



**Bishop Middleham
& Mainsforth**

Conserving our Past Building on our Future

Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Parish Council held Wednesday 18th April 2019 in the Village Hall Bishop Middleham.

148/18 Present: - Cllr. H. Neve (Chairman), D. Hardy, M. MacCallam, G. Turner, J. Brownlee, V. Cooke.

149/18 Apologies: - Cllr. N. Dexter tendered her apologies.

County Councillor P. Crathorne

In attendance: - No members of the public was in attendance.

Mr. J. Robinson, Acting Clerk

150/18. Notice of meeting: - It was moved Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

151/18 Declaration of Interest: - Nil

152/18 Members dispensations: - none required.

153/18 Chairman's Report.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and as usual reminded members of the need to respect other people's views. He advised members of the resignation of former Councillor J. Maude. He had written to her thanking her for all the support and input to the Council. The Acting Clerk advised the vacancy has now been called with a closing date of 7th May for anyone wishing to call an election.

He referred to the proposed quarry extension and resident's concerns regarding same, health and safety and especially road safety. Members wished to look up consultation papers/events especially Traffic Management Plan. Clerk to circulate contact telephone number to those members interested. The Chairman advised of an approach by residents at the top area of the Parish expressing concern regarding the potential increase in traffic on the A177. Cllr. V.Cooke agreed to visit the quarry and meet with Manager to collect same.

Regarding Pit Lane, the Chairman advised he had reported the issue to DCC Environmental Health, and they are taking up members and public concerns. He also advised he had spoken to the residents directly and advised them to clean up the area or the Council would have no option but to clean the area and pass on the charge. Matter to be monitored.

Members agreed to send a get well to former Councillor Julie Hall who had recently been unwell.

154/18 Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

155/18 PACT Report

Members were advised PCSO was wishing members to consider the PACT meetings being combined with Parish Council meetings in the hope of more public interest. Members felt this an excellent idea, Cllr. V.Cooke to report back to her. Members were also advised the PCSO is wishing to establish a Farmers Pact/Forum, an extension of Farm Watch. The proposal is to cover all areas under AAP. Members felt this was an extension of the proposal they themselves had been considering, and it should be supported. Cllr. H. Neve proposed and Cllr. D.Hardy seconded the Council cover the costs of hall hire (Bishop Middleham Village Hall) and refreshments for the first year. This was agreed. Cllr. V.Cooke agreed to advise her of same and suggest she contact Acting Parish Clerk to arrange for her to attend a future Parish Council meeting to take forward.

The following incidents were reported: -

1 house burglary, an assault on High Street, ASB 2 incidents, Fly tipping, a male walking on the road.

156/18 County Councillor Report

No report as County Councillor not present.

157/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019.

Resolved: - it was proposed Cllr. H. Neve seconded Cllr. J. Brownlee to accept the minutes, this was carried.

158/18 Matters for Information.

Members considered the update issues from the Action Log. Action Log agreed. The following were highlighted:

1. Cllr. D.Hardy commented on the state of the road leaving/entering the village. Cllr. H. Neve agreed to chase up.
2. Rear of 19/20 High Street. Members discussed issues being raised by residents, DCC have been contacted and monitoring same.
3. KOMPAN are to do a site visit in May. Report to be presented to June Council meeting on their comments on play area.
4. Parking near to school. Acting Parish Clerk advised a letter had been received from the school stating they will advise parents of the Park car park being available and encouraging them to park there on a morning/afternoon. PCSO to be asked to chase up. Cllr. V.Cooke to ask her.
5. No response regarding a meeting/lease for Village Hall. Cllr. P. Crathorne to be asked to chase up.
6. BROXAP have sent bin for play area, same to be installed by S.E. Landscape.
7. Cllr. H. Neve advised he is to arrange the launch of the website in May.
8. As Cllr. N. Dexter not present Fireworks to be added to June Agenda
9. Cllr. H. Neve agreed to copy and issue members and Acting Clerk with copies of contract with S.E. landscape ready for discussion at June meeting.
10. Cllr. N. Dexter has written to the Quarry asking for boulders as agreed, no reply to date
11. S.E. Landscape have inspected play area as a result of concerns re nails in safety surface. Nails have been removed

159/18 Matters for information sharing by members

Covered by agenda

160/18 Co-option new Councillor

Acting Clerk advised no expression of interests to date.

161/18 Correspondence

- a. E-mail from DCC Highways stating the area of concern on Pitt lane is not in the ownership of DCC or a Right of Way.
- b. CDALC re potential funding for Village hall, passed on to Village Hall Committee.
- c. War Memorial grant Scheme, funding available, matter noted.

162/18 Communication

Cllr. H. Neve advised he is looking at producing the next newsletter and considering format.

163/18 Environment

Members were informed: -

M.McCallam advised lease for castle lake near to completion. It is in the hands of solicitors.

Members discussed Annual costs, and members were reminded they had in the past considered being a partner and to put in finance. This was reaffirmed by the meeting and £1000 of the £2000 cost agreed.

Cllr. D.Hardy reported on the football pitch and his input.

164/18 Planning applications: - nil

165/18 Monthly Accounts

The Acting Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had reported on issues with the Accounts and an Action Plan had been agreed. The Clerk, Mr. P. Gray had agreed to provide all documents/papers etc. to the Acting Clerk by Good Friday to enable this to be taken forward. Cllr. H. Neve and Acting Clerk to meet and take action plan forward once all documents handed over.

Regarding monthly accounts the following was agreed: -

- a. Agreed to pay the Annual fee of £500 to park opener
- b. An application from Bishop Middleham Show was considered. It was agreed to pay for medals and running costs to the cost of £500. Cllr. H. Neve to advise show of same.
- c. Agreed to pay for 2018 poppy Wreath to Cllr. M.McCallam who had coordinated same.

Members then proposed that members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the nature of the business to be discussed.

166/18 Personnel

Members discussed the current situation regarding staffing. Matter to be monitored and re-discussed at the May meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm.