

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bishops Hull Hub THURSDAY 7th November 2024

Members Present:

Cllr T Taylor – Chairman

Cllr N Fernandes – Vice Chairman

Cllr J Hunt – Parish and Somerset

Cllr A Plumbly

Cllr R Reed

Cllr M Trout

Cllr J Wilson

Also Present: Helen McGladdery – Clerk and RFO and 1 member of the public

Have Your Say

One Resident - Raised concerns that despite reporting at the last meeting the drains were blocked in Shutewater they still had not been cleared. The Clerk had reported this last month, and will chase up again

Action; The Clerk to report again

Cllr Ellis submitted a report that was distributed to Members

Cllr Hunt gave a verbal report detailing the Somerset Council Chair awards that he escorted Richard Holland to receive his award.

Meeting starts 7.15pm

578. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

The Clerk advised that due to family commitments Cllr M Jollands has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council – The Chairman advised he had contacted Cllr Jollands to pass on his thanks for his commitment to the Parish Council over the years.

Action: The Clerk to advertise the vacancy via co-option notices

Apologies:

Cllr B Fernandes – Taunton Town Council meeting

Somerset Councillor Ellis – Taunton Town Council meeting

579. Declaration of Interest not already recorded

Cllr Taylor – item 7c, as a members of the gardening club

580. To Agree Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 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

581. To receive updates from Local Trusts

HUB- Cllr Taylor attending the last meeting and gave a verbal update, mainly on the issues with Playing Field Trust users are using the HUB car park, which means there are no spaces available for HUB users. The Car park was installed and funded by the HUB with Parish Council support for hall users as set out in the planning permission

582. Planning – To receive the planning panel report on planning applications received:

05/24/0026 - Demolition of field storage and erection of field store and workshop at Bernadottes, Ritherdons Farm Lane, Rumwell

Resolved: No comment

05/24/0027/T - Application to carry out management works to four Holm Oak trees and one Luccombe Oak (and dead wood one Holm Oak) included in Taunton Deane, Borough (Bishops Hull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1977 at Eagles House, Bishops Hull Road, Bishops Hull (TD117)

05/24/0025/T - Notification to carry out management works to 2 yew trees within Bishops Hull Conservation Area at Eagles House, Bishops Hull Road, Bishops Hull

Resolved: It was agreed that the following response would be submitted for all tree applications moving forward and including the two applications above
"To support the comments of the Arbicultural Officer"

Action: The Clerk to submit the responses

Kinglake

To discuss the new proposal from Persimmon following the meeting with Somerset Council legal team, Persimmons legal team and Parish Council solicitor. The new proposal is that Persimmon will pay the Parish Council a commuted sum of £352,000 on transfer of the open spaces, play areas and attenuation ponds at land formally known as Kinglake. This figure will not be index linked as per the previous understanding

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Wilson and a unanimous vote it was agreed to proceed with the land transfer as per the new terms listed above, however, the repair or replacement of the play equipment and a ROSPA pass report, along with the repair to the raised manhole cover must be carried out prior to the transfer.

Action: The Clerk to advise Ranjit Bassey (PC solicitor) and Dan Mawer (Persimmon adoptions manager)

To discuss any actions required following the decision

Action: The Clerk to obtain quotes for maintenance of the area in preparation of adoption

583. Financial Matters

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

VAT refund 1/4-30/9 £784.87

Payments:

Service charge	£18.00
Mobile Phone	£6.75
SALC training Helen procurement	£30.00
Somerset Council dog bin charges J/A/S	£731.76
BH HUB - Sensory trail fundraising	£453.00
BH HUB Hire Oct	£28.00
Geral Eyers - Sept	£34.00
HMRC - NI and Tax Oct	£225.82
SC Pensions - Oct	£431.38
H McGladdery - Oct expenses	£35.17
Carly press - Nov CN	£190.00

Service charge

£5.40

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

To discuss grant application from the Gardening Club

The grant application was discussed, and Members all agreed what a wonderful job the volunteers do at keeping the area well kept.

As a gardening club member, Cllr Taylor was not permitted to vote

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Trout and a unanimous vote it was agreed to grant £1000 from CIL funds to the gardening club

Action: The Clerk to arrange the payment

To receive Members suggestions for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget

- Planting in the area
- Leaf clearance
- To allow for increase in Employer NI contributions as Parish Councils will not receive any concessions

Action: Members to forward any further suggestions to the Clerk by 22nd November

To approve purchase of Poppy Wreath

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr N Fernandes, seconded by Cllr Wilson and a unanimous vote it was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath at a cost of £25.00

To set budget for leaf clearance

The Clerk advised that Darren was unable to return this year to carry out leaf clearance. Cllr Hunt advised he had received communication from residents on leaves on the pavement by the school

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr N Fernandes, seconded by Cllr Wilson and a unanimous vote it was agreed to set a budget of £1000 and devolve power to the Clerk to arrange for leaf clearance from a local contractor

Action: The Clerk to contact local contractors

To approve the Clerks backdated pay rise to 1st April 2024 following the decision from National Joint Council for Local Government services

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote it was agreed to implement the pay rise and backdated pay from November pay date

Action: The Clerk to action the pay rise

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

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members

Action: The Clerk to arrange a photo of the new Stonegallows stone with plaque

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

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Wilson and a unanimous vote Members agreed to the revised map and heads of terms.

Action: The Clerk to contact Ranjit Bassey (PC solicitor) to proceed with the transfer

586. Allotments – To discuss concerns over badgers on site

Members were advised that there has been a problem with allegedly on site Badgers eating produce from the plots. It was suggested that the badgers are gaining access under the main gates. It was suggested that if a gate skirt was installed this may eradicate the problem.

Action:

1. The Clerk to investigate the cost of a skirt for the gate
2. To consider installing wildlife cameras in the spring to ascertain where access is gained by the badgers

587. Speed Indicator Device Update

Update on dedicated posts

The posts have been ordered and are awaiting installation by Somerset Council

Update on latest readings from SID

No further updates. As Cllr Jollands has left the PC, the Chair and Cllr Reed will seek to obtain the reading from the SID, with support from other Parishes

588. Update on Highways meeting with SC Officer Kate Brown

Cllr Taylor, Cllr Hunt and the Clerk met with Highways Officer Brown to discuss the reduction of the speed limits on the stretch of A38 from The Worlds End to Orchard Grove roundabout, currently 50mph and from Orchard Grove Roundabout to Topps Tiles roundabout currently 40mph. The Parish Council wishes to have these speed limits reduced following multiple accidents on this stretch of road, the access problems to Runwell Farm Shop, new Gypsy site and the proposed new SEN provision at Rumwell Hall. The aim is for the 50mph zone to reduce to 40mph and the 40mph to reduce to 30mph. Officer Brown will take the speed data to the police and match data with Department of Transport guidance to see if this would be possible. The Parish Council was advised that to carry out these works it would need to be funded as Somerset Council do not have the finances to do this. An estimated cost would be £10,000. As Orchard Grove is in the Taunton Town Council parish this speed reduction will have a positive impact on those residents.

Action:

1. The Clerk to contact CIL Officer to see if CIL funds can be used for this
2. The Clerk to request Cllr B Fernandes approach Taunton Town Council for their support and financial contribution to this scheme
3. Add to the December agenda for update

589. Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Draft budget
- Volunteer café update

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

Meeting closed: 8.25pm

Cllr Tony Taylor – Chairman

Attachment:

1. Budget to spend report

RECEIPTS	Actual		Budget	Variance	
Precept	£ 71,000.00		£ 71,000.00	£ -	
Grants	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Interest	£ 1,928.92		£ 1,000.00	£ 928.92	
Refund	£ -		£ -		
Community News	£ 2,710.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 140.00	
Allotments	£ 180.00		£ 800.00	-£ 620.00	
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	
CIL Payments	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Vat refund	£ 784.87		£ -	£ 784.87	
Sensory Trail fundraising	£ -			£ -	
Total Receipts	£ 77,521.48		£ 77,485.38	£ 36.10	
					6 months costs
PAYMENTS					
VAT	£ 811.38		£ -	£ 811.38	
Clerks salary	£ 10,687.27		£ 24,663.29	-£ 13,976.02	£ 9,211.02
Pension Contributions	£ 2,877.00		£ 6,331.73	-£ 3,454.73	£ 2,588.28
Clerks allowance	£ 156.00		£ 350.00	-£ 194.00	£ 175.00
Establishment costs	£ 722.20		£ 1,000.00	-£ 277.80	£ 500.00
Local amenities	£ 1,219.92		£ 5,000.00	-£ 3,780.08	£ 2,500.00
Supporting local groups	£ 453.00		£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,047.00	£ 1,250.00
Allotments	£ 1,797.55		£ 800.00	£ 997.55	£ 400.00
Community news	£ 1,500.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 1,350.00	£ 1,425.00
Audit (Establishment cost)	£ 365.00		£ 750.00	-£ 385.00	£ 750.00
Insurance (Establishment cost)	£ 500.41		£ 1,500.00	-£ 999.59	£ 500.41
CIL funds	£ 1,033.62		£ -	£ 1,033.62	
Local services	£ 115.00		£ 27,000.00	-£ 26,885.00	£ 13,500.00
137	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Membership	£ 1,142.28		£ 1,300.00	-£ 157.72	£ 1,300.00
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	£ 917.69
Training	£ 90.00		£ 1,000.00	-£ 910.00	£ 500.00
Footpath maintainance	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory trail	£ -				
Total Payments	£ 24,388.32		£ 76,880.40	-£ 52,492.08	£ 35,517.40
Surplus / Defecit	£ 53,133.16	£ -	£ 604.98	£ 52,528.18	