

**MINUTES OF BISHOP'S HULL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE
BISHOPS HULL HUB, BISHOP'S HULL,
ON THURSDAY 3rd April 2025**

Thirteen members of the public attended. Mr Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council, was in the Chair and Helen McGladdery – PC Clerk took the minutes

Meeting start ; 7.15pm

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
Jade Webber – Baby Badgers
Sheena Grinter – BH Brownies
Claire Plumbly – Youth Club
- 2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 4th April 2024**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th April 2024 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.
- 3. To receive the Local PCSO Report**
The PCSO did not attend and a report was not submitted
- 4. To receive presentation from Bishops Hull Youth Club**
Claire was unable to attend but sent a video from the Youth Club thanking the Parish Council for the grant and showed the items being used.
- 5. To receive presentation from Bishops Hull Baby Badgers Group**
Jade was unable to attend and Hilary read the report attached
- 6. To receive presentation from Bishops Hull Brownies**
Sheena was unable to attend and Rachel read the attached report
- 7. To receive presentation on the proposed Sensory Trail**
David Gurr gave a presentation of the Sensory trail plans. The project has been put on hold until the land is transferred to the Parish Council, who will lease to the HUB. This will enable the HUB to seek grant funding. Full plans can be found on the HUB website:
<https://bhhub.co.uk/sensory/>
- 8. To receive the report from the Netherclay Community Woodland**
David Gurr gave a presentation on the Woodland. A team of volunteers carry out maintenance in the woodland through the winter and spring and in the summer carry out the grass cutting. Arborcultural students from Cannington under the supervision of the college carry out tree felling and the logs are sold to fund the work of maintaining the woodland. Rangers from Somerset Council have carried out a tree survey and identified more trees requiring attention. The steps to the river project are hoped to proceed this year.
- 9. To receive report from Bishops Hull Flower Show**
David Gurr gave a presentation on the Flower Show. The 2024 flower show was a great success and the 2025 show is planned for Sunday 10th August. Schedules will be available from the Post office, categories include fruit and veg, baking and crafts

- 10. To receive the report from St Peter and St Pauls Church**
Rev Phil Huges gave a presentation on Church activities he advised services take place on Sundays and mid-week, they carry out at home services in the community for residents unable to attend church, as well as visiting care homes. Everyone is warmly welcomed to any of the services. There will be a music from the shows concert and the regular monthly cafes are successful. They also opened the new area of the Church (The Bridge) over the winter months as a warm space. They continue to raise funds for the following charities: Open door, Youth for Christ, Christian Aid and The Church mission Society.
- 11. To receive report from Bishops Hull Hub**
David Gurr gave a presentation on the BH HUB. The Hub is very busy all peak times fully booked by regular users. The weekends are well booked with events. They are currently seeking a caretaker to assist with the running of the HUB and have a team of 35 volunteers supporting the HUB. The gardening club is now affiliated with the RHS and are hoping for a day out with all the volunteers to Rosemoor later this year. The HUB is doing well financially and able to reinvest profits for future maintenance.
- 12. To receive report from Bishops Hull Playing Fields Trust**
Paul Bulbeck gave a presentation and explained that the Trust have now exited the school and are in the process of taking over ownership of the playing field from Somerset Council. The trust has had a drop in income since relinquishing the school hall and committee room, but continues with car boot sales and raises income from pitch fees. They are looking at installing solar panels on the pavilion.
- 13. To receive report from the Frank Bond Trust**
Carolyn Bulbeck gave a presentation and detailed the activities held at the FBC. They aim to supply a wide range of activities for all and to tackle loneliness and isolation. The Christmas meal at Oake Manor was a huge success and They are holding Easter bingo and a VE day lunch. Everyone is warmly invited to the Friday morning café.
- 14. To receive report from Somerset Councillors Ellis and Hunt**
Cllr Hunt gave a presentation and detailed plans for the park and Ride site to prevent future illegal encampments. The local organisations in Bishops Hull are looking at ways to secure venues/open spaces from future travellers. He has been working with Abbeyvale residents to help set up their own management scheme to manage the open spaces, these residents agreed to pay a service charge on purchase of their home. Waterfield Drive double yellow lines to be installed at the top by the end of June. Path from School - Gillards has been resurfaced. Gas replacement pipe works have commenced. No 3 bus will be re-routed to Richard Huish college rather than the Railway station.
Cllr Ellis gave a presentation and detailed Somerset Councils financial position. Talked about the boundary review, SEND provision, recycling. Need for works at the park and Ride to prevent future encampments. Detailed Taunton town Council and Bishops Hull PC partnership on speed reduction plans for A38. She praised Bishops Hull for the community spirit and working together.

15. To receive the Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanks everyone for attending and giving presentations. He praised the volunteers in the Parish who help to run all the organisations. He thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for her work. He wished the local businesses well. He advised that the PC was in a secure financial position and that the acquisition of Bishops mead open spaces had now gone through and the PC had instructed their contractor to commence. He asked for patience and understanding over the gas replacement pipe works.

16. HAVE YOUR SAY

Cllr Hunt thanked the PC Chairman for all his hard work

Attachments:

1. Baby Badgers report
2. BH Brownies report
3. Flower Show report

1. Bishops Hull Baby Badgers.

Run by myself and 2 fantastic ladies, we are a friendly Stay and play group for children aged

0-4 running at The Hub almost every Thursday between 10am & 12pm. (if we have a week we don't run it will be advertised on our Facebook page.)

The group is really welcoming and friendly and we aren't just a hall full of mums, we often have Grandparents, Aunties, Childminders and Dads!

We provide lots of free play such as soft play, slides, ride on toys, building blocks, playdough, roleplay toys and much more, most weeks we also provide a themed craft along the lines of colouring, painting, sticking etc.

The cost is £2 per family then we have tea coffee and cake or cookies available to purchase for a little extra, all monies taken are put back into Badgers be that by buying new toys & craft supplies, buying the treats we have available each week, paying for our insurance and even paying for a Christmas elf to deliver gifts to our little badgers!

We're currently only a team of 3 and would love for an extra pair of hands, even if it's once or twice a month, if this is something you or someone you know may be interested in, please get

in touch either through our Facebook page or popping in for a chat!

Thank you for your time.

2. BH Brownies

1st Bishops Hull Brownies meet at the school on Wednesday evenings during the school term. Brownies welcomes all girls from 7 to 10 years old for non-stop fun, learning and adventures.

Our programme encourages Brownies to have fun whilst developing new skills, during the past 12 months Bishops Hull Brownies have enjoyed visits to the cinema, Tesco, the High Ropes and an activity day with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides around Taunton and taken part in the annual St Georges Day Parade through the town.

During our meetings the brownies (and leaders) have ·learnt about Beatrix Potter, ·created Pointillism pictures, ·looked at the night sky, ·learnt about renewable energy as well as making a wind turbine.

·Found out about how Brownies have changed (or not changed over the last 110 years), ·learnt what to do if a robot goes wrong because of a bug. This is only a small snapshot of the things we have done.

The Brownies have also gained the following badges, Baking, Painting, Performing, Grow your own, mindfulness, Aviation, Charities, zero waste, inventing, jobs, languages.

We have also provided the refreshments at a number of car boots sales throughout the summer months.

We currently have 18 brownies (and spaces for more girls), 1 young leader and 4 leaders. The girls come from 8 different schools so it is a wonderful opportunity for them to make new friends and gain some valuable life skills.

Should anyone want to find out more about Brownies please visit the girlguiding.org.uk website which includes details of how to join Girlguiding and start your journey where;
·Girls have a space to belong ·Girls take the lead in guiding ·Girls have adventures they'll never forget ·And we're here for every girl, no matter what.

Sheena Grinter - Leader at Bishops Hull Brownies

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Mr Tony Taylor
Chairman