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Conserving our Past: Building Our Future

Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of a meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held Wednesday 13th
January 2021 via Zoom.

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

County Councillor P. Crathorne.

PCSO M. Edger

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

No members of the public present.

159.0/20 Apologies: - Cllrs. D.Hardy, Mr. P. Howell M.P.

160/20 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

161.0/20 Declarations of Interest – nil

162.0/20 Member Dispensation – none required.

163.0/20 Public Participation: -There were no members of the public present.

164.0/20 Chairman Report: – He began by wishing all those present a prosperous and healthy new year.

Sadly, Cllr. N. Dexter has submitted her resignation having moved to Trimdon. All members expressed their thanks to Ms. Dexter for the work she has undertaken not only for the Council but also the Parish as a whole. It was unanimously agreed to invite her to the February meeting to receive flowers and a certificate of thanks from the Council.

Due to the resignation the position of Vice Chairman was now vacant. Cllr. G. Turner was proposed by Cllr. V.Cooke and seconded Cllr. M. Maccallam, and unanimously

elected. Cllr. G. Turner then signed the Declaration of Office. DCC Electoral Officer to be advised of the vacancy.

He reported that he had asked the Clerk to chase up emptying dog bins, this was done, and he had thanked Mr. Jeff Talbot for doing this quickly. He also reported on the current position in regards the Veolia Skatepark application. It has been refused at this time as the criteria for grants has changed, but a reapplication is to be made.

He advised he is meeting a specialist shortly to discuss Broadband provision within the Parish and will report back in February.

165.0/20 Police Report

P.C. M. Edger reported that the following incidents have occurred: -

November ASB in respect of a farm, ASB with bikes on High Road

December interference with a car, domestic violence, car crime, SSB

January ASB

P.C.S.O. Edger advised she had spoken to the Road Safety Bureau and they will be looking at speeding around the Parish. In regard to dog fouling, she had referred this to the Neighborhood Wardens to chase up residents. She agreed to investigate parking on footpaths especially around Bishopgarh/Broadoaks. A brief discussion took place regarding ASB in one estate.

P.C.S.O. Edger left the meeting at his point.

166.0/20 County Councillor Report: -

Councillor P. Crathorne reported on the following:

- a. COVID rates remain high in the County 432/100,000
- b. DCC continue to support businesses, care homes and vulnerable residents.
- c. She wished to place on record her thanks to all highway staff for the work undertaken during the recent bad wintery weather.
- d. Holdforth bridge to close for 6 months for major repairs.

A general discussion took place regarding the Councils application for Neighbourhood Funding allocated by Cllr. Crathorne. Cllr. Crathorne agreed to chase up the matter with the AAP

167.0/20 Minutes of meetings held on 9th December 2020.

Resolved: - It was agreed on a proposal from Cllr. M. McCallam seconded by Cllr. J. Brownlee and agreed to accept the minutes of both meetings and recommendation there in.

168.0/20 Correspondence: -

Members noted numerous emails circulated since last meeting, no comments made.

- a. Several letters and e-mails received regarding fly tipping. Several actions taken by Group Manager R. Todd of CDDFR service. Matter to be monitored. Clerk to chase up graffiti on the fence as well as signs for no-fly tipping.
- b. A holding reply has been received from Savills in respect of Pit Lane, matter to be monitored.
- c. Minutes of ESCOSC meeting held in November attended by Cllr. N. Dexter on behalf of the Council.

169.0/20 Precept: -

Cllr. H. Neve reminded members a detailed discussion took place at both the November and December meetings in respect of 2021/22 and MTFP. It was generally felt a standstill budget was the appropriate way forward. The Clerk reported to the members the current Precept/Tax base. Several members agreed with the standstill budget of the amount paid by residents.

Cllr. H. Neve proposed and Cllr. V.Cooke seconded and unanimously agreed to precept for the sum of £50,364 and so maintain the band D cost at £123.56.

170.0/20 Wildlife Garden Project: -

Cllrs. M. MacCallam and J. Brownlee presented an in-depth report on the progress of the project to date, including costings. Members were advised additional information had been supplied to DCC at their request in regards to it being a capital as opposed to revenue project.

171.0/20 Monthly financial Reconciliation: -

Members noted the financial issues to date, including a 9-month reconciliation. Monthly accounts and reports agreed.

172.0/20 Environment Contractor Report: -

Members noted the report for November, which Cllr. M. Maccallam had kindly checked. Members asked the Clerk to contact the contractor to look at felling the tree that has fallen in the Skatepark. There is also a tree blocking the footpath, agreed to ask him to remove this also. Members noted the condition of a tree outside of The Park and asked Clerk to report same to DCC.

173.0/20 Planning: -

A written reply to the query raised in December from Mr. J. Byers, Area Planning manger was discussed. It was agreed to monitor.

174.0/20 Neighbourhood Plan: -

To be discussed at March meeting, post lockdown

175.0/20 Playground Inspection: -

Members considered the recent reports received from DCC and Independent Contractor. It was agreed the Clerk prepare a report on recommendations for the February meeting. Cllr. J. Brownlee suggested the play area behind of the Village Hall could be relocated to the main site, and land made available for the Village Hall. Cllr. M. Maccallam and J. Brownlee agreed to look at this suggestion and report back to the February meeting.

176.0/20 Christmas Events

Cllr. H. Neve thanked those involved in the short Light Switching on event and maintaining social distancing. The event had been on Facebook with over 1000 hits. The Santa's Helper Project had been a great success with over 100 children taking part.

177.0/20 2022

It was agreed the Clerk co-ordinate a meeting of village groups/individuals to start looking at events in the Parish to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Queens

Accession to the Throne. Cllr. H. Neve agreed to upload the event on the Parish Facebook page.

It was also agreed Micheltmas Feast 2021 be placed on the March agenda.

178.0/20 Member Sharing: -

- a. Cllr. J. Brownlee thanked the Council for the recent grant to the Village Hall.
- b. Cllr. V.Cooke asked if the Clerk could request DCC undertake gulley cleaning along High Road.
- c. Cllr. V.Cooke requested purchase of speed signs be placed on the February Agenda.
- d. several members expressed concern about the footpath from Broadoaks to Mainsforth Village. Clerk to report to DCC.

The meeting closed 9.05pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman.
10th February 2021