



Bishop Middleham Parish Council

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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 10th November 2021, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall.

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

Parish Clerk J. Robinson

Apologies: - none required.

1 member of the public was present.

93.0/21 Notice of meeting: - It was moved by Cllr. H. Neve that the meeting be opened.

94.0/21 Declarations of Interest – none required.

95.0/21 Member Dispensation – none required.

96.0/21 Public Participation: -The following issues were raised: -

a. Speeding Park Estate a resident presented a petition from residents on the estate asking for the Parish Council support in obtaining traffic calming measures. It was agreed to request DCC undertake a speed survey of the area. It was also agreed to request a 20mph speed limit on the road towards the school/Infront of the village hall.

b. he also raised concerns in respect of cars parked on paths blocking dropped kerbs, it was agreed to raise this also with Highways at DCC.

97.0/21 County Councillor Report

Cllr. E. Peeke referred to the following: -

- a. She had raised directly with the Head of Planning Mr. S. Reed the outstanding planning application and requested it be dealt with as soon as possible. Members concurred with Cllr. E. Peeks actions and agreed to write to the Head of Service requesting an early decision due to the concerns this delay is having for all parties concerned.
- b. She has met with officers from DCC, and they are investigating the long-standing issue at the entrance to the village

- c. She referred to a call out or bids to be submitted for AAP funding. .Agreed to consider a bid for the playground.
- d. A consultation is taking place regarding improving playing pitch facilities. She is keeping a watching brief on this in respect of funding for our playing pitches

98.0/21 Minutes of monthly meeting held 13th October 2021

Resolved: - It was proposed Cllr. H. Neve seconded Cllr. G. Turner and carried to adopt the minutes as a true record and endorse recommendations within.

99.0/21 Action Plan

The following matters were raised: -

- a. Football Team had attended the liaison meeting and advised they wished to apply for funding to provide new strip/equipment/balls. Unfortunately, they had not completed or submitted the application. Agreed to defer this matter to the December meeting to allow for the grant application to be submitted.
- b. An incident had occurred following a match when a needle was found in a dressing room. The football team immediately dealt with its removal and referred the matter to County Durham FA.
- c. Cllr. M.McCallam advised she is still looking into the trees for the Queens Canopy project. Clerk will apply to DCC for tree grant when it becomes available.

100.0/21 Firework Display

The event had been a great success and enjoyed by all attending. The mobile bar had been a well-received addition. It was disappointing the showmen did not attend, it was agreed to change provider to Turners who had been excellent at the Michaelmas Fayre. 'Harveys Golden Ticket' at Halloween had been a great success with 125 children in the village taking part. Cllr. H. Neve thanked everyone for their part in making the event a success.

101.0/21 Correspondence

a. Members received a request from the owners of the old schoolhouse to either sell or give access to the land adjoining their property. The Clerk advised it could not be sold as it is Village Green without permission of the Secretary of State. Council could if they wished grant a easement across the land to allow access. Cllr. H. Neve agreed to speak to the residents and report back

b. CDALC invitation for 2 members to attend a meeting on the 30th of November 2021 at Spennymoor Town Hall with the PCVC Joy Allen. Cllrs. H. Neve and E. Peeke agreed to attend.

c. A new name was added to waiting list for garages.

Cllr. H. Neve advised Mr. B. White, has offered to assist with the Michaelmas Fayre in 2022.

102.0/21 Christmas events

It was agreed to switch on the lights/carol service at 4pm on Sunday 5th December. Ferryhill Brass Band have been booked. Cllr. G. Jacobs agreed to obtain mulled wine/mince pies from Makro and provide a gazebo. Clerk has the switch on button and will produce carol sheets. Cllr. G. Turner agreed to collect 2 tables from the village hall. Cllr. H. Neve is liaising with the church and will post articles on Facebook. Mr. A. Shaw, a resident of the village to switch the lights on. Clerk has prepared the risk assessment for the event.

The children's event is going ahead with the school agreeing to give the children the sweets and reindeer food in classes.

103.0/21 Planning Applications

Members noted there was 1 application within the village in addition the Thompson Water extraction, no objection raised.

104.0/21 Tarmac Consultation event

Cllr. H. Neve advised members he had been invited to attend the launch of Tarmac Community Consultation, between 8th and 21st November 2021. He urged all members to participate via the website link. Members expressed concerns regarding Environmental Impact on areas within the Parish especially on the boundary, the effect on footpaths and the nature reserve, a lack of engagement with Bishop Middleham, having only 1 event for the public to attend and in Cornforth. Members also expressed a wish to be considered for financial recompense for the effect on the Parish. It was agreed to invite Tarmac to the January 2022 meeting of the Council after the consultation has finished to discuss with them the outcome and the company's future direction for this planning application.

105.0/21 Monthly Transactions

Monthly reconciliation and nominal ledger agreed.

106.0/21 Member Sharing

- a Cllr. Cooke raised the issue of gulley cleaning on High Road
- b. a number of members raised the issue of underage drinking, and it was agreed to raise this mater at the forthcoming PACT meeting
- c. Footpath and guttering at the Pavilion need repairing. Agreed to ask S.E. Landscape to investigate and report back to January meeting with a price
- d. 2 cars appear to have been abandoned, Clerk to report same to the police

107.0/21 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th December 2021 7.00pm in Bishop Middleham Village Hall.

The meeting closed 9.03 pm

Signed: -

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