

BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2022 IN THE BISHOP MONKTON SCHOOL ROOM.

Commenced: 16.00

Concluded: 17.20

Present: Cllrs Verrill (Chairman), Parsons (Vice Chairman) Garnet, Culshaw and S Reid (Clerk)
Also present 3 members of the public.

2022/095 Introduction from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The chairman requested that the clerk record the meeting.

2022/096 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Nick Brown.

2022/097 Declaration of Interests

a) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
There were no declarations of interest made.

b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation
There were no applications for dispensation.

2022/098 To confirm the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 27th September 2022 (Circulated under separate cover).

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council held 27.09.2022 be approved as a true record of proceedings.

2022/099 To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council

The chairman reported that Cllr Brown had advised that meetings are to be arranged with Yorkshire Water, Bishop Monkton Parish Council, Langthorpe Parish Council and Kirby Hill Parish Council. A meeting is also to be arranged with Highways, Cllr Brown, Bishop Monkton Parish Council and BMAG.

2022/100 To receive the clerk's report

The payment to allow the handrail for the bridge to proceed is included in the cheques to be signed at this meeting.

All other matters as listed in the Actions/Updates are still ongoing with nothing further to report at this time.

2022/101 To consider the following financial matters:

a) To approve the schedule of payments

Payee	Details	Amount
S Reid	October Salary	XXXX
S Reid	October Expenses	XXXX
Duffield Timber	Handrail on Bridge	£282.00
Yorkshire Accountants	¼ Invoice for works	£36.00

RESOLVED That the payments listed in the above schedule are approved.

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b) To note the bank reconciliation and budget reconciliation

BANK STATEMENTS		
HSBC a/c ****9457 balance as at 19.09.2022		10,408.86
HSBC a/c ****2818 balance as at 30.09.2022		2.131.62
Total		
		£12,540.48

The bank reconciliation was noted.

2022/102 To note the following planning matters:

a) Planning Applications

APPLICATION NO	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	APPLICANT	PC OBSERVATIONS
22/03698/TPO	Works to TPO 42/2011 T1 birch and 42/2011 T2 birch – height reduction to TPO 42/2011 T1 birch by 20% and 42/2011 T2 birch by 10% (see image for reference)	Otter Croft Knaresborough Road Bishop Monkton HG3 3QQ	Mr Mike Mullins	No observations.

b) Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NO	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	APPLICANT	DECISION
22/00777/FUL	Proposed battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure including transformers, switch rooms, cabin, storage container, CCTV, boundary fence and access gates and formation of new access.	Land comprising field at 431305 464500 Station Lane Burton Leonard	Harmony Energy Ltd	Grant planning permission subject to conditions.
22/03134/TPO	Works to trees withing TPO 35/2018 G1. Comprised of the following trees: T33 – sycamore, Acer pseudoplatanus. T31 – Acer pseudoplatanus, T30-common lime, Tillia X europaea. T29 - common lime,	1 Red House Gardens Moor Road Bishop Monkton HG3 3QF	Mr David Wilson	Approved subject to conditions.

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	<p>Tilia X europaea, T28 Leyland Cypress x cupressocyoaris leylandii. T27 Norway Maple, Acer platanoides. Lateral reduction of 3m or 20% (whichever is lower) to 2 no ycamore, Acer pseudoplatanus (T33,T31) and 2 no Common Lime, Tilia X europaea (T30 & T29) to the Eastern canopy (only). Crown lift to 3m to 1 no Sycamore, Acer pseudoplatanus (T33). Fell 1no Leylandi (T28)</p>			
22/02833/TPO	<p>Works to TPO 29/2015 T1 cprbeech – Lateral reduction from 6m to 5m on north canopy, 8m to 6m on east, 9m to 6m on south and 8m to 6m on west canopy. Crown lift from 2.5m to 3.5m above ground. Pruning to canopy immediately above the building to provide a 1m clearance. Height reduction from 14m to 12.5m to 1no copper beech. Works to TPO 29/2015 T2 syc – prune first branch of west canopy from 11m to 5m and pruning leading branch to south fro 15m to 10m to 1 no sycamore.</p>	<p>The Mill House Boroughbridge Road Bishop Monkton HG3 3RQ</p>	<p>Jones</p>	<p>Part approve the applications and part refuse the applications.</p>
22/02671/FUL	<p>Erection of a single storey extension with alterations to fenestration, external alterations to roof, rear balcony and staircase.</p>	<p>Bridge End Cottage St Johns Road Bishop Monkton HG3 3QU</p>	<p>Mr J Sizer</p>	<p>Grant planning permission subject to conditions.</p>

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- c) Planning Enforcements – There are no planning enforcements to note.

2022/103 To receive an update on the following ongoing issues and decide upon further action where necessary:

- a) To receive an update on speed strips and other ongoing matters on Moor Lane.
To be deferred.

RESOLVED To defer this to the next meeting.

- b) To receive an update on commuted sums.
Cllr Verill reports that he has not been able to contact the officer at HBC.

RESOLVED That Cllr Verill will keep trying to make contact.

16.20 Cllr Garnett entered the meeting.

- c) To receive an update on the production and siting of the History Board being produced by the Bishop Monkton History Group.
Despite being advised that the commuted sums would only pay for the History Board if it were located in the vicinity of the village hall the History Group are not wanting to locate the item there and would like it siting in the centre of the village.

RESOLVE that the clerk to ask HBC to see if they will allow the board to be placed in the village centre instead of at the village hall and still allow commuted sums to fund same.

- d) To receive an update on the disappearance of the two flashing 30mph speed signs.

RESOLVED Clerk to ask Cllr Brown to investigate this on behalf of the council.

- e) To note that Cllr Parsons has received an expression of interest in respect of the vacancies which Bishop Monkton Parish Council have for new members.

This was noted.

2022/104 To consider the following new matters/correspondence and decide action where necessary.

- a) To note communication from resident requesting the trimming of the overgrown trees by the beck.

It was noted that a meeting had taken place some years ago with HBC arboriculturist who advised that the trees were not to be touched.

RESOLVED that Cllr Parsons to contact Alan Gillyeard to discuss the matter further.

- b) To discuss the changing of the waste bins in the village and to look at the possibility of recycling bins.

A bin needs to be re-instated by the ford.

RESOLVED that the Clerk to write to HBC.

- c) To receive correspondence from resident (**Appendix 1**) and decide action as necessary.

RESOLVED Clerk to contact highway's regarding the sign at crossroads with A61 and Moor Road. Should say 7.5 tonne weight limit but is so faint it cannot be seen. Also look into signs for hedgehogs.

2022/105 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.

- Agenda an item for no cold calling signs to be placed in village.
- DBS checks and Cllr Verill's email.

2022/106 The date of the next meeting is 15th November as per the agreed schedule.

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Public participation

- It was raised that a member of the public was disappointed that Cllr Brown was not present at the meeting again.
- It was noted that public participation used to be at the beginning of the meeting rather than then end so public didn't have to sit through the entire meeting.

Date / Item	Action/Updates	Responsible
27.09.2022 2022/074	Clerk to order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday Service	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/074	Clerk to obtain the security number to allow her access to the online banking facility.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/074	Despite correspondence dating back to 15.03.2022 in relation to the condition of footpath diversion no 15.12/2 Bishop Monkton HG4 3LS Grid Ref SE43305 46765 to SE43318 46784 NYCC do not appear to have taken any further action to rectify this matter. Communication has been sent to them today, 22.09.2022 to chase the matter.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/078 b) 2022/103 a)	To receive an update on speed strips and other ongoing matters on Moor Lane. Cllr Brown is to take over this on behalf of the council. Cllr Harrison was dealing but is not longer in this ward. RESOLVED That the clerk provide Cllr Brown with the information to bring him up to date with his matter.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/074 d)	To receive an update on the installation of a memorial bench as requested by residents of Bishop Monkton. Cllr Parsons had been dealing with Area 6 on this matter. It would appear that the paperwork submitted by BMPC requesting this has been misplaced by Area 6. RESOLVED That the clerk obtain a new form and start the process again.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/074	To receive an update from Cllr Verrill on the purchase of a new lawnmower for use of volunteers in grass cutting for the village. Cllr Verrill has not purchased this yet. He will look for a suitable item throughout the winter months when hopefully there may be some discounts available.	Cllr Verrill
27.09.2022 2022/078 c) 2022/103 d)	To discuss the disappearance of the two flashing 30mph speed signs. The speed signs at the entrances to the village at either end of Knaresborough Road have disappeared. RESOLVED The clerk will investigate where the items are and why they have been removed	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/078 d)	To discuss communication received from Kebble Homes in relation to the 104 agreement for the playing fields and decide whether to appoint a solicitor to review same and provide advice on the way forwards. RESOLVED That the clerk appoint a solicitor experienced in this field to act on behalf of the council	Clerk/Cllr Verrill

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27.09.2022 2022/078 e)	To discuss the Deed of Trust document in relation to the village hall and playing fields and decide whether to appoint the solicitor to review same and provide advice. RESOLVED That the clerk submit the document to the solicitor utilised by YLCA who is experienced in this field.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/078 f)	To discuss the Constitution document in relation to the village hall and playing fields and decide whether to appoint the solicitor to review same and provide advice. A lengthy debate took place over the relevance of this and whether the members of the Parish Council had any involvement in this document. It was shown that there had been alterations made to the constitution in 2015 that appear to have been made without the consent of the PC despite the content of the original constitution stating that no amendments be made without the PC's agreement. RESOLVED That the clerk continues investigating this matter.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/078 g)	To discuss the co-option of two further councillors to Bishop Monkton Parish Council. RESOLVED That Cllr Parsons will place a notice of vacancy in the village magazine and on the village website/fb page. Cllr Parsons has received an expression of interest and Cllr Verill has also been approached by 2 MOP who may be interested also.	Cllr Parsons
27.09.2022 2022.078 h)	To consider the major housing development applications within Bishop Monkton and decide on any further input from the Parish Council. RESOLVED That Cllrs Garnett and Culshaw liaise with BMAG and draft communication for submission by the clerk.	Cllrs Garnett and Culshaw.
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	RESOLVED that the Clerk to write to HBC.	
2022/104 c)	<p>To receive correspondence from resident (Appendix 1) and decide action as necessary.</p> <p>RESOLVED Clerk to contact highway's regarding the sign at crossroads with A61 and Moor Road. Should say 7.5 tonne weight limit but is so faint it cannot be seen. Also look into signs for hedgehogs.</p> <p>APPENDIX 1 Dear Sirs In recent weeks two hedgehogs have been killed on the road into Bishop Monkton and one near miss has been recounted to me. As a village we are an important oasis for hedgehogs in a landscape of intensive agriculture which does not provide a good habitat for them as fields are becoming bigger and hedges disappearing. Hedgehogs are now red listed as an endangered species and in danger of extinction in the UK having declined catastrophically in recent years and so it is important to let car drivers know of our population and make them aware of the possibility of coming across hedgehogs while driving in and through the village. A private warning sign which has previously been erected has now broken - please see my photograph. Please would you provide signage, which I know is available and approved from North Yorkshire Highways, at the 30 mile entry points to the village? While writing could I also please draw to your attention that the 7.5 tonne weight limit sign at the crossroads on the A61 is so feint as to be almost illegible</p>	Clerk

APPENDIX 1

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