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# BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Of the meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council held Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in the Methodist Room.

Commenced: 19.12 hours  
Concluded: 21.12 hours  
Present: Cllr Verrill  
Cllr Garnett  
Cllr Culshaw  
Cllr Parsons  
Clerk – S Reid  
6 Members of the Public.

**2023/063 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.

**2023/064 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Shand. These were accepted.

Apologies were received from Cllr Brown. These were noted.

**2023/065 Declaration of Interests**

a) To receive any declarations of interest.

b) There were no declarations of interest received.

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

There were no applications for dispensation.

**RESOLVED to bring items forward.**

**071 D** Cllr Culshaw advised handrail is made and supplier will install for free.

**072 C** Following representations from both members of the council and BM history group it was decided that the new rail, as instructed by the Parish Council, will be installed. Public opinion will be monitored in relation to the new rail.

**072 D** It was noted that the artwork for the history board is ready. The supplier is waiting on instruction to complete the board.

**RESOLVED** That the history group will explore exactly whereabouts in the village centre they are looking to have a board installed and communicate back to the parish clerk this information.

- The history group will obtain costs for provision of a second history board.
- The Parish Clerk will continue to look into the reallocation of S106 funds.
- Members of the parish council are open to debate contributing funds towards a 2<sup>nd</sup> board should this be a considered option.

**2023/066 To approve the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and the Extraordinary Meeting held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023. (Circulated under separate cover).**

**RESOLVED** To defer this item.

**2023/067 To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council.**

There was no report from Cllr Brown.

**2023/068 Clerk's report. (Appendix 1)**

**RESOLVED** That the clerks report is noted.

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### 2023/069 Financial matters. (Appendix 2)

- a) To approve the payments as per the schedule attached.  
There were no payments to approve.
- b) To note the ongoing approved payments as per the schedule attached.  
**RESOLVED** Ongoing payments were noted.
- c) To note the bank reconciliation and budget comparison as attached.  
**RESOLVED** That the bank reconciliation and budget comparison is noted.

### 2023/070 Planning matters. (Appendix 3)

- a) To consider and make observations on the following planning applications.  
There were no planning application to be considered.
- b) To note planning decisions as per attached document.  
The planning decisions were noted.
- c) To note planning enforcements as per attached document.  
There were no planning enforcements to note.

### 2023/071 Ongoing matters. (Appendix 4)

- a) To receive an update on the application to locate a memorial bench within the village.  
**RESOLVED** That Cllr Parsons will make contact with Bishop Monkton Village Hall committee to request if they will agree to siting the bench at the playing fields.
- b) To receive a presentation from a representative of Harmony Energy on the amendments they have made to their proposals.  
The representative from Harmony Energy gave their apologies, however, they are looking to attend the next meeting of the PC in September 2023.
- c) To receive an update from Cllr Shand on the provision of play equipment for older children.  
**RESOLVED** To defer this item due to Cllr Shand not being present at the meeting.
- d) To receive an update from Cllr Culshaw in relation to the installation of the new handrail on the bridge over the beck.  
This item has been dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.
- e) To receive quotes from Cllr Garnett in relation to the Mechanics Institute Clock and consider financing the maintenance of this clock which currently does not work.  
**RESOLVED** to agree to the maintenance of the clock on a bi-annual basis to the value of £348 plus VAT plus allowance to spend a further £152 plus VAT for minor repairs/parts that may be necessary whilst on site carrying out the maintenance.
- f) To discuss the suggestions made for Bishop Monkton to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III, namely the Coronation Walk and Water Fountain and decide any action as appropriate.  
Cllr Garnett and Culshaw presented some initial outline thoughts.  
**RESOLVED** That Cllr Culshaw place a piece in Bishop Monkton Today asking interested residents to join the Working Party for the Coronation Walk.
- g) To receive an update on traffic calming on Knaresborough Road.  
Cllr Verrill reported that he is trying to make contact with area 6 to no avail. He will keep chasing this matter.

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- 2023/072**      **New matters and correspondence. (Appendix 5)**
- a) To explore the idea of providing a Bus Shelter on the A61 on the Ripon side.  
**RESOLVED** to defer this item.
  - b) To explore the idea of providing a litter bin in the layby on the A61.  
**RESOLVED** That Cllr Parsons will explore this further.
  - c) To receive, consider and decide upon communication from the History Group in relation to the hand rail over the beck.  
This item has been dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.
  - d) To receive, consider and decide upon communication from the History Group in relation to the history board to be sited in the village.  
This item has been dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.
  - e) To receive, consider and decide upon communication received in relation to junction of Knaresborough Road / Hungate / Moor Road.  
**RESOLVED** That Cllr Parsons will make a request to highways for the hedgerows to be cut back. She will also explore the criteria for a give way sign as opposed to a stop sign and advise members at the next meeting.
- 2023/073**      **To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.**
- 2023/074**      **The next Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council will be held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Methodist Room.**  
**RESOLVED** to amend the meeting date to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- 2023/075**      **Public participation.**
- 2023/076**      **To resolve to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act).**
- 2023/077**      **To approve the clerk's expenses for the months of June and July 2023.**  
**RESOLVED** To approve the expenses as presented to members.
- 2023/078**      **To consider a request from the clerk in relation to leave entitlement.**  
**RESOLVED** Members raised some questions which the clerk will obtain the answers to and present back at the next meeting of the council.