

Minutes of the Bishop Burton Parish Council held on Monday 3 December commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr David Oxtoby ; Cllr Mrs Sue Ellerington ; Cllr Hilary Swann; Cllr Martin Gray; Cllr David Jolliffe; Cllr Jack Wray; Cllr Andrew Oxtoby; Cllr Leonard Byass; Cllr Bradley Birmingham – Note: items 12.443 i) was discussed first with Cllr Birmingham present after which he left.

Members of the public – none.

12.432 Apologies for absence Cllr Trevor Thomas (It was noted that this was the fourth consecutive meeting that Cllr Thomas had missed. It was requested that a letter be sent to this effect).

12.433 Declaration of Pecuniary, non-pecuniary interests and dispensations. Cllr Ellerington declared an interest in item 12.436r). It was noted that all councillors present had submitted a request to the to the Proper Officer, in writing, that under S33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 a dispensation from the restrictions imposed by S31(4) of the Act in respect of the setting of the precept be granted to them. It was noted that this dispensation has been granted in respect of discussion and voting on the 2013/2014 precept to all Bishop Burton parish councillors present.

12.434 Open Forum – no matters arising

12.435 Minutes of previous meeting – 1 October 2012, as previously circulated, were approved by Cllr Ellerington and seconded by Cllr Swann as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

12.436 Matters arising:

- a) **War memorial** -repair to wall – To be completed as soon as the weather permits.
- b) **Severe Weather plan** – The plan circulated prior to the meeting was presented by Cllr Wray and discussed and agreed by all present. Updates to the emergency plan as they pertain to the Severe Weather plan were also discussed and agreed. Cllr Wray was thanked for his work in updating the Severe Weather Plan. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Wray to update the plans as agreed and forward to Clerk for finalisation and circulation to all present. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to submit for the website and ERYC.
- c) **Salt Bin Finkle Street** – ongoing – will be replaced once empty
- d) **Dalegate passing places** – Continuing to progress. Notification rec'd from ERYC that the road will be closed to all but local traffic in February for carriageway repairs. Cllr A.Oxtoby stated that the recent increase in volume of traffic is necessitating traffic pulling onto verges and is dangerous and totally unsatisfactory. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact ERYC to request that “official” passing places be instated and if possible included as part of the scheduled works.
- e) **Blocked gullies** – Clerk met with ERYC to review of efficiency of drainage on the green and at the bottom of Dalegate opposite Cold Harbour Road near the pit. ERYC confirmed that a large gully cleaner is being hired this winter, hopefully before Christmas, and that all of the gullies on the green, at the bottom of Dalegate and Raikes road would be cleaned out. Following this the matter is to be reviewed and should further remedial work be required it would be discussed then. It was acknowledged that the drain on the green may require connecting to a different outlet. It was also acknowledged that a number of the drains in the village are not at the lowest point on the road and that this will require addressing at some time in the future.
It was noted that drainage onto the verge from Dalegate was not good and that the gullies on the verges and dykes along the verges could do with deepening/clearing out. ERYC confirmed that if the weather this winter permits they will get a team to look at this. It was noted that the drain at the end of Finkle Street that drains into the Dyke near the field is not always effective as it is believed that the fall is insufficient. It was

agreed that this needs reviewing at some time in the future. Cllr Gray noted that in some of the Dykes there is a water pipe.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact ERYC to get an update on timing of the above. Cllr Gray to investigate the pipe and the effect this has on the ability to deepen the Dykes.

f) **Cottage field drain** – In cottage field I) the arrangement of sleepers near the corner of the garden are unsafe. Clerk has contacted Yorkshire Water and is awaiting their visit. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to follow up. (note: Yorkshire Water attended on the 4th December and the sleepers are to be replaced); ii) the concrete slabs under the sleepers nearest the road need pushing together to form an effective seal. **RESOLVED:** Cllr D.Oxtoby kindly agreed to do.

g) **Joby Lane – dead trees** – now cleared.

h) **Rathlin** –progress report. Rathlin are now bringing in the hardcore for the entrance and making ready the site for drilling to commence in the New Year. There will be no operations over the Christmas/New Year period.

i) **Playground** – to date nearly £2,000 has been raised and there are pledges for over a further £2,000.

j) **Village signage and traffic.** The post codes have been altered where necessary. Clerk contacted ERYC highways to request they change the signs “unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles” to the DoT recognised signs. Clerk awaiting confirmation of decision. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to chase.

k) **Verges in the village.** The hedges in the village have been cut. The cost of maintaining the verges has been advised to the Clerk and included in the budget for 2013/2014.

l) **Jubilee planting.** Cllr Gray confirmed they have now been purchased and planted.

m) **Slow down signs** – approach from both Beverley and York now fully operational. Noted many positive comments received.

n) **Rugby pitches** – Cllr Oxtoby to update. It was commented that Hull FC may now be training there.

o) **2013/2014 budget** – see 12.441.

p) **Severe weather grant** (£345 available). Submitted awaiting outcome. Cllr Jolliffe commented that if we have a severe winter, as forecast, that he will run out of salt stocks to grit the village with. It was agreed that a further approx. 0.5te to be purchased. Proposed Cllr Jolliffe, seconded Cllr Ellerington. **Resolved:** Cllr Gray to purchase.

q) **Hole in village green** – now resolved.

r) **Update re Chapel** – now up for sale by tender – date 8/2/13.

s) **Winter service update** – no significant matters to report.

t) **Rural Strategy update** - no significant matters to report.

12.437 Review of Standing Orders – none

12.438 Review of risk assessment - none

12.439 Planning

No new planning applications to discuss.

Infinis-wind farm at Cold Harbour Farm - no developments to date

12.440 Finance

- i. Expenditure and Receipt analysis as circulated
- ii. Bank reconciliation as circulated
- iii. Summary income and expenditure as circulated

RESOLVED: i.;ii.;iii; All councillors reviewed and agreed in accordance with expectations, Chairman duly signed I,ii and iii as approved.

v. Local Donations. The clerk had been asked to pass on Thanks from Darby & Joan, the Church, Newsletter, Village Hall, and Bowls for the donations. **Resolved:** Books of prior year be requested for all receiving donations to be presented at the Parish Council AGM.

The following invoices have been received:

Paid:	J R Turnbull - (cheque 101290)	£478.42
	Audit commission (cheque 101291)	£342.00
	ERYC -lighting (cheque 101292)	£601.42
	Yorkshire Water (cheque 101293)	£31.16
	J R Turnbull - (cheque 101294)	£238.21

To Pay:	Martin Gray (holly bushes for war memorial)	£64.80
	Mrs C Gray (daffodil bulbs – jubilee)	£64.00
	Clerks quarterly salary and expenses (cheque 101297)	£367.48

RESOLVED: that the above accounts are to be paid. Proposed Cllr Jolliffe;
seconded Cllr Swann

The following money has been received:

Precept	£7,500
Sandersons solicitors re land	£40

12.441 2013-2014 Budgets

An updated budget including changes agreed at the October meeting had been circulated. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had just received notification that the government had just informed principal authorities of its decision in respect of the council tax base. It has now decided that Parish councils are affected – in contrast to its previous decision. This means that the Parish's tax base will be affected. Clerk had discussed the matter with ERYC who have confirmed this is the case and that a letter will be out today explaining the matter. In view of this the Council have extended the deadline to submit precepts until 24 January. A government decision is also awaited as whether Parish Councils will be subject to a cap on the increases they can request – as is currently the case with principal authorities. To date Parish council increases have not been capped. The decision is expected by the end of the year. In view of the above it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to delay budget discussions to 21 January meeting.

12.442 Correspondence

- 1) Allied healthgroup – homecare support services. Details once received to be included in newsletter.
- 2) Youth Support Services meeting – no-one attending.

12.443 Any other business

- 1) Changes to Planning laws - Cllr Wray enquired of the implications for Bishop Burton in respect of the tracts of council land that it is proposed be sold. Cllr Birmingham confirmed that he believed there were none in Bishop Burton Parish.
- 2) Village appearance – a number of comments have been received in respect of the appearance in front of the shop, and the state of the grass verge there. It was acknowledged that the shop owners spend significant amounts of their time tidying up. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Gray to discuss the matter.
- 3) Village taskforce questionnaire -**RESOLVED:** Cllr Jolliffe to complete.
- 4) Dog control orders – confirmed no changes required.
- 5) Village Photo – Clerk confirmed photos have now been obtained and they are being distributed to those who ordered them.
- 6) Crime – There has been a recent spate of crime in the village. Cllr Wray confirmed he had been in touch with the police and a new PCSO is now in place and he is assured of an increased presence .
- 7) Picture update – a letter has been received from the Chair of the Village Hall stating that the Walter Goodin picture donated by Sally McKenzie requires restoration work at a cost of £400. It will then require framing prior to hanging in the village hall. The letter asked if the Parish Council would consider meeting part of the cost of the restoration. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not have any spare funds that could be used and it was **RESOLVED:** that the parish council would not contribute to the restoration costs.

12.444 Date of next meeting – 21 January 2013.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date