

**MINUTES OF BISHOP'S HULL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE
BISHOPS HULL HUB, BISHOP'S HULL,
ON THURSDAY 7th May 2026**

Sixteen 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**
Claire Plumbly – Youth Club
Jon Lee – HUB
SC Cllr Ellis
- 2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 3rd April 2025**
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**
PCSO Marshall and Sean attended the meeting; Marshall advised that Bishops Hull is still a low crime area. The beat boundaries have extended and extra PCSO's have been recruited.
Cllr Hunt thanks Marshall for his support in parish issues.
- 4. To receive presentation from Bishops Hull Youth Club**
The Youth Club meets monthly and is run by Claire Plumbly, further assistance is required as it cannot operate without her present. They have attendance of between 8-15 children at each session and provide activities. They passed on appreciation to the PC for the grant to buy the football table. A youth club member wrote a very touching letter expressing how valuable the youth club is, and what a friendly and welcoming environment it is.
- 5. To receive report from Bishops Hull School PTA**
The Chair and Treasurer of the PTA were present and gave an update on fundraising activities. The PTA are currently raising funds to refurbish the library, and made a plea for any local trade people who could help. Upcoming event of the May Fayre on Saturday 16th May 2-5pm. They also have an account with Easy fundraising where residents can sign up and a percentage of their shopping from retailers will be donated to the PTA.
- 6. To receive presentation from Bishops Hull Baby Badgers Group**
Hilary Harper gave a presentation of the baby badgers group and advised it is run by a group of three volunteers. They run every Thursday 10-12 in the Hub it's a welcoming environment and they only charge £2 per family. They have open play sessions and crafts available, as well as carrying out fundraising activities.
- 7. To receive presentation from Bishops Hull Brownies**
No report received
- 8. To receive presentation on the proposed Sensory Trail**
David Gurr gave a presentation detailing that the sensory trail plans are still valid and they have 3 people ready to apply for grant funding as soon as the

land is transferred to the PC from SC. They will need to obtain a new quote for the work as the previous quote has now expired. The Sensory trail will be delivered in three phased, phase one has been approved by the Playing Field Trust and Parish Council.

- 9. To receive the report from the Netherclay Community Woodland**
David Gurr gave a presentation and detailed that the woodland is enjoyed by many, especially dog walkers. SC now have 2 rangers who work at the woodland putting on activities in the holidays and run forest schools. Unfortunately Cannington College no longer carry out training at the Woodland but the SC ranger is trained in tree felling if required. The work at the woodland is funded by sales of wood from felled trees along with a grant from the PC.
- 10. To receive report from Bishops Hull Flower Show**
David Gurr gave a presentation about last years flower show and this years which will take place on Sunday 16th August. Entrants have increased every year since covid but more are always welcomed. David praised Josie and Nancy who bake and provide all the cakes for the show, Amanda who organises the event and the gardening team for help setting up.
- 11. To receive the report from St Peter and St Pauls Church**
Rev Phil Hughes gave a presentation of this years activities at the Church. They have a healthy number of regular church goers, as well as services in care homes. They carry out bible stories with props at the school regularly, the church donated advent calendars to all the school children this year. Charity work continues throughout the year and they provide a warm space for residents through the winter months. Coffee mornings are held on the last Saturday of the month in the Bridge (the new entrance to the Church) and all are welcome to attend.
- 12. To receive report from Bishops Hull Hub**
Jon Lee – Chair of the Hub was unable to attend and his report was read out Bookings strong and demand remain high. Many regular groups and a dedicated warm space in an emergency. The Hub are investigating options to maintain a power supply in an emergency (generator/solar batteries) A update will be added to the website shortly to make it clearer for bookings. The Hub remains in a stable financial position.
- 13. To receive report from Bishops Hull Playing Fields Trust**
Paul Bulbeck gave a presentation detailing the Playing Field Trusts position. The land transfer of the freehold from SC to the Trust will hopefully complete by the end of May. The play park will then be transferred to the PC. The Trust funds are diminishing due to lack of income, the once popular car boot sales are not so popular anymore, but they do have regular hirers of the sports field. They are looking at installing solar panels at the pavilion.
- 14. To receive report from the Frank Bond Trust**
Carolyn Bulbeck gave a presentation. The centre continues to thrive and offers a welcoming environment; the centre is home from home for its members. They have a variety of activities every week and a weekly café on a Friday morning which is open to all. They had a VE Day celebration and a Christmas Lunch in December at Oake Manor. She thanked the hard work and support of the trustees and advised the trust have some expensive decisions to make to ensure the centre remains compliant.

- 15. To receive report from Somerset Councillors Ellis and Hunt**
Cllr Ellis was unable to attend and provided a report of Somerset Council activities which was read out. It detailed SC financial position, support available for residents, parking, potholes, bus service, planning and housing, climate and nature emergency, SEND and Adult social care, Somerset electoral divisions and ended her report by saying well done to Bishops Hull for all the amazing voluntary organisations in the village.
Cllr Hunt gave a presentation and passed on thanks to all the local groups and organisations for all they do and working together in Bishops Hull. He thanked the PC Chair/members and Clerk. He advised of the new electoral divisions from 2027 and advised he will be standing for election in 2027 to represent the area, since the electoral changes there will now only be 1 Councillor to represent Bishops Hull and Oake division.
- 16. To receive the Parish Council Chairman's Report**
The Chair reiterated the thanks Cllr Hunt gave, spoke about the gas works last year that caused havoc in the village and thanked Cllr Hunt for his work in helping with traffic flow. He also praised the workmen who carried out a very professional job under difficult circumstances. He requested that if residents had any concerns in the parish to contact The Clerk. He advised the PC is in a stable financial position and praised the efforts of the PC to maintain a balanced budget and only increase the precept by 2.5% this year.
- 17. HAVE YOUR SAY**
No items raised

Meeting closed: 8.30pm