 2010 -2011

Burial	up to 12 years of age	Free
	12 years and over – single depth	200
	double depth	250
Ashes		100

Headstones	125
Vases	80

that £500 be granted to the Friends of Bishopstoke Guiding towards the costs of varnishing the floor and erecting safety rails around the outside play area.

that support be given to Eastleigh Ramblers to have the definitive footpath map amended to reflect the re-aligned path.

and that the draft contract between the Council and the Webmaster be approved and that the quarterly payment for services be increased to £225.

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. To consider any support to be given to the Street Pastors

- 10.1 Cllr Winstanley reported on the success of the Street Pastors initiative in the Fair Oak and Horton Heath areas and the limited success in Bishopstoke due to a lack of volunteers. The intention remained to extend the scheme into Bishopstoke for which an application for financial assistance would be made in due course to off-set against recruitment and training costs. Members discussed the concept and the faith qualifications and agreed the scheme was beneficial to the community and that they would consider giving financial support at the next F&GP Committee meeting.

11. To receive reports from Members on external meetings at which they have represented the Parish Council or have attended in any other capacity

- 11.1 Cllr Toher reported that the Memorial Hall committee had completed its upgrade of the fire alarm system and wished to express their thanks for the grant enabling this to be done.
- 11.2 Cllr Winstanley reported that the Community Association had regrettably had to cancel their planned May fete due to lack of support.

12. Clerk's Monthly Report

- 12.1 The Clerk was pleased to report that a fish pass design for Shears Mill had been agreed and funded and would be installed in late Summer after which it was planned to excavate the underwater turbine blades to assess their condition prior to repair.
- 12.2 Harvesting by The Forestry Commission in Stoke Park Woods had now ended and reinstatement of the rides was nearing completion. Design for the outdoor play equipment, to be funded by a grant from the National Lottery, had been finalised and the equipment would be dispersed throughout the Woods. The largest piece would be a train climbing structure

with railway lines disappearing into the soil and reappearing near other play pieces and would include connected tunnels depicting a badger's set. The picnic table and information board funded by a Parish Council grant would be installed by the end of May.

- 12.3 The Clerk had attended the annual clerks' conference at which the major presentations had focussed on the future of local government and the professional status of the clerk, some examples of audit horrors, the Hampshire County Council pension scheme and a presentation by Crimestoppers on public confidence and the fear of crime. As always, the conference gave the opportunity for those attending to engage with each other.
- 12.4 The transfer of title papers for the Cemeteries had been completed and were now with the Land Registry. The Clerk commented that three interments had already taken place since the start of the month and reminded Members that thought would soon have to be given to acquiring more land for when the present Cemetery was full. He was liaising with our solicitors and the Borough's legal department over the wording in the allotment transfer papers regarding a restriction preventing the Parish Council from the future transfer of ownership to any other party; the concern being that should a recognised allotment authority emerge, the Parish Council would be unable to consider transfer without the Borough or subsequent authority releasing the Parish from this restriction.
- 12.5 Finally, the Clerk reported that the temporary office manned by the Assistant Clerk was attracting visitors and also giving the PCSO a base from which to engage with local residents.

13. To consider content of the Press Release for April 2010

- 13.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the forthcoming Annual Assembly, the grant to the Guides, the School cohesion project, Shears Mill and the footpath changes.

Action: Clerk

14. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

- 14.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm