



**Bishop Middleham  
& Mainsforth**

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Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Parish Council held Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the Village Hall Bishop Middleham.

**23.0/19 Present:** - Cllr. H. Neve (Chairman) M. MacCallam, J. Brownlee, V. Cooke, N. Dexter.

County Councillor P. Crathorne

Mr. J. Robinson, Acting Parish Clerk

**24.0/19 Apologies:** - Councillor: - D. Hardy, G. Turner (work commitments)

**25.0/19 In attendance:** - 3 members of the public were in attendance.

**26.0/19. Notice of meeting:** - It was moved Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

**27.0/19 Declaration of Interest:** - Cllr. Jane Brownlee re Village Hall lease, Cllr. M. MacCallam in regard to Churchyard maintenance.

**28.0/19 Members dispensations:** - none required.

**29.0/19 Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and as usual reminded members of the need to respect other people's views.

**30.0/19 Public Participation.**

It was agreed to allow the representatives of both the football club and church to speak on the relevant issue during the meeting as opposed to public participation. Mr. A. Shaw advised he was interested in being co-opted on to the Council. Acting Clerk to take forward.

**31/19 PACT Report**

Cllr. V. Cooke reported on the following: -  
1 theft, 2 anti-social behaviour, 2 crimes

**32/19 County Councillor Report**

Cllr. Crathorne reported on the DCC Vision Consultation and Skerne Medical Practice Consultation.

### **33/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

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

### **34/19 Matters for Information.**

Members considered the update issues from the Action Log. Action Log agreed.

1. Garage, it was agreed Mr. A. Shaw be allocated vacant garage at a fee of £21.50, Cllr. H. Neve to co-ordinate

### **35/19 Matters for information sharing by members**

The following issues were raised: -

1. Trees opposite Church Road/Park, the horse chestnut needs attention. Matter to be referred to owners Livin/DCC
2. Trees opposite 17/18 Park, skirt needs to be cut, refer to S.E. Landscape
3. Pit Lane/footpath opposite Thompson Quarry impassable to be referred to S.E. Landscape
4. Village Hall playground slide, report says needs attention. Kompan to be invited to tender for replacement. Final choice to include parents using playgroup
5. Parking on footpaths in Broadoaks, matter to be referred to PCSO
6. Issues raised with Mr. L. Mowbray, DCC Highways, to be chased up as no reply received. To include car park kiln Crescent, parking on verge adjacent to allotments.
7. Request by Cllr. Turner to change meeting date. After discussion it was agreed to leave meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### **36/19 Correspondence**

Various emails circulated to members for information

### **37/19 Annual Accounts**

Acting Clerk advised the accounts have been submitted to Mazar's by the relevant date and email acknowledging same received. Action Plan to be implemented. Report to be presented to the next meeting.

### **38.0/19 Village Hall lease**

Acting Clerk advised DCC officers in the Community Support Section are willing to meet with both Parish Council and Village Hall. Mr. S. Dexter, Chairman of the Village Hall had advised they are instructing solicitors to take the lease renewal forward.

### **39.0/19 Fireworks Display**

A lengthy debate took place regarding the forthcoming event.

**Resolved:** - On a proposal by V. Cooke seconded by N. Dexter and carried

- a. The event to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019
- b. 499 tickets be available
- c. Initially tickets to be restricted to Parish residents on a preferential basis but to go on general sale 1 week prior to the event
- d. Cost to be £5 for a family ticket, £2 per adult.
- e. Food to be provided by Mr. A. Crabtree
- f. Cllr. N. Dexter and Clerk to arrange funfair rides during August recess and report back to September meeting
- g. All money raised to be donated to the village hall
- h. Rainbow Fireworks have been booked on 2018 price
- i. St. Johns Ambulance also confirmed

### **40.0/19 Churchyard**

Mr. A. Shaw reported on behalf of the issues involved regarding the maintenance of the churchyard.

**Resolved:** - On a proposal by Cllr. N. Dexter seconded by Cllr. V.Cooke and carried, Parish Council to take over churchyard maintenance till the end of the civic year when a review of Environment Contract to occur. In the meantime, PCC to be asked to consider public consultation/advise on their role. Cllr. MacCallam agreed to report back to PCC.

#### **41.0/19 Football Field**

The Chairman and Manager of the local football team presented to members their concerns and queries regarding the football field.

The following was agreed: -

- a. Football Club to pay £300 fee for the coming year
- b. Concern expressed by both club and contractor re usage of field by 4 teams. Acting Clerk to seek advise from contractor on usage and report back to Council
- c. Acting Clerk to request contractor to white line pitch. Advice to also be sought from contractor regarding pitch marking for junior teams
- d. Acting Clerk to arrange inspection of the changing rooms regarding plumbing/structure. Report to be presented to next meeting
- e. Cllr. N. Dexter and Acting Clerk to look for funding to undertake major renovations/improvements to changing rooms. Application pack to be applied for from Community Asset Foundation, Sport England.
- f. Cllr. MacCallam will discuss with Cllr. D.Hardy his report on pitch improvement and report back to members
- g. Cllr. N. Dexter and Cllr. P. Crathorne to take forward Neighbourhood Renewal Project to install lights at skate park
- h. Acting Clerk to seek advise from GATC on their ground maintenance and number of teams they allow on fields/usage
- i. Football Field to be placed on September agenda for update report.

#### **42.0/19 Environment**

Members were informed: -

- a. S.E. Landscape to be asked to concentrate on path clean up
- b. S.E. Landscape to be requested to empty bins in wildlife garden.

#### **43.0/19 Planning applications: - nil**

#### **44.0/19 Monthly Accounts**

Both Cllr. H. Neve and Acting Clerk have requested a meeting with Mr. P. Gray to finalize handover. To date no reply. Once handover complete full financial report to be presented to September meeting. Rialtas system to be purchased during recess.

#### **45.0/19 Communication**

No report

#### **46.0/19 Personnel**

Members discussed the current situation regarding staffing. It was agreed to formally implement sickness policy and to invite Mr. Gray for interview to discuss the situation and future.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm