

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7:30 p.m.
on Monday 2nd March 2015
at Bishopstone Village Hall**

Those Present: Ian Thompson (Chair), Lesley Drewett (Clerk), Ian Thomas (Vice Chair), Nigel Crisp, Val Brodin, Stuart McGuigan, Andy Greenhalgh, Julian Cooke,.

1. Go Ride – Dave Harrison

The Chair invited Dave to talk to those present before the meeting was opened to the floor. Dave introduced himself and went into the background of how the Go Ride service had been set up and the current arrangements. The service is currently subsidised by three councils, West Berkshire providing £102k, Oxfordshire £16k and Swindon £5k.

Parishioners present raised a number of concerns and Dave provided explanations where appropriate. In respect of the Saturday service, there was a possibility of increasing the number of trips subject to a review of the service on the Newbury-Hungerford-Lambourn route.

The Chair explained that he knew there were problems and the service was not perfect, but if it was not for Go Ride delivering this service to the best of their ability, there would not be a service for the Parish at all. He thanked Dave for attending the meeting. New timetables were handed to parishioners in attendance and copies were provided to be left in both village halls.

2. Approved Apologies

Douglas Stevens, Tom Green, Cllr Andrew Bennett.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Public Question Time

There were several members of the public in attendance but their concerns had mainly been addressed in the discussion with Go Ride.

One parishioner asked about any developments with regard to the True Heart. The Chair explained that the venue for the March meeting had been changed to Bishopstone in the hope that a public meeting could be held to discuss the True Heart but that the new owners had not yet approached the council. Cllr Thomas went on to say that the Parish Council believed that Arkells had bought the property, but there had been no communication to date. The owners of the True Heart would be encouraged to attend a meeting, once any information had been received. The parishioner then left the meeting.

The meeting was re-opened at 8:20 pm.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chair asked for a proposition that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as a true record. The proposition was put forward by Cllr Brodin and unanimously agreed by those present. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising

All actions from the previous meeting had been completed except for the following:

Permissive footpath - installation of dog bin

The new bin is in place and in use. The Chair thanked Cllrs for installing the bin.

Archiving

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The archiving of the documents in the village hall archive room has been delayed and the item has been carried forward to the next meeting.

Action: The Chair, Cllrs Crisp and Greenhalgh are to co-ordinate the disposal of documents.

Passing Places

Cllrs Thomas & McGuigan are waiting for a date to meet with representatives from SBC and Henry Stoye on site.

Action: This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Dog Bin Emptying Service

SBC are unable to help. As the Lengthman is now providing a service, Cllr Thompson proposed that the Lengthman should be commissioned to empty both bins every 2 weeks at a cost of £2.25 per bin collection. This was seconded by Cllr Greenhalgh and unanimously agreed.

Action: The Clerk is to confirm use of this service with the Lengthman. (Complete)

Body Horse Hill Diversion

This item is still outstanding and Cllr Bennett is still progressing this item with SBC and the bus operators.

Action: Cllr Bennett is to continue liaising with SBC and the bus providers.

Cress Beds

Cllr Thomas explained this is still a work in progress. He is waiting for Rob Selbourne to contact him.

Action: The Clerk is to add this item to the next agenda.

Section of Ridgeway

The erosion on the Ridgeway had still not been repaired and was much worse. The Clerk had not received a response from Martin Fry of SBC and neither had Cllr Thomas.

Action: Cllr Thomas is to chase progress on the works with Martin Fry.

Action: Cllr Greenhalgh is to forward photographs of the damage to Cllr Thomas for onward circulation to Martin Fry of SBC.

Village Clean Up

Action: Cllr Greenhalgh is to co-ordinate the equipment for Bishopstone volunteers.

Burnt Out Car

The car was still in situ. The Chair had reported another car had been burnt out and left opposite Charlbury Hill.

Action: The Clerk is to follow up on the removal of the burnt out car by SBC. (Complete)

Footpath 18

Martin Fry had not responded to the Clerk's email regarding the sections of the road along footpath 18 that are badly eroded. Some filling of holes was still required.

Action: Cllr Thomas is to contact Martin Fry at SBC for a response.

7. **Planning**

The following planning applications had been received.

- Erection of a single storey rear extension over garage & loft conversion – West Hinton Cottage, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva

Cllrs had no objections to the planning application.

Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)

- Erection of a storage building – Hinton Marsh Farm, Mill Road, Hinton Parva

Cllrs had no objections to the planning application.

Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)

- Erection of 8 stables, tackroom & hay store – Land at Bodyhorse Hill, Hinton Parva
A previous application had been refused by SBC. Cllrs felt that this application was in a dangerous area, especially for horse riders. It would also set a precedent if it was allowed to go ahead.

Action: The Clerk is to draft a letter for Cllr Thomas' approval. (Complete)

Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)

- **Late Receipt of Planning Notifications**
None

PENDING DETERMINATION

- **S/PRIOR/14/1955SASM** – Prior Approval Notification for the change of use from Agricultural Building to 1 residential dwelling (class C3) – Upper Farm, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva
- **S/LDE/14/2144 SASM** – Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing) for the conversion of part of garage to habitable space – Trainers Cottage, Russley Park, Baydon
- **S/LBC/15/0027/HC** – Rebuilding of a collapsed section of wall – Prebendal Farm, Icknield Way, Bishopstone
- **APP/U3935/W/15/3002268 – S/14/1096** – Erection of 1 no dwelling and associated works - Land Adjacent Willow House, Church Row, Hinton Parva

OTHER ISSUES

Developments at the Chalet, Hinton Parva: the Chair provided an update to the effect that there been no activity in the past couple of months. An email received from Andy Brown, SBC, had totally contradicted what the planning officers had previously advised. A watching brief would be kept.

[Post meeting note: The Borough Councillor had send an email to the Clerk notifying her that the owners of the Chalet have now submitted an application appeal to SBC to claim a Certificate of Lawfulness for continuous occupancy of the Chalet for the last four years. This email has been forwarded to Cllrs for their information.]

Action: The Clerk is to keep this item on the agenda.

Late Receipt of Planning Notifications

No late planning applications had been received after the agenda had been issued. However, an appeal had been received.

GRANTED

No GRANTED schedules had been received.

REFUSAL

No refusal schedules had been received.

8. Reports from Ward Councillor

Cllr Bennett was not in attendance, but had sent a short briefing note via email which had been forwarded by the Clerk for Cllrs information.

9. Reports from Sub Committees

There were no reports from any sub committees.

10. Main Points

Sewage – Thames Water Report

Thames water had sent a briefing email and had reported that works would be starting later than anticipated. There had been a presentation for parishioners in Bishopstone village hall. A map showing the route of the new sewer had been presented. The contractor was confident that 30cm diameter sewer would resolve the problem.

The Clerk was asked to write to Thames Water to clarify whether the new pipe would be 30cms diameter all the way from the Forty to the pumping stations, copying in Cllr Crisp.

Action: The Clerk is to write to Denise at Thames Water, copying in Cllr Crisp. (Complete)

Eastern Villages Expansion

Cllr Green was not in attendance. No-one was able to attend the meeting on 18th March 2015.

Action: The Clerk was asked to check whether Cllr Green wanted to attend the meeting being held on 18th March 2015. (Complete)

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Date:

Action: If Cllr Green is unable to attend the Clerk should send apologies.

Action: The Clerk was asked to keep this item on the next agenda.

True Heart

No further information had been received. The Parish Council is waiting for the new owners to notify them of their intentions. Once information is received they will be encouraged to hold a public meeting at Bishopstone Village Hall.

Action: The Clerk was asked to keep this item on the next agenda.

Work to the Dingle

There had been no further progress to date.

Action: Cllr Thomas is to chase progress with Martin Fry.

Action: The Clerk was asked to keep this item on the next agenda.

Article 4 Direction

There had been no further progress to date as the article is still out to consultation.

Action: The Clerk is to keep this item on the next agenda.

Rural Broadband

Cllr Greenhalgh explained that there had been no further progress to date. Awaiting SBC's tender closure and approval.

Action: The Clerk was asked to keep this item on the next agenda.

Community Speedwatch

The Chair explained that the data had been received and he had spoken to Leanne Homewood at Wiltshire Police. She has assured the Chair categorically that Cllrs can carry out their speed monitoring anywhere on the Icknield Way in Bishopstone and Hinton Parva subject to a site visit and safety audit. The Chair is to attend a meeting in Hinton Parva and Bishopstone to carry out a risk assessment. Cllrs agreed that it was worthwhile to attend the training on 22nd April 2015. Cllr Greenhalgh informed those present that Cllr Green had sent an email earlier that day to show that he had reserved the training for nine people. He will get a partially completed form around to everyone, with a view to sending them in week commencing 9th March 2015.

Action: The Clerk is to keep this item on the next agenda.

11. Accounts to be Paid

The cheques shown in Appendix 1 of the Agenda were presented for approval.

The Clerk's salary and timesheet had been sent to the Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee for checking before the agenda had been issued.

The cheques were proposed for payment by Cllr Cooke, seconded by Cllr Greenhalgh and agreed unanimously by those present.

12. Correspondence

The Chair asked whether anyone wished to see any items of correspondence; none did. He did remind Cllrs of the correspondence which referred to free Bicycle stands, no interest was shown.

Action: The Clerk is to forward the scanned document to Dave Wray for his information. (Complete)

13. Parishioners Feedback/Complaints

Shooting of Rabbits on the Coombs

A parishioner had reported the shooting of rabbits at the Coombe. Cllr Cooke informed those present that the National Trust had given their permission for the rabbits to be cleared from the Coombe. Their licence had been shown to Cllr Cooke.

Action: Cllr Crisp is to forward the address of Keith Steggall, ranger, to Cllr Brodin for her information.

The Clerk checked that Cllrs had received the email she had forwarded from Cllr Andrew Bennett regarding the tree works to the dangerous Lime Trees on the Icknield Way.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13 April March 2015, at Bishopstone Village Hall at 19:30 pm.

Action: Apologies to the Clerk before the meeting.

Signed:

Date: