

## BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of Bishopton Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Bishopton Village Hall



### AGENDA

1. Present: Parish Councillors Norman Melaney (Chair); Graham Fisher; Geoff Preston  
Apologies for Absence : Debbie Latham. DBC Councillor Laing  
In attendance: Steve Rose (Clerk), Lindley McMahon, Jayne Robins, Joe Robinson  
Resignation: Parish Councillor Stephen Wall
2. Items of Public Participation requested: time allocation of 3 minutes is usually allowed for presentations.
  - 2.1. Joe Robinson: following finding embedded horseshoes with nails sticking up to prevent cars turning in Cobbey Castle Lane, an angry exchange had taken place on social media. This is now resolved and dispute ended as well as nails removed. The issue of cars dropping children off at the school and then using the unadopted part of the Lane was discussed including Parish Council responsibility due to ownership of the play area. Also, the Clerk was asked to find out from Land Registry who had ownership of the empty property.
  - 2.2. The meeting had started at 6:55pm due to time restrictions on Parish Councillors present – two members of the public arrived after it had started and, quite rightly, complained that they had missed some of the early discussion. Apologies were given
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
  - 3.1. Cllr Preston – issues relating to Mill Lane
  - 3.2. Cllr Melaney – issues relating to Bishopton Village Hall
4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - accepted
5. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda: None
6. Finance
  - 6.1. Finance 2025-26: £1863 from Banks Group Community Fund for maintenance of the play area will be transferred into the Parish Council account
  - 6.2. Payments: none
  - 6.3. Petty Cash payments: none
7. Current Planning Applications all Awaiting Decision:
  - 7.1. **25/00889/FUL**: Change of Use of car park to outdoor seating area including 5 no. pods. STILL AWAITING DECISION
  - 7.2. **25/00116/PA**: Prior approval application for the change of use no. 2 agricultural buildings into 4 no. dwelling houses (use class C3) with associated building operations. Outhouse Farm, Redmarshall Road, Bishopton TS21 1EX. Received 03/02/2026 AWAITING DECISION – Clerk to contact for why planning department had not advised the Parish Council of this application.
8. New Website: Councillor Melaney confirmed progress and payment of the first invoice. First draft of the new website will be ready by end of April and it is hoped it can be shown at the Parish Annual Meeting in May.
9. Speedwatch, road safety and parking meeting: More volunteers have been recruited, equipment has been received and organisers are waiting for Stephen Bell to make contact to take project forward.



10. Any other matters raised by residents to Clerk or Councillors
  - 10.1. Manhole cover outside 3A – reported by Jayne Robins who had reported it to DBC and informed it was utility company’s responsibility (Case No. 1427). Clerk will contact Highways at DBC;
  - 10.2. Clerk will also complain about shoddy work in repairing pot holes in High Street;
  
11. Village Green Management
  - 11.1. Parking: Some problems reported that the Clerk had resolved - Cllr Melaney residents need to be encouraged to ring the police if there is a problem
  - 11.2. Repairs to damaged Green: Resident Phil Watson offered to replant areas damaged by horses. Clerk to purchase grass seed and deliver to him
  - 11.3. Arborist works: some further work needed. Cllr Melaney to contact for quotes including from DBC
  
12. Any other business: Need to set dates for Annual Parish meeting & AGM – date needs to be set and publicised in newsletter once availability of the Village Hall is established
  
13. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall