

Bishops Hull Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL

Held at The Bishops Hull HUB on THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2026

Members Present:

Cllr T Taylor – Chairman	Cllr J Hunt – Parish and Somerset
Cllr J Emmott	Cllr H Harper
Cllr P Hopkins	Cllr R Reed
Cllr M Trout	

Also Present: Helen McGladdery – Clerk and RFO

“HAVE YOUR SAY”: - An open 15-minute session where residents may raise items of local concern and to receive the Somerset Councillors reports

Cllr Hunt- Advised in the recent heatwave the primary school stayed open to offer working parents and children who needed care. School attendance dropped to 71% over this period. Cllr Hunt is pushing SC to adopt Mountway lane and close which are currently the residents responsibility. Hayden Rd flats are suffering parking problems due to non-residents using the parking spaces. He made a request of the volunteers to clear the footpath between Smithy and Lavender Grove. He advised that a memorial cricket match was held for Barnaby Webber last month.

Meeting starts 7.25pm

831. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Cllr B Fernandes – TTC Mayoral duties
Cllr N Fernandes – Supporting Cllr B Fernandes with her TTC duties
Cllr M Turner – Holiday
Cllr J Wilson - Holiday

832. Declaration of Interest not already recorded

None

833. To Agree Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2026

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

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

05/26/0011 - Replacement of 3 No. windows at Rokeby, Bishops Hull Road, Bishops Hull

Resolved: No comment

05/26/0012 - Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of 16 Shutemead, Bishops Hull, Taunton (amended scheme to 05/25/0016)

Resolved: No comment

Action: The Clerk to submit the responses

835. Kinglake

To receive update on transfer of land from Persimmon to PC

The Clerk advised the transfer has still not gone through as the PC solicitor is awaiting final searches. Persimmon have been contacted and a request made to cut the grass and empty the bins as the site is still their responsibility. A quote has been received from SC to empty the bins on site, post adoption at a cost of £6.50 per bin per visit.

Update on actions to be carried

Action: The Clerk to contact Dan Mawer to seek clarification as to when the roads will be adopted by SC.

To agree bank accounts for reserves

Deferred

836. Devolution – Bishops Hull Play Park

To receive latest update from Somerset Council on the land transfer of the play park to The Parish Council

The Clerk advised that SC have now added a new clause to the transfer, that if in future the PC wished to sell the play park, they would need to give SC first refusal. This is to ensure assets remain in the public interest

Resolved: Members confirmed they were happy to proceed with this clause included

Action: The Clerk to advise PC solicitor

To discuss any further actions required prior to transfer

None

To confirm to take out an indemnity policy to protect against mines and minerals on the land

Resolved: Members agreed to take out an indemnity policy for mines and minerals at a cost of £56.00

Action: The Clerk to advise PC solicitor

837. Bishops Mead

To receive update from SC on request to install handrail on steps from playing fields to Gillards

The Clerk advised after this matter was escalated at SC they advised the steps were the responsibility of the school. The Clerk contacted the school

who provided evidence that the steps had reverted back to SC ownership once the school became an academy. The Clerk has therefore made a complaint to SC over the waste of time spent on this matter and their lack of accountability for their assets.

838. Financial Matters

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

Nil

Payments:

Service charge	£7.00
Parsons _ April	£332.02
Parsons - May	£332.02
Gerald Eysers - May	£45.00
Parish Online - Mapping	£216.00
Parish Online - Website	£468.00
Carly Press - June CN	£220.00
Jill Larcombe - Audit	£55.00
CSLPC - SALC training Clerk	£20.00
BH HUB hire - June	£30.00
SC Pensions - June	£445.73
HMRC - June	£430.97
H McGladdery - expenses	£127.14
Carly Press - July	£220.00
SC quarte 1 charges	£608.40
The Clerks May salary was paid in this period	

Direct debit:

HR Check – DBS checks £206.00

Invoices to be approved

None

To receive budget to spend monthly report - attached

839. Governance

To receive update on applying for The NALC Local Council's awards scheme

Deferred

To adopt the amended reserves policy

Deferred

To adopt amended Financial Regulations

Resolved: The amended Financial Regulations were adopted

Action: The Clerk to add to the website

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

The Clerks report was distributed to members detailing minute actions

841. Parish maintenance:

To agree any areas requiring additional maintenance

The Clerk advised she had reported the overgrown vegetation on Bishops Hull Road that is obscuring the priority sign and SID post. SC have advised it is on their works list.

Action: The Clerk to write to a resident with overgrown vegetation over the pavement

Update on compost heap removal

The Chair gave an update on a dispute between the HUB and Playing Fields Trust over the payment to remove and replace the post. Once this matter is resolved the compost heap can be removed

To receive update on quote for cleaning of the War memorial

Awaiting further information from The War Memorials Trust

To discuss planting in the Autumn

Resolved: A budget of £200 was set to look into planting options for September in Bishops Mead

Action: Councillors to email Cllr Trout and the Clerk with suggestions

842. Allotments

Update on onsite issues

Cllr trout and The Clerk gave an update of onsite issues and how these matters have been resolved

To confirm renewal of Allotment Insurance at a cost of £175.97

Resolved: Members agreed to renew the insurance at a cost of £175.97

Action: The Clerk to renew the policy and arrange the payment

843. Update on Parish Council proposal to reduce speed limits on A38

To receive latest update from Kate Brown - SC

No further information received

844. Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Compost heat update
- Bus shelters
- Grant request from BHCC
- Meeting dates 2027/28

845. Date of next meeting: Parish Council meeting Thursday 3rd September 7pm at Bishops Hull HUB

Meeting closed: 8.15pm

Tony Taylor – Chair.....

Attachments:

1. Budget to spend report

Budget to spend report

RECEIPTS	Actual		Budget	Variance	
Precept	£ 38,000.00		£ 76,000.00	-£ 38,000.00	
Interest	£ -		£ 1,000.00	-£ 1,000.00	
Community News	£ -		£ 3,055.00	-£ 3,055.00	
Allotments	£ 75.00		£ 815.00	-£ 740.00	
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	
Grants	£ -		£ -	£ -	
CIL Payments	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Vat refund	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Total Receipts	£ 38,992.69		£ 82,705.38	-£ 43,712.69	
PAYMENTS					6 months costs
VAT	£ 381.42		£ -	£ 381.42	
Clerks salary	£ 6,087.34		£ 31,500.00	-£ 25,412.66	-£ 12,706.33
Pension Contributions	£ 1,361.89		£ 5,638.50	-£ 4,276.61	-£ 2,138.31
Clerks allowance	£ 78.00		£ 350.00	-£ 272.00	-£ 136.00
Establishment costs	£ 760.31		£ 1,000.00	-£ 239.69	-£ 119.85
Local amenities	£ 507.00		£ 4,000.00	-£ 3,493.00	-£ 1,746.50
Supporting local groups	£ 1,000.00		£ 3,000.00	-£ 2,000.00	-£ 1,000.00
Allotments	£ 117.00		£ 1,000.00	-£ 883.00	-£ 441.50
Community news	£ 630.00		£ 3,055.00	-£ 2,425.00	-£ 1,212.50
Audit (Establishment cost)	£ 55.00		£ 750.00	-£ 695.00	-£ 347.50
Insurance (Establishment cost)	£ 632.43		£ 1,500.00	-£ 867.57	-£ 433.79
CIL funds	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
Local services	£ -		£ 6,500.00	-£ 6,500.00	-£ 3,250.00
137	£ -			£ -	£ -
Membership	£ 1,512.27		£ 1,750.00	-£ 237.73	-£ 118.87
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	-£ 458.85
Training	£ 20.00		£ 500.00	-£ 480.00	-£ 240.00
Footpath maintenance	£ -		£ 1,000.00	-£ 1,000.00	-£ 500.00
Rospa play inspection			£ 1,000.00	-£ 1,000.00	-£ 500.00
Playground repairs			£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,500.00	-£ 1,250.00
Speed indicator device	£ -		£ 500.00	-£ 500.00	-£ 250.00
Bishops Mead	£ 830.04		£ 8,000.00	-£ 7,169.96	-£ 3,584.98
Play Equipment	£ -		£ 5,000.00	-£ 5,000.00	-£ 2,500.00
Elections			£ 1,250.00		
Planting			£ 300.00		
Total Payments	£ 14,890.39		£ 81,928.88	-£ 65,869.91	-£ 24,849.98
Surplus / Defecit	£ 24,102.30				