

BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm in the Village Hall



Minutes

Present: Parish Councillors: Norman Melaney (Chair), Graham Fisher, Debbie Latham, Geoff Preston
In attendance: Steve Rose (Clerk), DBC Councillor Deborah Laing, Sue Melaney, Sandra Elliott

1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence
2. Items of Public Participation requested: inform the Clerk of any issues to be raised – time allocation of 3 minutes is usually allowed for presentations:
 - 2.1. Sue Melaney: Parish Council Notice Board – the Clerk acknowledged that he had been remiss in getting this fixed and apologised. Remedial action will be taken and reported to next meeting;
 - 2.2. Sue Melaney had requested data from the traffic monitors which had been provided by the Clerk although information from the High Street sensor was not being downloaded. The Clerk will be asking the previous clerk for assistance and will report back.
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. Resignation & Vacancies for Parish Councillors:

It was agreed to be more proactive in recruiting Parish Councillors – the details will be featured in next newsletter
5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8th April 2026: accepted as true record.
6. Actions and Matters Arising not included in agenda:
 - 6.1. Phil Watson had raised concerns about flooding in Church View – Cllr. Laing reported that DBC had issued a 20 day letter to remediate. Thanks were expressed for Phil Watson's assistance;
 - 6.2. Parking at The Talbot was raised again and will be reported to the DBC Enforcement Team if it continues;
 - 6.3. DBC Arborist is to be engaged to undertake remedial work on trees - £4,000 budget agreed at the previous meeting will be more than enough based on verbal quotes;
 - 6.4. To resolve issues of Parish Notice Board the idea of installing a magnetic board will be investigated – Clerk.
7. Finance
 - 7.1. Accounts 2025-26 (attached): accounts were accepted and approved. The Clerk will provide a budget for the next meeting for the coming year. Also, £1868 – Playground needs adding;
 - 7.2. Payments: Zurich £613.19; S Wall £350 & £230; £250 Speedwatch; £100 History Group; Magnetic Board £100; Arborist - £4k approved, £2K cost – trees Planning permission; Three Cornered Lilies £2500; £30 for logo competition
ALL approved: Proposed Graham Fishedr, seconded Debbie Latham
 - 7.3. Petty Cash payments: None



8. Planning Applications:

8.1. Ref. No: 26/00423/TFC | Received: Mon 27 Apr 2026:

Notification to carry out works to trees in a designated conservation area - 1 no. Lime reduce crown by up to 1m north side, 3 no. Poplars re-pollard and 1 no. Plum crown raise 3m and reduce southern crown to reduce overall weight on poorly formed tree and clear back from playing field. Bishopton And Redmarshall C E Primary School Cobby Castle Lane Bishopton Stockton-On-Tees TS21 1HD. Awaiting Decision – **NO ACTION**

8.2. Ref. No: 26/00262/PA | Received: Wed 11 Mar 2026:

Prior Approval application for the change of use of 5 No. existing agricultural buildings into 1 No. dwelling house (Use Class C3), installation of passing place to access road and associated building works. Outhouse Farm Redmarshall Road Bishopton STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 1EX. Awaiting Decision – **NO FURTHER ACTION**

8.2. Ref. No: 26/00116/PA | Received: Tue 03 Feb 2026

Prior Approval application for the change of use of 2 No. agricultural buildings into 4 No. dwelling houses (Use Class C3) with associated building operations. Outhouse Farm Redmarshall Road Bishopton STOCKTON-ON-TEES TS21 1EX. Awaiting Decision – **NO FURTHER ACTION**

9. New Website – NM gave an update report. All agreed that the design of the new site looked attractive and it was hoped that the full working version would be available to be finalised by the end of June.

10. Matters raised by Residents other than Village Green issues

10.1. The funding and sustainability was discussed including whether the Parish Council should make an annual grant. No conclusion was reached

11. Village Green Management:

11.1. Arborist will be submitting quotes and details for planning permission to be made

11.2. 3 cornered lilies need addressing – Mark Leighton approached for a quote;

11.3. S Wall strimming quotes approved

11.4. A budget of £150 for the planters was approved - DL will give updates

12. Any other business

12.1. Newsletter by end June to include: Parish Councillors, Village Hall

13. Date of next meeting: TO BE CONFIRMED Wednesday 10th June 7:00pm in Bishopton Parish Hall