
BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council held Tuesday 12th September 2023 in the Methodist Room.

Commenced: 19.02 hours

Concluded: 21.16 hours

Present: Cllr Verrill

Cllr Garnett

Cllr Culshaw

Cllr Parsons

Clerk – S Reid

3 Members of the Public.

2023/079 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.

2023/080 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Shand. These were noted.

2023/081 Declaration of Interests

a) To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation

There were no applications for dispensation made.

2023/082 To approve the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held Tuesday 20th June 2023, Friday 30th June 2023, Tuesday 1st August and the Extraordinary Meeting held Thursday 27th July 2023. (Circulated under separate cover).

RESOLVED That all minutes, as detailed, are approved as true records of events.

19.11 hours Item 2023/087 b) was brought forward with approval from all members.

1. There is to be further drop in sessions for residents on 25/26 September. These will be advertised.
2. The Community fund has been doubled to 20K per year for the life of development. This is for Burton Leonard, Wormald Green and Bishop Monkton.
3. Suggestions were made to HE on best ways to manage the distribution of the community fund.
4. Suggestion made to look at putting attenuation tanks in to control flow of water to help with flooding in Bishop Monkton.

19.34 hours The Harmony Energy presentation ended and the council meeting resumed.

2023/083 To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council.

Cllr Brown was not present. There was no report to be given.

2023/084 Clerk's report.

RESOLVED That the clerk's report is noted.

2023/085 Financial matters.

a) To approve the payments as per the schedule attached.

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RESOLVED That the payments detailed be approved for payment.

- b) To note the ongoing approved payments as per the schedule attached.
The ongoing payments were noted.
- c) To note the bank reconciliation and budget comparison as attached.
The bank reconciliation was noted.

2023/086

Planning matters.

- a) To consider and make observations on the following planning applications.
RESOLVED That the comments on planning consultations be submitted on behalf of the council.
- b) To note planning decisions as per attached document.
There were no planning decision to note.
- c) To note planning enforcements as per attached document.
The planning enforcements were noted.

2023/087

Ongoing matters.

- a) To receive an update on the application to locate a memorial bench within the village.
Cllr Parsons reported that the village hall were happy were to sit the bench at the facility and will deal with the installation. The Parish Council to arrange delivery of the bench to the village hall for this to take place.
- b) To receive a presentation from a representative of Harmony Energy on the amendments they have made to their proposals.
See earlier notes on the presentation.
- c) To receive an update from Cllr Shand on the provision of play equipment for older children.
RESOLVED To defer this item as Cllr Shand was not in attendance.
- d) To receive an update from Cllr Culshaw in relation to the installation of the new handrail on the bridge over the beck.
Cllr Culshaw reported that the hand rail will be installed shortly. This matter is now closed.
- e) To receive an update from the working party in relation to the plan to provide an item to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III, namely the Coronation Walk and Water Fountain and decide any action as appropriate.
RESOLVED To defer this item as no work had taken place at this time.
- f) To receive an update on traffic calming on Knaresborough Road.
Cllr Verrill contacted area 6. They state they are going to obtain payment from the developers for the VAS signs. Still waiting a further update. No further update re the repositioning of the chicane.
Cllr Parsons contacted area 6 who state there is no requirement for any stop signs as average speed is 25mph.
RESOLVED To continue chasing on these items.
- g) To provide an update in relation to the history board and decide any further action as necessary.

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RESOLVED That the Parish Council are to arrange installation of the history board at the village hall. Clerk to raise the PID to request payment through commuted sums. A second board for the centre of the village will then be considered.

2023/088

New matters and correspondence.

- a) To consider communication received in relation to a requesting a speed limit of 20mph throughout the village and look to engaging with the '20's Plenty' Campaign.
RESOLVED That Cllr Parsons would contact Cllr Keane's office to discuss further following his recent communication of speed limits.
- b) To discuss the usefulness of the PC website and its ability to communicate effectively.
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RESOLVED That Cllrs Culshaw and Parsons and the Clerk would attend a YLCA training course on the subject.
- c) To discuss the churchyard, the grass cutting and the role of the PC.
RESOLVED That this is not a matter for the Parish Council as they have no powers to act in this area.
- d) To discuss the footpaths in the village.
RESOLVED This is a highways matter.
- e) To receive an update on the request to Newby Hall to trim trees.
Cllr Parsons reported that they are going to be dealt with in the very near future.
- f) To consider a request from the Village Hall to utilise S106 funds to allow a project they are considering to proceed.
RESOLVED That the proposal to add extra walking tracks could not take place due to the underground facilities of Yorkshire Water.
- g) To consider the overgrown state of the beck and decide on action to be taken.
RESOLVED That there is no action to be taken at present as the local group clean the beck on an annual basis.
- h) To consider a request to become a member of Bishop Monkton Parish Council.
RESOLVED That the clerk contact the resident and invite him to the next meeting of the council.
- i) To receive communication from website provider, Hugo Fox, in relation to new charges to be levied for the use of the website and decide course of action accordingly .
The clerk reported that the website provider are introducing a charging schedule for their services.
RESOLVED It was agreed that the council to take the Silver package on offer at a cost of £19.99 per month plus VAT
- j) To consider correspondence received in relation to the sign for St. John's Crescent, situated on the wall immediately after crossing the footbridge from St. John's Road to St. John's Crescent, as it has a thorny shrub growing on and around it and is in need of cutting back, and decide action accordingly. NYC
RESOLVED That Cllr Parsons to report this to NYC Highways/Area 6.
- k) To consider correspondence received from the Resilience and Emergency Office at North Yorkshire Council and decide action accordingly.
RESOLVED That the clerk to obtain more information on this and present to members at the next meeting.

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- l) To consider correspondence received from Cllr Nick Brown in relation to proposals he is suggesting for hosting meetings of Parish Councils in his Wards.
RESOLVED That members suggest they would prefer Cllr Brown attended Bishop Monkton Meetings on a bi-monthly basis rather than hosting joint meetings for 16 councils at a time. Clerk to respond to the proposal.
- m) To approve the annual play inspection by RoSPA.
RESOLVED To go ahead with the inspection.
- n) To discuss the grass cutting contract for the fiscal year 2024/2025 and decide how to proceed.
RESOLVED That the clerk to produce a draft grass cutting tender to present to members at the next meeting.

2023/089 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.

- To receive an update on the meeting with Yorkshire Water.
- To order the Poppy Wreath.
- To receive an update on the Mechanics Institute Clock
- To consider provision of a Bus Shelter.

2023/090 The next Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council will be held Tuesday 17th October 2023 in the Methodist Room.

2023/091 Public participation.