
BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on 23rd July 2020 via a remote meeting using Zoom

Commenced: 6.03pm

Concluded: 7.20pm

Present: Cllr Stephen Verrill (Chairman)

Cllr Pamela Brown

Cllr Tony Garnett

Cllr George Ayliffe

Clerk: Rebecca Crabtree

2021/007 To elect the Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance

Resolved to elect Cllr Verrill as Chairman and the Declaration of Acceptance will be signed after the meeting.

2021/008 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council and to receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance

Resolved to elect Cllr Ayliffe as Vice Chairman and the Declaration of Acceptance will be signed after the meeting.

2021/009 Introduction from the Chairman

Cllr Verrill welcomed all to the meeting.

2021/010 Public participation

No public present.

2021/011 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Harrison.

2021/012 Declarations of interest

a) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under council's code of conduct or members

Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications of dispensation

None received.

2021/013 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2020 as a true and correct record

Resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on 18th June 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record and will be signed by Cllr Verrill after the meeting.

2021/014 To receive a report from Cllr Harrison from North Yorkshire County Council

Cllr Harrison sent his apologies.

2021/015 To receive a report from Cllr Brown from Harrogate Borough Council

Cllr Brown gave the following report:

- The councillor resignations were discussed and all agreed to meet with Cllr Brown to discuss this.
- An update on the Devolution was provided. The minister of State is proposing to change the way North Yorkshire is run. The county's seven district councils may be abolished and one or two combined authorities may be created. Councils in the area have until September to submit their proposals for what the future unitary authority could look like.
- Harrogate Borough Council did not furlough any employees, instead they redeployed to different departments.
- 95% of necessary grants were paid by the end of May.

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2021/016 To receive the Clerks Report

The Clerks Report was noted.

2021/017 Financial matters:

a) To approve the schedule of payments

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments.

b) To approve the bank reconciliation and budget comparison

Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation and budget comparison

2021/018 To receive an update on the following ongoing issues and decide upon further action where necessary:

a) To receive an update on the History Walk noticeboard for the village

Resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

b) To receive an update on traffic calming measures

The Council has not received an update.

c) To consider the option of a free website

Resolved that the council agreed for the Clerk to complete the new website.

d) To note funding available and consider applying for the footpath/cycle path

Resolved to defer this to the next meeting so that more research can be undertaken for the project.

2021/019 To review/adopt the following policies and procedures:

a) Website Accessibility Statement

Resolved to adopt the policy.

b) Code of Conduct

Resolved to approve the policy.

c) Financial Regulations

Resolved to approve the policy.

d) Standing Orders

Resolved to approve the policy.

2021/020 Matters requested by the councillors:

a) To consider and agree arrangements for the memorial bench (PB)

Resolved that the council agreed for the bench to be installed at the proposed site. It was confirmed that the resident would purchase the bench and the Parish Council will maintain it. Cllr P. Brown agreed to forward all the details to Cllr Garnett.

b) To consider available bus services in the Village and agree any action (PB)

Resolved that the Clerk will contact Cllr Harrison to request further information including other services available in the area, what action could be taken, and also, if any other local councils are trying to improve bus services at present.

c) To note the overhanging branches opposite the school and agree any action (PB)

Resolved that Cllr Garnett and Cllr Verrill will do a site visit.

d) To consider planting at the village entrance signs and agree any action (TG)

It was noted that the planting near the entrance signs are in bad condition.

Resolved that the Clerk will contact the Gardening Club to find out if any planting will take place this year and if not, arrangements are to be made for the areas to be planted.

e) To consider the beck wall on Boroughbridge Road and agree any action (TG)

Resolved that the Clerk will contact NYCC and ask if they could reinstate the wall and if not, to advise who to contact.

f) To consider the grass cutting in the village and agree any action (SV)

Resolved that the Clerk will contact the contractors and request the timetable for the year.

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g) To consider and agree to apply for the AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund (SV)

Resolved not to apply for the funding.

2021/021 To appoint Parish Council representatives to the following organisations:

a) Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

Resolved that Cllr Ayliffe will continue as the representative.

b) Bishop Monkton Burial Ground Committee

Resolved that the Clerk will be the representative.

2021/022 To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:

a) To note the approval of Harrogate District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule.

Noted.

b) To note correspondence received from a resident regarding bus services in the village

See item 2021/020b.

2021/023 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting

Items are to be emailed to the Clerk.

2021/024 Confidential item

a) In accordance with Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following item will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters. It is therefore recommended pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded.

Cllr P. Brown and Cllr Brown left the meeting.

b) Village hall and playing fields

Resolved to defer to the next meeting.

2021/025 To confirm the date of the next meeting

Resolved that the next meeting will be held on 17th September 2020 at 6.30pm.