

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bishops Hull Hub THURSDAY 11th July 2024

Members Present:

Cllr T Taylor – Chairman

Cllr N Fernandes – Vice Chairman

Cllr J Hunt – Parish and Somerset

Cllr M Jollands

Cllr A Plumbly

Cllr R Reed

Also Present: Helen McGladdery – Clerk and RFO

Have Your Say

Cllr Hunt gave a verbal report detailing complaints received from residents relating to antisocial behaviour at Northfields Education centre, he advised the primary school will become part of the Blackdown partnership and become an academy from September

Action: The Clerk to contact PCSOs re antisocial behaviour

Cllr Ellis submitted a report detailing general election results, Armed Forces Day, Somerset Council finances, waste services contract and the academisation of Bishops Hull Primary School

Meeting starts 7.40pm

537. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Cllr B Fernandes – Taunton Town Council meeting

Cllr M Trout – Family commitments

Cllr J Wilson – Holiday

Somerset Councillor Ellis – Taunton Town Council meeting

538. Declaration of Interest not already recorded

Cllr Plumbly agenda item 9

539. To Agree Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2024.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

Action: The Clerk to add the minutes to the website

540. To receive updates from Local Trusts

BH HUB – Cllr Taylor will query future PC meeting start times at the next HUB meeting

BH Playing Fields Trust – Cllr Hunt gave an update that at the last meeting the possibility of merging with the HUB was discussed. As not all Trustees were present it was agreed to review this at the end of the year

541. Planning

To receive the Planning Panel report on planning applications received:

05/24/0016 - Demolition of extensions to the side and rear and erection of infill extension with conversion of loft into ancillary accommodation and construction of dormer to the rear of 14 Mountway Road, Bishops Hull

Resolved: No comment

Action: The Clerk to submit the response

Kinglake - To receive the latest update from Dan Mawer (Persimmon) and Rebecca Staddon (Somerset Council) on the progress of the site being ready for adoption and details of the commuted sum

No further updates received

542. Financial Matters

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

Allotments – raised beds	£130
CIL account interest	£426.41
Savings account interest	£463.32

Payments:

Mobile phone - June	£6.75
NFPC - Footpath cuts	£115.00
BH HUB hire - June	£28.00
SALC - tony training	£25.00
G Evers - Allotments - May	£42.50
Smilers - Allotments - 136476	£350.40
Smilers - Allotments - 136499	£218.40
T Taylor - Allotment matting	£13.58
Carly press - July CN	£190.00
Somerset Council pensions - June	£431.38
HMRC - June	£225.82
H McGladdery expenses	£100.12
SALC - Mandi training	£35.00
Service charge	£18.00

The Clerks June salary was also paid in this period

To be approved:

Parish Online – website set up	£348.00
Som Council - Apr-June dog bin charges	£731.95

Action:

1. The Clerk to arrange the payments
2. Cllr Hunt to feedback to Somerset Council that it is unacceptable to expect Parish Councils to pay invoices immediately, due to payments needing to be approved at meetings

To receive budget to spend monthly report – Attached to the minutes

To approve the renewal of the Allotments Insurance at a price of £160.97

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Reed and a unanimous vote the renewal of the allotment insurance was approved

Action: The clerk to arrange the payment

543. Clerks Report which will include all matters arising from previous minutes and items of interest

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members

544. Local Footpaths update

The Chairman, Parish Paths Liaison officer and Local land owners met. This was a productive meeting with positive outcomes

Action: The Clerk to report the broken steps at ?????to the Rights of Way team

545. To discuss concerns raised by residents relating to Highways and Bishops Hull Cricket Club

Highways – Safety concerns were raised by residents relating A38 Wellington Road, and requested a speed reduction.

Action: The Clerk to write to Highways expressing the Parish Councils concerns for public safety on this stretch of Highway, due to increased traffic from Orchard Grove, the expanded Rumwell Farm shop and new traveller's site. Copies to be sent to Taunton Town Council, Bishops Hull and Orchard Grove Primary Schools

Bishops Hull Cricket Club:

Safety concerns were raised from residents, relating to inadequate netting to protect neighbouring properties and pedestrians when cricket matches are being played. In addition it was reported that multiple antisocial behaviour outbursts happened at a recent memorial cricket match.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Parish Council supported the cricket matches on the field, however, an urgent meeting was required with the cricket club president and captain to discuss the unacceptable behaviour and safety concerns.

Action: The Clerk to arrange the meeting

546. Bishops Hull Play Park:

To receive the latest update

The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with Somerset Council and the transfer of the play park will go straight to the PC, however, there is a delay in this happening as SC are dealing with many requests.

The Insurance claim has now been settled and another ROSPA inspection has been completed and awaiting the report.

To agree the final requirements for the Parish Council taking ownership of this area

Resolved: Members were all in agreement that once the land transfer takes place the Parish Council will then take over responsibility for the area.

Action: The Clerk to advise the Playing Fields Trust Chairman

547. Bishops Mead:

To receive latest update on progress of land transfer of Bishops Mead from Somerset Council

The Clerk advised that Somerset Council are working their way through over 800 requests so the transfer of land will not happen soon. She advised that the Parish Council has an option to take on a management agreement with Somerset Council for the area and carry out its own maintenance until the land is legally transferred. The agreement would be annually, giving the Parish Council the option to return responsibility to SC, if for any reason the request to transfer the land to the PC was turned down.

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr N Fernandes, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote, Members agreed to proceed with a management licence so that the Parish Council could start to maintain the area.

Action:

1. The Clerk to contact Somerset Council to request written confirmation that the request to transfer the land will still proceed if a management licence is progressed
2. The Clerk to contact Somerset Council to advise the PC wishes to proceed with a management licence for 1 year initially

To agree to instruct Parsons Landscapes contractor to carry out a tree safety inspection and management plan of Trees in Bishops Mead prior to the Parish Council taking on ownership of the land at a price of £979.20 plus VAT

The Clerk has received an up to date tree inspection report (320 pages) from Somerset Council with an offer for the tree Inspector to meet with the Clerk to talk through the report.

It was therefore agreed not to proceed in purchasing an independent report

To discuss the quotes received from local contractors to carry out grass cutting at Bishops Mead, once the land is transferred to the Parish Council

Quotes were received from Howards SW Ltd, Parsons Landscapes and Greenways Ground Maintenance.

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Jollands, seconded by Cllr N Fernandes and a unanimous vote, Members agreed to proceed with Parsons Landscapes, as their quote was the most competitive and they carry out the maintenance on the playing fields.

Action: The Clerk to contact Parsons and explain once the licence is in place they would like them to commence grass cutting in Bishops Mead

548. Allotments update

All the raised beds are now in use, the Clerk will add an update to the next community news to share with residents the transformation

549. Speed Indicator Device Update

The SID is currently located on Silk Mills, there continues to be problems with the data, but Cllr Jollands is looking into this matter. Members were advised that dedicated posts can be purchased for £250 each to site the SID.

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Jollands, seconded by Cllr Reed and a unanimous vote, Members agreed to purchase 2 posts using CIL funds

Action:

1. The Clerk to circulate suggested locations to Members for approval
2. The Clerk to contact Somerset Council to instruct the installation

550. Update on volunteering café

Deferred

551. Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

None suggested and Members will email The Clerk with any requests before the September meeting

Date of next meeting: Parish Council meeting Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.00pm – The HUB

Meeting closed: 9.25pm

CLlr Tony Taylor – Chairman

Attachment:

1. Budget to spend report

RECEIPTS	Actual		Budget	Variance	
Precept	£ 71,000.00		£ 71,000.00	£ -	
Grants	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Interest	£ 889.73		£ 1,000.00	-£ 110.27	
Refund	£ -		£ -		
Community News	£ 54.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 2,796.00	
Allotments	£ 205.00		£ 800.00	-£ 595.00	
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	
CIL Payments	£ 4,121.81		£ -	£ 4,121.81	
Vat refund	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory Trail fundraising	£ -			£ -	
Total Receipts	£ 77,188.23		£ 77,485.38	-£ 297.15	
PAYMENTS					6 months costs
VAT	£ 369.11		£ -	£ 369.11	
Clerks salary	£ 4,573.87		£ 24,663.29	-£ 20,089.42	£ 9,211.02
Pension Contributions	£ 1,240.52		£ 6,331.73	-£ 5,091.21	£ 2,588.28
Clerks allowance	£ -		£ 350.00	-£ 350.00	£ 175.00
Establishment costs	£ 181.92		£ 1,000.00	-£ 818.08	£ 500.00
Local amenities	£ 609.96		£ 5,000.00	-£ 4,390.04	£ 2,500.00
Supporting local groups	£ -		£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,500.00	£ 1,250.00
Allotments	£ 1,354.75		£ 800.00	£ 554.75	£ 400.00
Community news	£ 570.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 2,280.00	£ 1,425.00
Audit (Establishment cost)	£ 50.00		£ 750.00	-£ 700.00	£ 750.00
Insurance (Establishment cost)	£ 500.41		£ 1,500.00	-£ 999.59	£ 500.41
CIL funds	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Local services	£ 115.00		£ 27,000.00	-£ 26,885.00	£ 13,500.00
137	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Membership	£ 188.00		£ 1,300.00	-£ 1,112.00	£ 1,300.00
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	£ 917.69
Training	£ 60.00		£ 1,000.00	-£ 940.00	£ 500.00
Footpath maintenance	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory trail	£ -				
Total Payments	£ 10,731.23		£ 76,880.40	-£ 66,149.17	£ 35,517.40
Surplus / Defecit	£ 66,457.00	£ -	£ 604.98	£ 65,852.02	