



Parish Council of Bishop Wilton

Minutes to the Meeting of Bishop Wilton Parish Council, held on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.00pm at Bishop Wilton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Rigby (Chairman); Cllrs I Haywood; L Hammond; R Sumpner; V Kress; J Sangwin; S Berry and Sandra Morrison as Clerk.

Guests: 1 Member of the public

272. The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public and advised on the protocol of recording of meetings. Cllr Sumpner advised that he would be recording the meeting. No objections were raised. Cllr Rigby advised Cllr Sumpner that the recording must be for personal use and must not be used otherwise.

273. Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Rickatson and Cllr King. Cllr Berry advised that he would need to leave the meeting around 8.00pm

274. Code of Conduct: To receive Declaration of Interests from members on any items on the agenda

- a) Pecuniary – none received
- b) non-pecuniary – none received
- c) granting of dispensations – none given

275. To discuss and receive comments regarding the campaign of correspondence circulated by Cllr Sumpner. Cllr Sumpner queried why this item was on the agenda and why it was listed as item 4, when it had been discussed at the March 2023 meeting.

Cllr Hammond asked Cllr Sumpner that issues be raised directly with the council so that they may be addressed in the proper manner, and, as a further letter had been sent out this was a material change from the last meeting.

Cllr Rigby advise that the emails or correspondence circulated by Cllr Sumpner was disrespectful to the Council, and that the election flyer issued by Cllr Sumpner was in breach of imprint; elections have to be fought correctly, fairly and any information reported must have specific details, the flyer has been reported to Humberside Police. It is an offence to make false statement that constitute liable and slander.

Cllr Sumpner advised that he looked forward to hearing from Electoral services on the matter.

Cllr Hammond again asked Cllr Sumpner to raise issues with the Council and not to put out in factual information to members and the public.

The clerk read out an email that had been received from a member of the public, raising concerns about the campaign letter and the disrespectful tone.

Cllr Rigby stressed how disappointed he was in Cllr Sumpner's behaviour.

276. Open Forum: 7.33 pm the meeting was temporarily suspended to allow for a period of public participation.

The member of the public asked if there was some way to improve safety for pedestrians using the road between Vicarage Lane and Main Street. Cllr Hammond agreed that the stretch of road could be hazardous for pedestrians and agreed to take up the matter with East Riding.

Meeting reopened 7.37pm

277. Ward Councillors Report and outstanding issues

1. Following a site visit with Cllr Hammond and Cllr Sumpner, Humber Forest are to discuss the proposed tree planting scheme with ERYC, being mindful of issues such as ditch maintenance where hedgerows are also present etc. A minimum of 200 trees would be planted, subject to permission from ERYC Highways and after consultation with members of the public.
2. Cllr Hammond has taken up the issue of the clearance of the beck behind Vale Crescent with ERYC
3. Reporting of potholes can be done either directly on the ERYC website or through Cllr Hammond.
4. Woldgate School have now been taken to the adjudicator over their proposed new admissions policy
5. Election on the 4th May – voters need photo ID
6. Cllr Hammond advised that this will be his last meeting as a Councillor for Bishop Wilton PC. Cllr Rigby expressed his thanks to Cllr Hammond for his help in establishing a PC working in harmony for the most part.
7. Cllr Rigby reported that a member of the public had approached him with regard to recent resurfacing of Givendale Road and the erosion of the grass verge that has resulted in a gully evolving that is a danger for motorists. Cllr Hammond to report the issue to ERYC Highways.
8. Cllr Sumpner raised issues of drains in Gowthorpe that are blocked and causing flooding on the highway. Cllr Hammond to raise with ERYC

278. Cllr Haywood proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2023 be accepted as a true record. Cllr Sumpner raised an issue of accuracy on reference 260 – motion fell. Cllr Hammond requested that on reference 254 the sentence ending 'data being held' should be changed to 'data being shared'. Resolved. Amended proposal seconded by Cllr Kress. Motion resolved.

279. Matters Arising: update on outstanding items from previous meeting.

- a. Response re repair to village roundabout and to consider forward commitment, clerk to pursue and bring back to the next meeting
- b. Plans for the celebration of the Kings Coronation are well under way, with table tennis, followed by a contributory lunch. Monday the 8th May is Big Help Day, and those who want to volunteer are to contact Cllr Haywood who has a list of things to do, this will be followed by a barbecue lunch. Each volunteer will receive a badge. Funding has been approved by ERYC and the Village Hall has contribute by donating free use of the hall and 50% towards the cost of the badges. Cllr Rigby thanked Cllr Haywood. Cllr Kress and Justine thanked Cllr Haywood for contributing to a parish event and bringing something positive to the meeting.
- c. Cllr Hammond advised that the outdoor gym project is a great opportunity for the parish, as this is not funded through the PC and maintenance will not be an issue, certainly in the short term. The cost of equipment and installation, plus surplus to cover for several years inspection and maintenance, being covered by a bequest. It was proposed by Cllr Hammond that the offer of funding be accepted. Cllr Hammond further advise that the scheme falls under permissive development rights and does not require planning permission. Cllr Hammond amended his motion to be subject to a lease or licence being in place with the Village Hall to cover use of the land for the siting of adult outdoor gym equipment. Cllr Kress seconded this, and the motion was carried. The Clerk will draft a suitable lease agreement for approval and draft a letter of acceptance to the cricket club

8.15 pm Cllr Berry left the meeting

Councillors were requested to consider a list of actions to be addressed by the village walk about scheduled for 8th August 2023

280. Cllr Hammond proposed that consideration of the formulation of a policy to deal with the issues of damage to the village green, was, due to time constraints, deferred to the next meeting, whereby a working party to draft a proposal could be formed. Cllr Kress seconded. Resolved

281.Finance:

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Haywood and seconded by Cllr Sumpner that the accounts and bank reconciliation to 31st March 2023 be approved. Resolved
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Sangwin and seconded by Cllr Haywood that accounts and bank reconciliation to date (14/4) be approved. Resolved
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Hammond and seconded by Cllr Kress to approve and authorise the AGAR certificate of Exemption in respect of financial year ending 31st March 2023. Resolved, and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Sangwin and seconded by Cllr Sumpner to approve payment as per schedule 2 clerk's remuneration. Resolved
- e) It was proposed by Cllr Kress and seconded by Cllr Sangwin to approve payment of Invoices BWVH325 for £290 in respect of room hire for period 11.05.22 - 20.03.2023 and Inv 955 ERNLLCA training invoice AGAR and Year end £6.00. Resolved

- f) Two quotes for repositioning of the benches on the village green have been received, with one contractor declining. It was proposed by Cllr Sumpner and seconded by Cllr Haywood, to proceed with the quote of £1782 plus VAT for extending the areas on both sides of the road with paving stones and repositioning of the bench. Resolved

282. Community Issues: councillors to report any relevant issues to the council

- a) Works on Vicarage Lane have now been resolved with the resident and ERYC
- b) The clerk has been notified that the salt dispensers stored at the village hall need maintenance as they are beginning to corrode. Cllrs Rigby and Haywood to assess the assets which are for members of the public to use and going forward issue a policy on cleaning down of the assets after use.

283. Correspondence: to note the correspondence received since last meeting.

- d. Market Weighton Parish and Town News Release April 23 was circulated
- e. An email from NALC re consultation on the reform of the infrastructure levy was circulated for consideration and response
- f. ERNLLCA April 2023 newsletter was circulated

284. Consideration was given to writing and adopting a climate change policy to state the Council's commitment to see that all new planning applications include measures such as better insulation, solar panels, and vehicle charging points and water capture as well as affects and benefits to the environment, - deferred from previous meeting. Cllr Hammond raised concerns that this could cause restrictions on comments on planning applications.

8.38 pm the meeting was opened to the floor to allow participation by a member of the public who raised further concerns that for the older properties in the village, as high spec insulation or solar panels were not viable or easily adopted.

Cllr Rigby proposed that this Council should not proceed with a climate change policy, this was seconded by Cllr Sumpner. Resolved

285. Agenda item requests for next meeting, to include an update on the Outdoor Gym, Coronation and Village Walkabout issues.

Meeting closed 8.41pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

Date: