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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 14th July 2021, in St. Michaels Church.

Present: - Cllrs. G. Turner (Vice Chairman), J. Brownlee, V. Cooke, E. Peeke, M. MacCallam, D. Hardy.

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

Apologies: - Cllrs. H. Neve and A. Shaw.

41.0/21 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. G. Turner that the meeting be opened.

42.0/21 Declarations of Interest – none required.

43.0/21 Member Dispensation – none required.

44.0/21 Public Participation: -There were no members of the public present.

45.0/21 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16th June 2021.

Cllr. E. Peeke proposed seconded by Cllr. V.Cooke and agreed to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held 16th June 2021. Cllr. M. McCallam asked that in future an action report on the previous meeting be added to the agenda. This was agreed.

Action update to June meeting:

- a. Cllr. V.Cooke requested information on the organisation of and update of the meeting held to discuss flooding. Cllr. E. Peeke advised she had arranged the meeting in her role as County Councillor and Cllr. H. Neve had attended. She advised an update of actions taken by County Officers is due shortly.
- b. Clerk advised he had requested quotes for tree surveys, 2 had been received but DCC have advised they are too busy to undertake any work at the current time. Cllr. M. McCallam advised it was not a tree survey required but a risk assessment of the trees. Clerk apologized for the mistake and agreed to arrange for a tree risk assessment only to be undertaken.
- c. Cllr. M. McCallam asked for a detailed discussion to take place re play areas. Matter already on agenda.

- d. Cllr. M. McCallam raised the issue of the garage door repair. Clerk advised company are linking with Cllr. V. Cooke. Cllr. V. Cooke reported the company are making a new door and it will be installed 20th July 2021. Clerk will then allocate the garage to the next person on the waiting list as agreed at a previous meeting.
- e. Clerk advised the tree behind 7 Front Street has been done. The resident queried the remaining tree, Clerk had arranged for DCC to inspect and they believe both trees to the rear of Front Street remain fine and need no more attention.

46.0/21 Playground project.

All members present took part in the discussion. The Park/Pavilion/Playground area had been declared priority 1 at the MTFP meeting. Cllr. E. Peeke advised she is attending a major AAP funding meeting in early August after which she will be able to advise how much funding would be available from DCC. It was agreed to defer the special meeting planned for late July to 18th August at 7.00pm. members agreed this meeting initially be mainly Parish Councilors to discuss scoping the project and time frame. However, Clerk to contact Mr. A. Coulthard to enquire if he would act as coordinator for the meeting due to his experience in play.

Members discussed the quote submitted by DCC to provide a swing. Members felt it was important to proceed with this work, to provide a swing for the young people. It was proposed Cllr. M. McCallam, seconded by Cllr. J. Brownlee and agreed to accept the DCC quote for £7,800 for the provision of the swing. The funding to come from the Thompson funding.

47.0/21 Summer Playscheme.

Cllr. E. Peeke advised members of a summer playscheme being organised at Cornforth House West Cornforth and children from the Parish may attend.

48.0/21 Pit Lane

Members discussed the recent issues regarding this area and continued graffiti. Clerk advised he has emailed Savills advising of the 6 letters being sent to them and no reply. He also advised he had re-written to DCC asking them to remove the graffiti and charge Savills. Cllr. M. McCallam agreed to raise the issue with the Archdeacon to see if he can intervene or seek advise from the Church Commissioners who own the land.

49.0/21 Queens Platinum Celebrations

Minutes of the meeting with the public were discussed and need to reconvene. A letter had been received asking the Parish to consider joining in the national beacon event. Cllr. E. Peeke agreed to ask her husband to make one of the traditional ones to be placed on the brewery field.

50.0/21 Michelmas Fayre.

It was agreed to host the event on Saturday 25th September 2021. Members fully supported the work being undertaken by Mr. John Burrows in regard to the Essential Workers Parade.

Members considered the report previously distributed by the Clerk. It was agreed not to hire a marquee but to ask residents to bring along gazebos for the evening. Cllr. J. Brownlee agreed to approach Mr. G. Jacobs to see if he could help in arranging music for the night. Mrs. J. Sheehan was also suggested. Cllr. V.Cooke suggested Clerk approach Mr. Alan Crabtree to see if he would provide a hog roast for the event. Publicity to go out via a leaflet drop and post office. A meeting to be arranged for the evening of 18th August prior to the Special Council meeting to ensure all is in place.

51.0/21 Path to Sedgefield

Cllr. V.Cooke and M. McCallum agreed to meet on the 16th to discuss access to the area and when to arrange for collection of the stone from the quarry. Funding bid to go to Brightwater shortly. An application to DCC Paths Partnership to be made to support the project. Application for the path closure to undertake the project to be applied for. Cllr. M.McCallam agreed to liaise with Brightwater.

Cllr. M.McCallam produced for members a plan of 2 areas needing to be cut back. Cllr. V.Cooke suggested a third. It was agreed the Clerk obtain costings from S.E. Landscape to undertake the remedial work and to apply to DCC Paths Partnership for this funding also.

52.0/21 Planning

No or members to consider.

53.0/21 Monthly Transactions/MTFP

Members agreed the minutes of the MTFP meeting and noted priority list. Monthly reconciliation agreed.

54.0/21-member sharing

Cllr. D. Hardy raised the issue of lack of buses. The issues being buses only go to adjoining villages then public need to change services. It is an issue with scarlet bus company. Clerk to raise the issue with Mr. Adrian White at DCC and Cllr. E. Peek to follow matter up in her County Councillor role

Cllr. V.Cooke raised the issue that the gully cleaning in front of 3 High Road has still not been done. Clerk to raise again with DCC.

Cllr. E. Peek raised the state of the footpath in front of the Old Vicarage. Clerk to raise the issues with DCC.

Several members referred to the need to undertake another village litter pick. Agreed to try and arrange one for 2nd Saturday in September after schools return.

55.0/21 County Councillor report

Cllr. E. Peeke presented a written report (copy attached to minutes) of her monthly activity. Members thanked her for this, and it was agreed to be placed on monthly agenda as a standing item.

The meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed: -

Cllr. H. Neve, Chairman.
8th September 2021