

BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bishopton Parish Council
that took place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th February 2026 in Bishopton Village Hall



MINUTES

1. Present: Parish Councillors Norman Melaney (Chair); Graham Fisher; Debbie Latham; Geoff Preston
Apologies: Parish Councillor Stephen Wall
In attendance: DBC Councillor Deborah Laing; Steve Rose (Parish Clerk)
2. Items of Public Participation requested: time allocation of 3 minutes is usually allowed for presentations. None received
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
 - 3.1. Cllr Preston – issues relating to Mill Lane
 - 3.2. Cllr Wall – issues relating to contracting works to Village Green
 - 3.3. Cllr Melaney – issues relating to Bishopton Village Hall
4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14th January 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.
5. Finance
 - 5.1. Finance 2025-26: report on current spending and budget was accepted
 - 5.2. Payments: agreed to accept the quote for website from Parish Councils Websites – first payment of around £350 approved; £250 for Village Easter Egg Hunt approved
 - 5.3. Petty Cash payments: none to discuss
6. Current Planning Applications all Awaiting Decision:
 - 6.1. **25/00889/FUL**: Change of Use of car park to outdoor seating area including 5 no. pods.
STILL AWAITING DECISION
 - 6.2. **26/00018/FUL**: Erection of a front porch. 12 Town Farm Close, Bishopton, TS21 1HX.
NEW APPLICATION PENDING
7. New Website: Cllr Melaney gave a detailed presentation with the three companies who had tendered for the work. It was clear that in terms of cost, content and support the Parish Councils Website company were the preferred bidder. Cllr Melaney proceed with support from Cllr. Fisher in arranging for a Zoom meeting where the new designs can be scrutinised and developed. Clerk will make first payment of around £350 on receipt of the invoice.
8. Speedwatch, road safety and parking meeting proposal: Cllr Melaney reported that the Speedwatch equipment had been received and that 9 volunteers had come forward. There is still a need for a few more. Date of a meeting to be fixed.
9. Any other matters raised by residents to Clerk or Councillors
 - 9.1. Easter – request for funding Easter Egg decorating/hunt from Village Hall - £250 approved
10. Village Green Management
 - 10.1. Parking: The Clerk reported he had received further complaints about parking on the Green and the limiting of access – he had contacted the resident responsible who had given assurances that he would ensure parking and access issues were resolved.
 - 10.2. Right of Way from Anesty Court: The Clerk reported the query about the status of the short piece of paved access from the highway into Anesty Court – investigations were ongoing and would be reported to the next meeting.



10.3. Footpath – 18 High Street – following an enquiry about repairing this area, Cllr. Melaney said he would inspect and discuss with the resident

11. The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall