

BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council held Tuesday 18th April 2023 in the Methodist Room, Bishop Monkton.

Commenced: 19.05 hours
Concluded: 21.03 hours
Present: Cllr Verrill (Chairman)
Cllr Parsons (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Garnett
Cllr Culshaw
Cllr Shand
County Cllr Brown
S Reid (Proper Officer)
Members of the Public: 1

- 2023/014 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.
- 2023/015 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Culshaw. These were accepted.
- 2023/016 Declaration of Interests**
- a) To receive any declarations of interest.
There were no declarations of interest received.
- b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation
There were no applications for dispensation received.
- 2023/017 To approve the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 21st February 2023 (Circulated under separate cover).**
RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council held 21.02.2023 be approved as an accurate record of proceedings.
- 2023/018 To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council.**
Under the new NYC there are going to be 6 planning committees – one for each parliamentary constituency area.
HBC always circulated all planning to members however this appears to have stopped under NYC.
There is a financial 'black hole' under the new council and savings are going to be looked at. Council taxes have been increased.
The meeting with Yorkshire Water in April was productive. Covered several villages in the area who are experiencing sewage on streets. A further meeting is scheduled for August when updates will be given on the matters raised.
Lots of work in progress.
- 19.27 Cllr Brown left the meeting.
- 19.28 Item 2023/023 c was moved forward.
Hannah Chapman for Harmony Energy too the floor.
The proposal is for a 43mega watt solar farm with landscaping for screening. Intention is to retain trees and hedgerows where possible and plant more as required. New access to be created on A61 Harrogate Road, Wormald Green. Benefits 10K per year community fund for the lifetime of the project. (Expected to be 40 years) A company called bizgive will hold the

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funds for locals to apply for grants. It was asked if the fund could be used to reduce electricity bills for locality instead. Hannah to come back with an answer on that. Size of plan is based on capacity of the local sub station at Wormald Green where the power will be fed into.

The question was asked how did they arrive at the sum of 10K. There is no requirement of have a community fund. Scope to amend this sum. This is to be shared with several parishes

Company founded in 2010. Previously dealt in wind turbines then branched out into battery storage systems. Have never built a solar scheme.

What work has been done on the drainage basin of Bishop Monkton Beck as there is two thirds of this in the area they are looking to utilise for the solar farm.

Pre application enquiry has been done. They are now at the consultation stage to obtain feedback prior to application.

What is 43 mega watts should generate enough power to power 12000 homes per year.

19.45 The meeting commenced.

2023/019 Clerk's report. (APPENDIX 1)

The clerk's report was noted.

2023/020 Financial matters. (APPENDIX 2)

- 1 **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved.
- 2 The regular payments were noted.
- 3 The bank reconciliation was noted.

2023/021 Planning matters. (APPENDIX 3)

- 1 Members observations have been recorded.
- 2 The planning decisions were noted.
- 3 There were no enforcements to note.

2023/022 Ongoing matters.

- a) To receive an update on the application to locate a memorial bench within the village.
(SP)

RESOLVED It was suggested that the bench be sited at the village hall. Cllr Verrill will ask the person dealing with it if they are agreeable to this proposal.

2023/023 New matters and correspondence

- a) To consider providing funds to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

RESOLVED That Cllr Parsons will approach BMVH committee to ask if there are any plans to provide anything that the PC could assist with.

- b) To consider approval for the village hall committee to carry out necessary works on beech trees located near to the playground.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council are happy for this work to take place. Clerk to liaise.

- c) To receive a presentation from Harmony Energy re proposed development on land to the East of Wormald Green.

- d) To consider a date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. This has to take place before the end of May.

RESOLVED That the Annual Meeting will be held on 16th May prior to the commencement of the Ordinary meeting of the parish council.

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- e) To consider a date for hosting the Annual Parish Meeting. This has to take place between 01.03.2023 and 01.06.2023.

RESOLVED That the meeting will be held 16th May 2023 at 18.00 hours.

2023/024 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.

2023/025 The next Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council will be held Tuesday 16th May 2023 in the Methodist Room.

2023/026 Public participation.

- It was raised that 2 of the major planning applications for the village may be decided by officers rather than being called into committee. Kebble and caravan's cannot be decided by officer following meeting today. Officers should be notified by tomorrow.

APPENDIX 1 – CLERKS REPORT

I have items from the last meeting which members requested be on the agenda for the next meeting, as follows:

- a) Memorial Funding
- b) Burial ground funding.
- c) Village flower boxes
- d) New village sign towards Roecliffe

These have not been included as I am unable to list as an agenda item in this format. Could I respectfully ask that when members submit a motion for the agenda that they provide a detailed description of what it is they are requesting, who, why, where, what, to consider, to decide upon, to note etc to enable the clerk to correctly list the motion.

The Action list has been updated in Green

Date / Item	Action/Updates	Responsible
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.	Cllr Parsons
13.04.2023	Cllr Parsons has completed new paperwork and resubmitted this to area	

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18.04.2023	6 for consideration. Cllr Verrill to contact the person who requested this bench and see if they are agreeable to it being sited at the playing fields.	
27.09.2022 2022/074 13.04.2023	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 Following a meeting with Highways, Area 6 are going to investigate this and report back to Cllr Verrill.	Clerk
27.09.2022 2022/078 d) 13.04.2023	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. The clerk has spoken to Hetherington Solicitors who acted in this matter originally. She is to send details and then make an appointment to see the solicitor.	Clerk/Cllr Verrill
27.09.2022 2022/078 e) 13.04.2023	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. A conversation has taken place and written advice is awaited.	Clerk
2022/103 c) 13.04.2023 18.04.2023	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. BMHG have produced legislation which appears to state that S106 funds can be moved. The clerk is to chase this with commuted sums. Confirmation has been received from the history group that should the S106 funds not be able to be moved to a different category then they will agree to the board being sited in the vicinity of the village hall in order that the PC can reclaim the monies it has agreed to pay, subject to this agreement, for the first invoice from Red Bonsai, the company constructing the history board. The first invoice has been paid as agreed by the PC. Clerk to continue to investigate moving the S106 monies.	Clerk
2022/104 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.	Clerk

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	A bin to be placed in lay by on A61 by bus shelter – to ask HBC if this is possible.	
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 faint as to be almost illegible</p> <p>18.04.2023 Following a meeting with highways, Area 6 are going to investigate and report back to Cllr Verrill.</p>	Clerk

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APPENDIX 2 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve the following items for payment.

- 1.1 Go Daddy Web Renewal £28.78
- 1.2 PKF Littlejohn £48.00
- 1.3 Hall Hire £60.00
- 1.4 HMRC £12.00
- 1.5 Bank Charges £8.00

2. To note the following regular scheduled payments.

- 2.1 Clerks Salary for the month of March and April 2023
- 2.2 Clerks Expenses for the month of March and April 2023.

3. To note the bank reconciliation.

Balance as per bank statements 31st March 2023

BANK STATEMENTS		
HSBC a/c ****9457	£10,253.38	
HSBC a/c ****2818	£2,135.85	
Total		£12,389.23
Unpresented cheques		0.00
Closing balance per bank statements		£12,389.23

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APPENDIX 3 – PLANNING MATTERS

1 Planning Consultations – to make observations on the following consultations.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/00521/OUT
PROPOSAL: Outline application including the matters of access and scale for the demolition of an existing dwelling and garage and erection of 1no replacement dwelling including garaging. .
LOCATION: Sunningdale. Moor Road, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3QF
APPLICANT: Mr Tim Abel
PC OBSERVATIONS: **Would seek that the footprint should not be increased on the current build. Would also ask that the public footpath be reinstated.**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/01061/FUL
PROPOSAL: Extension of existing roof via increase in pitch to allow for 2 bedrooms and a bathroom within the roof. Interior alterations at ground floor including changes to fenestrations and conversion of rear half of existing garage to a habitable room.
LOCATION: 15 Melrose Road, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3RH
APPLICANT: Mr Tom Warren
PC OBSERVATIONS: **No objection.**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/01102/FUL
PROPOSAL: Single Storey rear extension
LOCATION: Cralveck House, Hungate, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3QL
APPLICANT: Mrs C Payne
PC OBSERVATIONS: No objections. – put steve as an interest.

2 Planning Decisions – to note the following planning decisions.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/02561/FUL
PROPOSAL: Dog activity training building and arena.
LOCATION: Springfield House, Mains Lane, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3QJ
APPLICANT: Mrs J Meadows
DECISION: Refuse Planning Permission.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/00154/FUL
PROPOSAL: Erection of a two storey side extension and detached double garage.
LOCATION: Victoria House, 4 Victoria Terrace, Main Street, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3QR
APPLICANT: Mr M Swainston
DECISION: Grant planning permission subject to conditions.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/00195/REM
PROPOSAL: Reserved mattes application under outline permission 22/02126/OUT for the erection of two bungalows with appearance, scale and landscaping considered.

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LOCATION: Land douth of Lawnfield Drive, Boroughbridge Road, Bishop Monkton.
APPLICANT: Mr David Cocks
DECISION: Grant planning permission subject to conditions.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 23/00275/FUL
PROPOSAL: Proposed erection of 3 bay detached garage.
LOCATION: Low Farm, Boroughbridge Road, Bishop Monkton, HG3 3QN
APPLICANT: Chris Edmonson
DECISION: Approved subject to conditions.

3 Planning Enforcements - to note the following planning enforcements.

There are no planning enforcements to note.