

# BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in the Methodist Room, Bishop Monkton.

Commenced: 19.05

Concluded:

Attending: Cllrs Verrill (Chairman), Parsons (Vice Chairman), Culshaw, Garnett and Shand.

Also Present: Cllr Brown, Proper Officer Sue Reid and 4 members of the public.

- 2023/092 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.
- 2023/093 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence.**  
There were no apologies.
- 2023/094 Declaration of Interests**
- a) To receive any declarations of interest.  
There were no declarations of interest.
- b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.  
There were no requests for dispensation.
- 2023/095 To approve the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**  
**RESOLVED** that with the exception of the amendment noted below, the minutes be approved as a true record of events.
- Amendments, a suggestion was made to Harmony Energy that residents in the villages affected by the proposed Solar Farm could receive a 10% discount on their electricity bills.
- 2023/096 To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council.**  
Double devolution was discussed at County Hall today.
- 20's plenty – has been going on for some time. This is countryside. It has been decided that Keane Duncan is going to review this across North Yorkshire and report areas which would benefit from 20 mph speed limits.
- Following meeting with Yorkshire Water Cllr Brown feels that the profile of Bishop Monkton is being raised. He is disappointed that the level of investment hasn't been divulged but progress is being made. A further meeting is planned for February 2024.
- The Kebbell appeal is disappointing but will continue to fight it. It was asked if the recordings of the planning committee be supplied to the Inspector to ensure he has a full overview of events.
- A MOP asked what the situation is with regards NY district plan. Cllr Brown has no information at this present time.
- 2023/097 Clerk's report.**  
The clerk's report was noted.

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2023/098

**Financial matters.**

- a) To approve the payments as per the schedule attached.  
**RESOLVED** To approve the payments as per item 2023/098 a.
- b) To note the ongoing approved payments as per the schedule attached.  
The ongoing contractual payments were noted.
- c) To note the bank reconciliation and budget comparison as attached.  
The bank reconciliation and budget comparison was noted.

2023/099

**Planning matters.**

- a) To consider and make observations on the following planning applications.
  - Application ZC23/03561/TPO  
No comments
  - ZC23/03248/FUL  
The Parish Council objects to the Springfield House application for the following reasons:
    - i. 1. The development is outside Bishop Monkton development area.
    - ii. 2. The replacement house is out of character both in scale and appearance to the existing buildings it replaces. These are small in scale and split into different sizes of buildings of rural character. The proposal is vast in scale, considerably wider and higher than the existing buildings. The argument that it is similar to Red House is irrelevant. The new Red House building replaced a house of similar size, location and character within a secluded urban setting. Springfield House is in a prominent rural setting surrounded by agricultural land and should reflect that location not a mock Classical/Georgian style of building in brickwork which again is the totally wrong material for its setting. Any replacement building should be in stone and timber.
    - iii. 3. The site is highly visible in a raised position. Not only is it adjacent to a well used bridle path but is clearly visible from Moor Road, the main route from the village to the A61. Again the character should reflect its highly visible rural location.
    - iv. 4. The proposed development site extends out further than the curtilage of the existing site into agricultural land. This is unacceptable in a rural location. There are examples of gardens being extended in the village into agricultural land which have been stopped and an enforcement notice issued. This should not be acceptable outside the village and the development area.
- b) To note planning decisions as per attached document.  
There are no planning decisions to be noted.
- c) To note planning enforcements as per attached document.  
There are no planning enforcements to be noted.

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### Ongoing matters.

- a) To receive an update from Cllr Shand on the provision of play equipment for older children.  
It was highlighted that a replacement playground is going to prove extremely expensive. Cllr Shand has received some details which he will circulate to members for their perusal.  
**RESOLVED** that the clerk to forward details of an installer to Cllr Shand for him to obtain further advice.
- b) To receive an update from the working party in relation to the plan to provide an item to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III, namely the Coronation Walk and Water Fountain and decide any action as appropriate.  
Cllr Culshaw advised that he is submitting a narrative, to include a link, to BMToday to ask for volunteers for the project. .
- c) To receive an update on traffic calming on Knaresborough Road.  
Cllr Verrill has spoken with Area 6, who are still investigating the matter. Area 6 are thinking VAS signs would be the best option, however they are looking to provide them at the opposite end of the village to where the PC feel they are required. The matter is ongoing.
- d) To receive an update from Cllr Parsons in relation to a requesting a speed limit of 20mph throughout the village and engaging with the '20's Plenty' Campaign.  
Cllr Parsons has received communication from Cllr Keane Duncan, Cllr Parsons has advised BMPC will discuss whether 20 mph speed limit is needed in village and revert back to him.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk to write to Keane Duncan and request a review of Bishop Monkton as a prospective candidate for the scheme. Cllrs Culshaw and Parsons are to prepare a draft survey to go out to residents.
- e) To receive an update from Cllr Parsons in relation to the sign for St. John's Crescent, situated on the wall immediately after crossing the footbridge from St. John's Road to St. John's Crescent, as it has a thorny shrub growing on and around it and is in need of cutting back.  
**RESOLVED** That this is not in the PC remit. It is a NYC matter.

2023/101

### New matters and correspondence.

- a) To discuss the draft grass cutting tender for the fiscal year 2024/2025 and decide how to proceed.  
**RESOLVED** That the clerk prepare a tender document.
- b) To receive an update on the meeting with Yorkshire Water held 14.09.2023.  
No minutes received yet. Stated at meeting that at a very high level Bishop Monkton is visible. Expenditure will not be capital it will be expenses. Results will be evidence driven therefore Bishop Monkton have to evidence the problem in pictures. There is a possible cross connection with highways drainage which YW are investigating. External sewage flooding is caused by blockages and ground surface water entering the system.
- c) To consider provision of a Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday 2023.  
**RESOLVED** Clerk to purchase.
- d) To receive an update on the Mechanics Institute Clock repairs.  
Bill received for works undertaken. Cllr Garnettis seeking a cost for repairs to enable the bell to work and clock face painting. To update once received.

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- e) To consider provision of a bus shelter on A61.  
**RESOLVED** that the clerk to investigate funding for the project. Cllr Verrill to liaise with area 6 to investigate the possibility of being allowed to erect the shelter on highways land.
- f) To receive Correspondence from Zero Hour in relation to Climate and Ecology Bill and decide action as agreed by members.  
The communication was noted.
- g) To note the communication from Harmony Energy in relation to the Planning Application for the approved Battery Energy Storage System.  
The communication was noted.
- h) To note the communication From Fields in Trust.  
The communication was noted.
- i) To note the communication regarding D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and decide action as agreed by members.  
The communication was noted.  
**RESOLVED.** To bring back to the table in 2024.
- j) To note communication in relation to meeting with Yorkshire Water.  
The communication was noted.
- k) To note communication from North Yorkshire Council in relation to remove all hackney carriage zones within the area of North Yorkshire and to apply all provisions of the hackney carriage licensing regime across the entire administrative area.  
The communication was noted.
- l) To consider allowing the clerk to attend the Social Media Parts 1 & 2 course on 19.10.2023 and 24.10.2023 respectively at a cost of £30 per session.  
**RESOLVED** That this be permitted.
- m) To consider the communication in relation to the Hedgehogs R Us Highways Project and decide action as agreed by members.  
**RESOLVED** that Cllr Parsons investigate whether there is any interest amongst residents before committing.
- n) To note that the precept request for the financial year 2024/2025 has to be submitted to North Yorkshire Council by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.  
The communication was noted.
- o) To consider provision of double yellow lines at the T Junction of St Johns Road and Boroughbridge Road.  
**RESOLVED** That this was not a council matter.
- p) To note communication from North Yorkshire Council regarding charging Parishes for election costs moving forwards.  
The communication was noted and the fact this would have to be a budget provision in future.
- q) To discuss matters arising from the course attended by Cllrs Parsons, Culshaw and the clerk relating to communication.  
Outcome in essence was discussion about communicating with your community and ideas on how to go about it. Something BMPC need to take on board.

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- r) To consider for better engagement with the community the PC could enquire as to whether residents would like to be emailed items to keep them informed of whats happening in their PC. This would be subject to data protection if people wanted to engage. The clerk would keep a separate emailing list for circulation purposes.
- s) To consider provision of a debit card for the clerk for making Council purchases.  
**RESOLVED** That the clerk arrange a debit card in her name for the council account.

**2023/102** To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.

**2023/103** The next Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council will be held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 in the Methodist Room.

**2023/104** Public participation.