



Parish Council of Bishop Wilton

Minutes to the Meeting of Bishop Wilton Parish Council, held on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.00pm, at Bishop Wilton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Warry (Chairman); Cllr I Haywood (Vice Chair); Cllrs I Rickatson; J Denton; S Berry; R Sumpner; G Lonsdale and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)

Guests: Ward Councillor P West; 1 member of the public

561. The Chairman welcomed members and guests. The meeting was not recorded by the parish council. The meeting was recorded by Mr R Sumpner for his own personal use. The chair advised that following a recent share of emails, that council business should be discussed, in general, at council meetings and not via email.

562. To receive apologies of absence – Cllr North and Ward Cllrs Hammond and Carey

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

- a) Pecuniary - **none**
- b) non-pecuniary - **none**
- c) granting of dispensations - **none**

The meeting was temporarily suspended and opened to the floor 7.03pm

564. Open Forum: To resolve that the meeting be temporarily suspended to allow for a period of public participation. -no comments

565. Ward Councillors Report and outstanding issues- The contractors have been back on site, and the Vale Crescent ditch has been re-excavated. Thanks to be passed back to ERYC. ERYC are working on a policy to declare an ecological and environmental emergency, which will tie in with other agencies and partners, including the Area of Outstanding National Beauty.

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566. Minutes: To adopt minutes of the meeting held on the **28th October 2024** – proposed Cllr Berry seconded Cllr Denton. Resolved

567. Community Issues for consideration and resolution

To consider further action re location for the ERYC Mobile library bus following indication that the village hall car park could be considered as a potential solution to the accessibility concerns of current location. Cllr Rickatson to conduct a survey at the next bus, in order to give background into the issues that the current location poses, and bring back for further discussion at the next meeting.

568. To consider and resolve any issues relating to the outdoor gym and play equipment

1. To receive inspection report on outdoor gym and agree any action that may be required. Still waiting for new user instruction stickers, and replacement of rusted washer. To pursue.
2. To receive monthly playground inspection report and agree on action that may be required. Equipment has been sept and cleaned. The swing crossbars have been repaired and treated with the first coat of preservative. Steps to the adventure slide are slippy when wet, to consider application of anti slip strips.
3. To approve play area signage – to defer to the next meeting for further comments

569. Finance:

- a) To approve accounts and bank reconciliation to date – proposed Cllr Haywood, seconded Cllr Berry. Resolved
- b) To approve Insurance renewal - note increase premium £437.00, as precept is over £10,000. Proposed Cllr Sumpner seconded Cllr Berry. Resolved
- c) To approve and accept NALC pay review. Following consideration in the closed meeting on 28th October 2024, this review was accepted. Proposed Cllr Haywood seconded Cllr Berry.
- d) To approve payments as per schedule 1. Resolved
- e) To approve payments as per schedule 2. Proposed Cllr Haywood seconded Cllr Sumpner. Resolved
- f) To agree contract for grass cutting services as from April 2025. The current contractor has agreed to an extension of his contract. Clerk to confirm in writing.
- g) To sign off formal letter of engagement for our Internal Auditor. Letter approved – proposed Cllr Denton seconded Cllr Sumpner. Resolved. Clerk to forward to the auditor for resolution.
- h) To approve procurement of replacement Christmas tree lights and batteries approx. £56. Proposed Cllr Haywood seconded Cllr Berry. Resolved.
- i) To review current budget and agree budget for period 2025-26. Proposed Cllr Haywood and seconded Cllr Rickatson that following a review of the budget for 2024-25 the draft budget as presented for the financial year 2025-26 be accepted with a precept figure of £12500. Resolved

570. Correspondence for consideration and action

1. ERNLLCA October newsletter – circulated
2. ERYC Town and Parish Council Bulletin dated 1.11.2024 - circulated
3. ERYC Invitation to briefing on community governance review 26 Nov 6.30pm - circulated
4. NALC November Bulletin – circulated – clerk to obtain further information and costs on moving to gov.uk emails, and circulate in readiness for further discussion at the January meeting.
5. Invitation to consultation on enabling remote attendance to council meetings and proxy voting – consultation end date 19 Dec 2024- circulated, members to respond direct.
6. The Chair reminded members that the invitation to put forward a topic for scrutiny was still available.

571. To consider drawing up a Parish Plan – members agreed that this would be beneficial, in principle, and it was proposed that this be put out to the community for feedback.

572. To receive **agenda items** for the next meeting Monday 27th January 2025. Parish Meeting for March agenda, gov.uk emails addresses for members, additional defibrillator for the village.

Signed as a true record

Chairman

Date: