**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held in the Village Hall Bishopstone**

**Thursday 14th March 2024 at 8.10pm.**

**MINUTES**

**Present :** Parish Councillors : A Thorne (AJT) (Chairman)

P Edwards (PE) (Vice Chairman)

N Barter (NTB)

Mrs M Tatner (MT)

S Williams (SW)

Ms N Rigg (NR)

Parish Clerk: M R Ash (MRA)

**Also present:** Mr R Stockton

Mr F Taylor

Mr M Pratt

Mrs M Barter

Mrs Caroline Ash

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr A Smith.

1. **Declarations of interest**

There were no additional declarations of interest.

1. **Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2024.**

PE proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2024 be approved as a correct record, this was seconded by NR and agreed.

1. **Matters Arising from the Minutes, including Action Plan**

There were no matters to report arising from the minutes.

1. **Public Forum**

No matters were raised.

1. **Chairman’s Items**

There were none.

1. **BPC(02)24 - Grant Applications**

Requests for support by way of grant aid had been received from Carer Support Wiltshire and from Wiltshire Search and Rescue – details in paper BPC(02)24. A short discussion concluded that as

in neither case was it clear that the activities of the organisations concerned directly benefitted residents of the parish (a condition of the legal powers under which grants could be made) so both applications should be rejected.

1. **BPC(01)24 – Code of Conduct**

Paper BPC(01)24 set out proposals for the revision and updating of the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. It was unanimously agreed that the proposed changes should be made. MRA explained that it would not be necessary to submit revised declarations of interest to Wiltshire’s Monitoring Officer until after the next election as any necessary declarations could be made at meetings as necessary. MT proposed that the revied Code of Conduct at Annex A to paper BPC(01)24 be adopted. This motion was seconded by NTB and agreed.

1. **Parish Clerk’s Report**

MRA submitted a request for approval of Clerk’s expenditure of £67.98 for printer ink cartridges.

AJT proposed that this expenditure be approved, this was seconded by PE and agreed.

MRA said that he was very grateful to Cllr Anita Smith for agreeing to take over management of the three defibrillators in the village. She would now be responsible for the monthly reporting to the Community Heartbeat Trust.

1. **Planning Matters**

There were none.

1. **Questions or statements from Councillors.**

There were none.

**Date, location and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 9th May 2024** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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Signed as an accurate record:

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Chairman Date

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**ACTION PLAN**

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| **WHAT ACTION** | **BY WHOM** | **COMPLETED**  **✔** |
| Repairs to gate to footbridge in Mill Lane to be investigated. | AJT |  |
| Action on Parish Clerk recruitment. | MRA |  |
| Drainage ditches in Flamstone Street to be cleared. | MRA |  |