



Bishop Middleham Parish Council

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Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held Wednesday
12th May 2021 via Zoom.

Present: - Cllrs. H. Neve (Chairman), G. Turner, J. Brownlee, V. Cooke, M. MacCallam, E. Peeke, A. Shaw.

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

1.0/21 Apologies: - P. Howell M.P.

2.0/21 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

3.0/21 Declarations of Interest – Cllr. A. Shaw (Garages and Environment)

4.0/21 Member Dispensation – none required.

5.0/21 Public Participation: -There were no members of the public present.

6.0/21 Election of Chairman

Cllr. H. Neve was elected Chairman proposed Cllr. V.Cooke seconded Cllr. J. Brownlee

7.0/21 Acceptance of Office

Cllr. H. Neve formally signed Acceptance of Office Register

8.0/21 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. G. Turner was elected Vice Chairman proposed Cllr. V.Cooke seconded by Cllr. M. MacCallam

9.0/21 Acceptance of Office

Cllr. G. Turner signed Acceptance of Office Register

10.0/21 Chairman Report: – He advised he had no report to give as items covered at Annual Assembly.

11.0/21 Police Report No report.

12.0/21 Minutes of meeting held on 14th March 2021.

Resolved: - It was agreed on a proposal from Cllr. H. Neve seconded by Cllr. M. MacCallam that the minutes and decisions be agreed.

13.0/21 Adoption of Standing orders and Financial Regulations

Adoption of both agreed proposed Cllr. V.Cooke and seconded Cllr. J. Brownlee for the coming Civic Year.

14.0/21 Meeting dates and venue 21/22 Civic year

It was agreed to hold Full Parish Council meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, with no meeting in August. All meetings to be held in Bishop Middleham Village Hall unless prevented by national lockdown.

15.0/21 Councillor Vacancies/Co-options

The Chairman advised members the former member Mr.D. Hardy has expressed an interest to be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr. H. Neve proposed and Cllr. V.Cooke seconded that Mr. D. Hardy be co-opted to the Council; this was agreed. Clerk to advertise the remaining vacancy across the Parish.

16.0/21 Wildlife Garden

Cllr. M. MacCallam advised limited progress has taken place due to the weather. DCC have agreed to erect both a new life buoy and Safety Water Notice.

17.0/21 Benches The Park

Cllrs. J. Brownlee and V. Cooke advised on checking with County FA benches can be erected if at least 5 meters away from football pitches. Members agreed to confirm the purchase of 2 benches to be situated in The Park. Prices to be brought to a special meeting in June to discuss Council Medium Term Financial Plan and Council priorities for the coming 4 years.

18.0/21 Community Events

A meeting to be held on 26th May with village groups to discuss upcoming Community Events for the current Civic Year and Queens Platinum Celebrations 2022

19.0/21 Speed Visors

Cllr. G. Turner and V. Cooke reported on the meeting they and the Clerk had recently had with DCC officers. The cost per camera is £12,000. It was agreed to add this to the special meeting agenda. In the meantime, Clerk to obtain speeding monitoring results from DCC.

20.0/21 Play Area.

Members reported on the recent meeting with officers from DCC. Members considered all play areas and had requested DCC to obtain quotes for repair/renew/redevelop sites. Matter to be added to special meeting agenda on 9th June prior to Full Council on 16th June.

21.0/21 Footpath Bishop Middleham to Sedgfield: -

DCC Rights of Way Officer has advised the Council they will inspect the path in May, Clerk to chase up outcome. Cllr. H. Neve agreed to raise the matter with Brightwater, Cllr. M. MacCallam agreed to provide Clerk with information on temporary footpath closure. Clerk to arrange a meeting with landowner to discuss way forward once above information is available.

22.0/21 Garage vacancy

It was agreed to allocate the vacant garage to the person at the top off waiting list. This leaves one person on list. Clerk to arrange a site visit inspection of garages for members to consider maintenance programme.

23.0/21 Water leak

Clerk reported that NWA had agreed the fault had been on their side and made repairs. A claim for compensation has been made to Anglian Water. Clerk to arrange for water to be turned on for The Pavilion and Legionella Testing to be done prior to any public use. Thanks to Cllr. V.Cooke for his work in this regard.

24.0/21 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk to re-circulate details to members and place on June agenda.

25.0/21 Planning

Cllr. J. Brownlee had circulated to members a reply from DCC Planning to the Village Hall Committee advising no permission is required regarding tables on the green. Cllr. H. Neve advised some concern had been raised with him by residents regarding a planning application on Palmer Terrace. Clerk to obtain further information from DCC Planning prior to Council making a decision.

26.0/21 Environment

Discussion took place regarding strimming/grass cutting frequency/spraying and the need across the Parish. It was agreed Clerk arrange a meeting with Mr. C. Curry DCC to discuss same. Members also asked the Clerk to refer a strip of land to the side of the old school annex for contractor to clean up and add to work schedule.

Members agreed to obtain further quotations for tree inspection and felling for the June meeting.

27.0/21 Monthly financial Reconciliation: -

Members noted the financial issues to date. Monthly accounts and reports agreed. Annual Audit has commenced, initial final accounts circulated to members. AGAR/Accounts to be considered at special meeting 26th May 2021.

28/21 Member Sharing: -

- a. Cllr. V.Cooke advised an application has been made by a football team from Trimdon to use The Park field. This will be discussed by football working party and reported to June Council. He also requested football fees be added to June agenda.
- b. Members noted the successful litter pick by the cubs and planned pick by scouts once risk assessment completed.
- c. Bus sop to be placed on June Agenda.

The meeting closed 9.23pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman.

16th June 2021