

BISHOPSTONE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Held on Thursday 12th March 2015 7.30 pm
at the Newbridge Community Centre, Bridge Sollars

Present: Councillor John Macklin (Chairman), Councillor Sue Hubbard (Vice Chair), Councillor Catherine Draper, Councillor John Verry, Councillor Muriel Holmes, Councillor Penny Redshaw, Councillor Rosemary Morgan, Councillor Serena Crump.

1. Apologies received from Ward Councillor Adrian Blackshaw.
2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations. No declarations received. **Resolved**
3. To approve minutes of the last meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. **Resolved**
4. Open Session - To receive brief verbal reports from:
 - 4.1 West Mercia Police Officer. Not available. **Resolved**
 - 4.2 Ward Councillor. Not available, apologies received. **Resolved**
 - 4.3 Footpath Officers. Philip Pankhurst (Locality Steward) has reported that part of the bridle path at Garnons Hill (Mg3) is blocked. Councillor Hubbard to walk the footpath. **Resolved.**
 - 4.4 The Chairman attended the talk at Balfour Beattie regarding the new Lengthsman Scheme.
 - 4.5 Local residents. Comments made refer to item 5.1
5. Planning:
 - 5.1 To consider proposed application for 12 properties at Bishon Farm. Mr Price/Julie Joseph to respond to queries.
Julie Joseph gave a brief outline regarding this proposed application. Residents were asked for their views.

Questions included: -

- a) Is Mr Price still intending to renovate the barns – **Not at present.**
 - b) The sewage system in Bishopstone is at capacity – do you intend to put in your own sewage system for these properties? – **Not thought about this yet.**
 - c) Is it your intention to increase the amount of houses in the future? – **No comment.**
 - d) According to your proposed plan 4 extra driveways have exits onto a very narrow lane – is it possible to have 1 road in and out of this estate onto the existing lane? – **This would be possible.**
 - e) Which entrance would be used to enter the farm – **the back entrance.**
 - f) Concerns were raised about the width of the entrance for farm vehicles, loss of view, 1 resident asked if a bungalow could be put in front of his house to protect some of his view, also concerns about extra vehicles on narrow lanes – **these items would all be considered.**
 - g) Julie Joseph stated that a village green would be created around the oak tree planted for the millennium. Where the lane is at its' narrowest point a footpath could be put in place with a hedge behind it. This is a proposed plan. Many assessments, including a flood risk assessment have to be carried out before this can move forward to the planning stage. Some low cost housing would be included.
- 5.2 To receive update on Core Strategy. As per information sheet. **Resolved**

6. Lengthsman:

6.1 To consider engaging a lengthsman. Councillor Macklin has approached Dave Campbell (the lengthsman for Mansel Lacy) he would be interested in working for the Parish Council if Councillors were in agreement. **All Councillors agreed. Resolved.**

6.2 To consider signing contract with Herefordshire Council. All Councillors were in agreement with this however the lengthsman must first issue a schedule of works before Herefordshire Council will issue a contract.

6.3 To nominate liaison parish councillors:-

- Kenchester - Councillor Serena Crump / Neil
- Byford - Councillors Sue Hubbard / Muriel Holmes
- Bishopstone - Councillor Rosemary Morgan
- Bridge Sollars - Councillor John Macklin
- Mansel Gamage - Councillor Cathy Draper

Resolved

7. Finance:

7.1 To note receipts: of £155.

7.2 To consider payment to Pip Printing for newsletter: £127.55

7.3 To consider payment to NCC for room hire £14.

7.4 To consider clerk's expenses. Councillors agreed all payments. **Resolved**

8. To note Information Sheet. **Resolved**

9. To note date of next meeting.

9.1 Annual Parish Meeting be held 7.00pm 14th May 2015.

9.2 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 8.00pm 14th May 2015. The clerk was asked to approach the Police Community Team to give a talk about home security at 8.15pm 14th May 2015. **Resolved**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signature:

Designation: *Chairman*

Date: *14 May 2015*