

Chairman Cllr. Harvey Neve

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bishop Middleham Parish Council held
Wednesday 12th July 2023, in Bishop Middleham Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. G. Turner (Chair), Cllr. J. Brownlee, Cllr. V. Cooke, Cllr. G. Jacobs, Cllr. M. MacCallam, Cllr. P. Maddison Green, , Cllr. P. Musgrove

A. Hall (Parish Clerk)

Cllr. E. Peeke (County Councillor)

ITEM NO.	MINUTES	ACTION
1.7/23	Notice of Meeting - it was moved by Cllr. G. Turner to open the meeting at 7.00pm	
2.7/23	Apologies: Cllr. J. Burrows, Cllr. H. Neve	
3.7/23	Declarations of Interest - None	
4.7/23	Minutes - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 th June 2023 were accepted. Proposed Cllr. Maddison Green, seconded Cllr. Brownlee. Members wanted it noted that an update was received regarding public transport in the village. There is a reduced service available, not no service as reported in the previous meeting.	
5.7/23	Public Participation No members of the public were in attendance.	
6.7/23	County Councillor's Report Cllr. E. Peeke reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAP Expression of Interest forms to be submitted by 28 July 2023. • Members were informed that information had been sent round regarding the reduced LCTRS grant starting from 2024 and calculations for the Precept. The Clerk acknowledged that a letter had been received and emailed to members. • Cllr. Peeke was pleased to inform members that speed strips would be temporarily install in the village to monitor speeding, as requested by the Parish Council. Following a discussion, Cllr. Peeke agreed to pass on request for the strips to be going into Bishop Middleham and going out of High Road and also in Mainsforth. • Cllr. Peeke had undertaken a walkabout with DCC Clean & Green team and also Livin, to look at some areas of the village that were untidy and overgrown. It was noted that a number of properties required some upkeep. It was felt that a project could be looked at to help residents with garden tendering and other work. Suggestion to include the church and to invite Sarah from the Horticultural Society to the meeting in September. • Members informed Cllr. Peeke that there was still some rubbish on the Pit Lane site-this would be reported. Cllr. Turner thanks Cllr. Peeke for her report.	AH

7.7/23	<p>Co-option - Pam Musgrove was officially accepted as a co-opted member of the Council. All paperwork and declarations of interest have been completed and submitted.</p>	
8.7/23	<p>Outdoor Activities</p> <p>a) 5 tender applications were received from Wicksteeds, Eibe, Kompan, Streetscape and HAGS. The evaluation panel met twice to look at all of the tenders in details, each panel member making notes and scores for each tender individually. The panel then discussed each tender and came to a final agreement. The members approved the tender from Kompan. Members requested a meeting with Kompan as soon as possible to ask some questions from their tender submission. If all questions answered it was proposed to move forward with Kompan. Proposed Cllr. Turner, seconded Cllr. Brownlee. Clerk to arrange Teams meeting within next couple of days. All members invited to attend.</p> <p>It was felt important to look at alternative funding options in case extra funding could not be gained from Tarmac. Clerk to approach Tarmac to request additional.</p> <p>The Clerk is to look into signage for the Park with suggestion that some of the Coronation funding could be used. It was felt appropriate due to the park being commissioned in the year of the King's Coronation. Clerk to contact the Lottery Fund.</p> <p>b) Members were shown a copy of the quote from Skill Mill for proposed work at the Wildlife Park. A few questions were raised and these would be forwarded to the Skill Mill. Members were informed that a funding bid was being submitted to the AAP to cover this project - it was requested that new picnic benches / seating and a new interpretation panel be included in the bid. This was agreed.</p> <p>c) The Environmental Contract is due for renewal in April 2025. It was felt important this the work on this contract be started soon to ensure that all areas of the contract are covered. Clerk to pull together all relevant paperwork and put on the agenda for the September meeting.</p> <p>d) Events</p> <p>i) Michaelmas Fair - it was discussed that 3 rides from Turners Funfairs would be requested (teacups, boat swings and the bungee trampolines). The Clerk was also looking into the viking enactment group and the viking boat company, who attended last year to return. The mobile bar had been booked and quote requested for first aid cover.</p> <p>ii) D-Day 80th Anniversary - 6th June 2024. Members were informed of the order of the day and requirements of the Council. The Anniversary is being run in conjunction with National Fish and Chip Day. Members requested that A&A Catering be contact to see if they could accommodate on the day.</p> <p>e) Members were informed that planters had been purchased as part of the King's Coronation celebration at the Village Hall. A number of environmental projects were hopefully being planned this year to</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>

	ensure this momentous occasion is marked and remembered by everyone. The Village Hall had requested a community grant for this but it was felt important that they commemorate the King's Coronation event.	
9.7/23	Health and Safety - one issue raised regarding 3 boards being missing from the bridge on the 3 mile walk. Clerk to contact SE Landscaping for a cost to repair.	AH
10.7/23	Finance a) The Clerk tabled a report of the payments and receipts for June 2023. No issues were raised. b) Members were informed about an email from Savills regarding the lease for the Village Green land around Bishop Middleham. This lease ran out on 21 st May 2021. A number of options were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should see legal advice regarding the lease and, depending on the outcome of this advice, contact Savills to discuss further. c) Regarding the lease for the land behind the village hall, currently a toddler play area, Members were informed that we could return the land to DCC or request it be transferred to the Village Hall. Both options would incur costs for the Parish Council as it appears all legal costs associated with this would fall to us. Information had been received that the Village Hall did want to take over the land and asked that the Clerk speak to DCC to move this forward and try to get an idea on the costs involved.	AH AH
11.7/23	Policies Members were shown the details and discussed the Civility and Respect Pledge and what it entailed. It was felt that this was an important project and the Council would be happy to sign up to it.	
12.7/23	Changing the name of the Parish Council - The Clerk tabled a suggestion that, to bring the communities of Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth closer together, the legal name of the parish council be changed to Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Parish Council. This would require contact with the Democratic Services at Durham County Council and agreement by them. A report had recently been passed by DCC for another Parish within County Durham to change their name for the same reasons - this was agreed and passed. Clerk requested to move this forward.	AH
11.7/23	Member Sharing <u>Cllr Musgrove</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge that the work had been completed to the flowerbeds at the edge of Mainsforth. <u>Cllr MacCallam</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at the fencing that has fallen into the park - this is now a wildlife habitat and should be retained as much as possible. <u>Cllr Cooke</u> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still concerned that all debris has been removed from Pit Lane - Cllr Peeke has agreed to visit and check out what has been completed. 	
12.7/23	Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 th September 2023 at 7pm	

The meeting closed 9pm

Signed: - Chair.

H Neve

Date: 13th September 2023