

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor S Toher (Chairman)
Councillor S Bateman
Councillor G Davies-Dear
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 A Winstanley

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

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

27. Apologies for absence

27.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hansell and Mignot.

28. Councillors' Questions and Announcements

28.1 None raised or made.

29. Adoption of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 February 2011

29.1 Proposed Cllr Bateman, Seconded Cllr Shephard, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2011 be accepted with minor amendment as a true record.

30. Matters Arising

30.1 The Clerk confirmed he had received an acknowledgement from the Chief Executive's office at Hampshire County Council to the concerns raised by Council on the timing of the bus subsidy review.

31. Declarations of Interest

31.1 None declared.

32. Correspondence

32.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to correspondence received with particular reference to two applications for grant aid from smaller organisations located outside our local area. It was thought appropriate to reply inviting them to apply and give details of help provided directly to Bishopstoke residents as part of their claim.

Action: Clerk

33. Report on Planning Committee Meetings of 22 February and 8 March 2011 - to note Resolutions and to consider Recommendations

33.1 Minutes of the meetings held on 22 February and 8 March 2011 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

33.2 Proposed Cllr Snook, Seconded Cllr McKeone **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meetings held on 22 February and 8 March 2011 be received and accepted.

34. Report on Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 8 March 2011 - to note Resolutions and to determine Recommendations

34.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2011 had been circulated with the agenda papers.

34.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Roling **RESOLVED** unanimously that the resolutions of the meeting held on 8 March 2011 be received and accepted.

34.3 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Roling **RESOLVED** unanimously that two new seats be purchased for Old St Mary's Churchyard at a cost not exceeding £1000.

35. To receive the RFO's Report and approve Payment of Accounts

35.1 The Payments Schedule had been circulated with the agenda papers. The Clerk confirmed he had submitted the additional information called for by the Bank to enable an internet banking facility to be opened and in the following discussion on safety measures to prevent fraud it was thought appropriate for bank statements and reconciliations to be tabled at future F&GP Committee meetings for review and signature.

Action: Clerk

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

36. To authorise signing the bus shelter transfer agreement with Eastleigh Borough Council

36.1 This item was deferred because the terms of the agreement required amendment.

37. To consider a response to the Hampshire County Council bus subsidy review

37.1 Some agreement was reached on the bus subsidy review questionnaire tabled but it was then thought appropriate for the completion of the questionnaire to be undertaken so far as possible by the F&GP Committee. It was noted that the questionnaire invited comments from individuals and, in view of the importance of bus transport to the local residents of Bishopstoke, all councillors were encouraged to complete individual responses.

Action: All

38. To receive reports from Members on External Meetings attended

38.1 Cllr Winstanley had attended a board meeting of HALC at which the implications for local councils of the Big Society and the Localism Bill had been discussed. More information was required before the full impact would become known. There was some regret at the proposed abolition of the Code of Conduct.

38.2 Cllr McKeone had attended the recent Transport Forum where discussion had centred on the new concessionary fares scheme.

38.3 Cllr Toher had attended the Memorial Hall AGM at which last year's officers had been re-elected. She had also attended an employers' seminar at HALC and distributed copies of an Employer's Handbook to all councillors for their information.

39. Clerk's Monthly Report

39.1 The Clerk reported that funding by the Borough had been confirmed for the next financial year for community policing and the contractual agreements, including Bishopstoke's, would be distributed for signature in due course.

40. To consider content of the Press Release for March 2011

40.1 It was agreed that reference would be made to the purchase of new seats for the Old St Mary's Churchyard, the travel token scheme and the County Council's bus subsidy survey and the need for individual responses.

Action: Clerk to draft

41. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

41.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.40pm