

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Bishopstoke Parish Council commenced at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 February 2011 at the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke

Present: Councillor S Toher (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 R Uren

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

Public Session

Cllr C Thomas was present and highlighted the County Council's intention to confirm a nil increase in its budget for 2011/12 which would impact, in particular, on its concessionary travel scheme, the Youth Service and Surestart centres. There was particular concern at the loss of up to one third of the Surestart centres and reductions in the service available from others and a majority of Councillors saw fit to support the Mum's petition and instruct the Clerk to express their concerns to the HCC Chief Executive regarding the budget meeting to be held before the consultation on Surestart had been concluded.

Action: Clerk

14. Apologies for absence

14.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Pemberton, Snook, Thornton and Winstanley.

15. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

15.1 Cllr McGuinness queried whether The Mount site was capable of providing land for more allotments and/or a new Cemetery. However, EBC had indicated this was highly unlikely and no further action would be taken.

15.2 Cllr Davies-Dear declared his resignation from the Liberal Democrat Party and his becoming a member of a newly formed independent group.

16. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 January 2011

16.1 Proposed Cllr Shephard, Seconded Cllr McGuinness, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2011 be accepted as a true record.

17. Matters Arising

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

18. Declarations of Interest

18.1 None declared.

19. Correspondence

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

20. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 25 January and 8 February 2011 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations

20.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 25 January and 8 February 2011 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

- 20.2 Proposed Cllr Shephard, Seconded Cllr McKeone **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 January and 8 February 2011 be received and accepted.
- 21. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 8 February 2011 - to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations**
- 21.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2011 had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 21.2 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Shephard **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 8 February 2011 be received and accepted.
- 21.3 Proposed Cllr Bateman, Seconded Cllr Hansell **RESOLVED** unanimously that £200 be granted to Samaritans to assist them in meeting the costs of providing emotional support to local people in distress.
- .4 Proposed Cllr Roling, Seconded Cllr Uren, **RESOLVED** unanimously that £1,100 be approved to meet the cost of remedial tree works in St Mary's Churchyard.
- 21.5 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Hansell, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the recommendation to introduce a travel token scheme be approved.
- 22. To receive the RFO's Report and approve Payment of Accounts**
- 22.1 The Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers.
- 22.2 Proposed Cllr Davies-Dear, Seconded Cllr Hansell, **RESOLVED** unanimously that payments be authorised as per the schedule.
- 23. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended**
- 23.1 Cllrs Davies-Dear, McGuinness and McKeone had attended a seminar on derelict sites within the Borough with particular reference to Council powers, the incidence of antisocial behaviour and how landowners could be encouraged to bring these sites back into use.
- 23.2 Cllr Toher had attended the monthly meeting with the LAC Co-ordinator and reported that the next stage in renovating the Memorial Hall would concentrate on installing stage heaters.
- 24. Clerk's Monthly Report**
- 24.1 The Clerk reported on the Youth Provision meeting he attended at which Wyvern College staff gave an informative presentation on the social networking issues generated by Facebook, cyber bullying and general internet safety.
- 25. To consider content of the Press Release for February 2011**
- 25.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the grant awarded, the travel token scheme and the Memorial Hall.
- Action: Clerk to draft**
- 26. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**
- 26.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 22 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.20pm