

BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th April 2021 via a remote meeting using Zoom

Commenced: 6.00pm

Concluded: 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Stephen Verrill (Chairman)

Cllr Tony Garnett

Cllr George Ayliffe

Clerk: Rebecca Crabtree

Two members of public were present.

AGENDA

1. To note apologies for absence

None.

2. To approve minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st March 2019

Resolved that the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st March 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record

3. To receive a report on Bishop Monkton Parish Council activities for the year 2020-2021

Cllr Verrill welcomed all to the meeting.

There have been many restrictions in the last year during the pandemic and this meant that all face-to-face meetings were suspended and the normal schedule of monthly meetings was cancelled. Meetings have been held on Zoom as and when necessary, to discuss any pressing business.

Three members of the council resigned last year which left three councillors. The Parish Council was quorate and all councillors worked together to keep the Council going and continued to carry out work to support the village and local residents.

Cllr Verrill thanked all councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work in the last year.

The Parish Council has dealt with a large number of planning applications in the last year and the most that the council has ever considered within one year.

The Councillors have continued to maintain the village open spaces and launched a new website last year. (www.bishopmonktonparishcouncil.co.uk).

Cllr Garnett gave the following update about the activities that the Parish Council has carried out:

- Ensured the village signs were maintained and the Gardening Club are due to plant flowers shortly. The Parish Council pay an amount towards the plants.
- Liaised with residents and authorities about the litter bins in the village.
- Continued to maintain the bus shelter.
- The Council is responsible for the benches alongside the beck and a number of these have been repaired in the last year. The councillors installed two memorial benches.
- The council is responsible for the playground near the Village Hall and inspect it regularly. A number of repairs have been carried out in the last year.
- Liaised with NYCC regarding the footpaths in the village.
- Liaised with NYCC regarding the damaged Holbeck bridge and the work that is required.
- The Parish Council has continued to work with NYCC to ensure speed calming measures are installed including on Knaresborough Road and this is a priority for 2022.
- Purchased and installed the Christmas tree and fairy lights along the beck.
- Organised and paid for the grass cutting throughout the village
- Repaired the beck bollards
- Considered and commented on a large number of planning applications.

- The councillors have liaised with the developers of the Alpha Homes development.
- The Clerk thanked all the Burial Ground Volunteers who cut the grass throughout the year.
- The Council is responsible for the defibrillator that is situated at the Masons Arms and inspects it regularly and purchases parts when required.

Cllr Verrill thanked Cllr Garnett for his support in the last year and Cllr Garnett thanked the Clerk for all her hard work supporting the councillors.

4. The Chairman will close the meeting

Cllr Verrill thanked everyone for joining the meeting and closed the meeting.