



**Bishop Middleham  
& Mainsforth**

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Cllr. H. Neve Chairman

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Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Parish Council held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Village Hall Bishop Middleham.

**186.0/19 Present:** - Cllr. H. Neve (Chairman), N. Dexter, J. Brownlee, V. Cooke, A. Shaw

PCSO M. Hobson and N. Bloxsome Neighbourhood Warden in attendance

3 members of the public from across the Parish in attendance.

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

**187.0/19 Apologies:** - Councillor M. MacCallam, G. Turner, D. Hardy had submitted their apologies and accepted by the meeting. Cllr. V. Cooke had submitted an apology for lateness.

**188.0/19. Notice of meeting:** - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

**189.0/19 Declaration of Interest:** - There were no declarations of interest submitted.

**190.0/19 Members dispensations:** - none required

**191.0/19 Co-option**

The Clerk advised there had been interest shown in the vacancy, he had advised the residents to contact the Chairman and Vice Chairman for an informal discussion on the role.

**192.0/19 Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and as usual reminded members of the need to respect other people's views. The 2 meetings, Farm Watch and Site visit with Highways had both proved positive and action being taken, to take issues forward. He had also attended the Village Hall Committee meeting to represent the Council.

**193.0/19 Public Participation.**

- a. A resident raised his concerns regarding parking on the grass verge outside of the Church. A great deal of damage having been done. He was not wishing for parking to be stopped for Church activities but for the damage to be prevented. Members agreed to obtain prices

from S.E. Landscape to reinstate the land for the May meeting. It was also agreed to write to the church and seek their views on the issue.

- b. A resident reported on the speed survey undertaken in Mainsforth. PCSO M. Hobson agreed to raise the report with fellow officers. The Chairman reported on the recent site visit with Highways and suggestions made to improve the situation. DCC are exploring a white fence scheme on the approaches to the Village like other areas in the County. This has proven successful in reducing speeding in these areas. Costings to be made available to the Council also. They are also exploring moving the 30mph sign closer to the Village.
- c. Neighbourhood Warden, N. Bloxsome, informed Council of the follow up work he had undertaken since the last meeting. The Chairman also reported on the issues raised with Highways at the recent site visit. Hot spots have been identified for fly tipping and DCC are focusing on them. Members referred to recent large fly tipping episodes on the road in question. Mr. Broxton advised DCC are aware and chasing same up. Highways have agreed to make the signs at either end of the road larger and then the Parish Council may add sign underneath as discussed at the January meeting.

Mr. Bloxsome presented the activity figures for the Parish as requested by members. He agreed to obtain CCTV Camera prices for the next meeting of Council and forward the camera specifications. Council will then determine if they wish to purchase additional cameras for the area.

The Chairman asked that Council record they're thanks to Mr. Bloxsome for all the work he undertakes within the Parish and the Council will work with him and provide additional finance to resolve this issue.

Mr. J. Bell Neighborhood Warden responsible for dealing with illegal dog fouling has agreed to attend the Aril meeting to discuss his role in relation to issues in the Parish Boundary.

Cllr. V.Cooke entered the meeting.

#### **194.0/19 PACT and Police Report**

PCSO Hobson advise members: -

ASB 1	Theft nil	Violence against person nil
Burglary nil	C.D. nil	Driving nil
Personal 1 incident		

She advised; several patrols have been undertaken in The Park, but no alcohol found. They are also to increase patrols regarding parking on footpaths on Church Street/Park |Estate/School area

#### **195.0/19 County Councillor Report**

Cllr. P. Crathorne had submitted her report.

#### **196.0/19 Member sharing**

Members raised the following issues for colleague's information: -

- a. Cllr. J. Brownlee asked how many Dog Bins are in the Parish belonging to DCC and how often they are emptied. Clerk to request information direct from DCC.
- b. DCC to be asked re broken fences around the Parish and when they will be repaired.
- c. C. Cllr. J.Brownlee requested the closing time of The park be extended by an hour to 4pm, this was agreed

### **197.0/19 Minutes of meeting held on 11th March 2020**

These were agreed on a proposal by Cllr. H. Neve and seconded Cllr. J. Brownlee.

### **198.0/19 Website**

Meeting has been arranged in early April with provider to discuss content of site and to update information required for future audits. Cllr. H. Neve is to produce a newsletter in time for Easter, any contributions to be sent directly to him.

### **199.0/19 PSPO Orders**

The Clerk advised DCC are updating the orders and asked for confirmation that Council wish to continue the order on The Park. This was proposed Cllr. H. Neve and seconded Cllr. N. Dexter and agreed.

### **200.0/19 Play Area**

The Clerk advised Kompan Play Company have agreed to a meeting with the council 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, it was agreed any member available to attend

### **201.0/19 Correspondence**

- a. Various emails circulated to members for information
- b. Confirmation DCC are allowing Cllr. A. Shaw to attend Playground Training in April
- c. Copy of request to DCC for Gulley Cleaning accepted
- d. It was proposed Cllr. N. Dexter and seconded Cllr. H. Neve thy Girls Football team be advised they will not be able to use the Football Ground post August. This was agreed.
- e. DCC consultation on Road Safety Strategy, comments to Clerk by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- f. Durham Police advising no reports of indecent behaviour at the nature reserve recorded

### **202.0/19 Monthly Accounts**

Please see Appendix 1 for Accounts approved for payment at the meeting.

Members agreed to request RFO be added to Bank Account access/bank statements but not as a signatory. Cllr. V. Cooke and M. MacCallam agreed to inform bank accordingly.

### **203.0/19 Village Hall Lease**

Members considered a request from the Village Hall Committee to pay the legal fees as previously agreed by the Council. The Council had previously agreed to pay up to £500 but excluding VAT the amount has risen to £700. It was proposed Cllr. D. Hardy and seconded Cllr. M. MacCallam that the Council increase its contribution to £700 due to the favorable renegotiated lease bring in favor of the Parish/Village Hall. This was agreed.

### **204.0/19 Planning**

An extension to the rear of a property DM/20/00297/FPA 18 Westfield Terrace has been submitted. No objections raised.

### **205.0/19 VE Planning**

Public meeting to discuss arrangements to take place Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Annual parish Assembly

### **206.0/19 Annual Assembly**

It was agreed the meeting take place Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7pm in the Village Hall. Cllr. J. Brownlee agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to present a report at the meeting.

**206.0/19 Review of Environmental Contract**

The Clerk advised that S.E. landscape had accepted the 3-year Contract and will be attending 6pm, prior to the April Parish Council meeting

**207.0/19 Council Polices**

On a proposal by Cllr. H. Neve and seconded by Cllr. N. Dexter and carried to endorse current Council Polices, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2020/21.

**208.0/19 Action Plan**

Members considered and accepted the monthly Action Plan.

**208.0/10 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm