

Bishops Hull Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Members Present:

Cllr T Taylor – Chairman	Cllr J Hunt – Parish and Somerset
Cllr B Fernandes	Cllr N Fernandes
Cllr H Harper	Cllr P Hopkins
Cllr M Trout	Cllr J Wilson

Also Present: Helen McGladdery – Clerk and RFO, SC Cllr Ellis, MP Gideon Amos and 4 members of the public.

“HAVE YOUR SAY”: - An open 15-minute session where residents may raise items of local concern and to receive the Somerset Councillors reports
MP Gideon Amos – introduced himself and invited resident's to make contact with any local issues.

3 resident's spoke about their concerns relating to an outdoor music festival held at the Old Inn in the summer. 130 decibels were recorded inside the neighbours home during the event.

SC Cllr Ellis – advised she had received complaints about the music festival and had spoken to environmental health at SC. She updates on SC news and financial position.

Cllr Hunt- Had also received complaints about the music festival and had also spoken to environmental health at SC and advised any complaints would be considered for any future applications from the Old Inn. He advised of local issues of anti-social behaviour, speeding and joyriding.

Meeting starts 7.40pm

846. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Cllr M Turner – Holiday
Cllr J Emmott – Holiday
Cllr R Reed – Family commitments

847. Declaration of Interest not already recorded

None

848. To Agree Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 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

849. Planning and Enforcement

To receive the planning panel report on planning applications received: 5/26/0013/LB - Roof strengthening works and installation of internal EV charger at Longaller Mill, Longaller, Bishops Hull (retention of works already undertaken)

Resolved: To support the comments of the conservation office

To discuss noise complaints received about The Old Inn

Resolved: The PC would write to SC environmental health to echo the concerns of residents

Action; The Clerk to write to SC

850. Kinglake

To receive update on transfer of land from Persimmon to PC

The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk have signed a revised map as the original was slightly wrong. The area was thoroughly checked by the Chair and Vice chair prior to signing. The map has been returned to the PC solicitor.

Update on actions to be carried

None

To agree bank accounts for reserves

Defer pending receipt of Kinglake funds

851. Devolution – Bishops Hull Play Park

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

PC solicitor advised that it would be advisable to take out search indemnity insurance, the Clerk is awaiting the quote.

Resolved: Councillors devolved powers to the Clerk to complete the insurance once quote received.

Action: The Clerk to take out the insurance

To discuss any further actions required prior to transfer

None

852. Bishops Mead

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

Awaiting further information from SC

To discuss contractor to carry out regular tree work in the parish

Resolved: The Clerk will obtain three quotes to be discussed at the October meeting

Action

1. The Clerk to contact local tree surgeons for quotes
2. Add to October agenda

To agree to install plaque on bench at Bishops Mead

Resolved: It was agreed to install the plaque from Ms Waterfield on the bench

853. Financial Matters

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

NIL

Payments:

Service charge	£7.00
Mobile phone	£9.19
CK insurance - Allotments	£175.97
Parsons - June	£332.02
BH HUB Hire July	£30.00
Mobile phone	£9.19
G Eyers - June	£27.00
Carly press - Aug CN	£220.00
SC Pensions - July	£421.02
HMRC - July	£387.20
H McGladdery - July salary and expenses	£1,516.89
Service charge	£7.00
SALC - Hilary C of C training	£25.00
SALC - Hilary planning training	£25.00
Parsons - Bishops Mead July	£332.02
G Eyers - July	£45.00
Elancity - warranty	£238.80
Water2business - allotments	£636.74
HMRC - August	£354.41
SC Pensions - August	£402.49
H McGladdery - Aug expenses	£8.25

Invoices to be approved

NIL

To receive budget to spend monthly report

Attached

854. Governance

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

Councillor bios now updated on website and Clerk working on additional policies

To discuss community engagement for setting 2027/28 budget

Resolved: To hold a meet the Councillors session at the gardening café on 14th November and to devise a questionnaire for residents to ascertain any requests

Action:

1. The Clerk to book the venue
2. The Clerk to advertise in the Community news
3. The Clerk to produce posters for noticeboards and Facebook

To adopt the amended reserves policy

Deferred pending receipt of Kinglake funds

Action: Add to October agenda

To adopt amended Financial Risk Management scheme

Deferred

Action:

1. Councillors to read the policy and forward any comments to the Clerk before 18th September
2. Add to October agenda

To approve 2027/28 meeting dates

Councillors expressed a wish to alternate the venue between the HUB and FBC. The following dates were approved:

January 28th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th APM and AM

June 3rd, July 1st, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th & December 2nd

Action:

1. Cllr Hunt to confirm if FBC still take bookings
2. The Clerk to then schedule the meetings at both venues
3. The clerk to then book the venues

855. 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

856. Parish maintenance:

To agree any areas requiring additional maintenance

Resolved:

1. Powers devolved to Clerk to arrange leaf clearance when required and a budget of £500 was set.
2. Councillors agreed to instruct parsons Landscapes to carry out hedge cutting on Bishops Hull Road

Action:

1. Councillors to advise Clerk of any problem areas following leaf fall
2. The Clerk to instruct Parsons landscapes

Update on compost heap removal

No further update

To receive update on quote for cleaning of the War memorial

Resolved: Cllrs B and N Fernandes to clean the war memorial as per War Memorial Trusts instructions

To confirm planting scheme in the Autumn

It was agreed not to progress with any further planting this year

857. Allotments

Update on onsite issues

None

To discuss water usage and actions taken to rectify leak

A large water bill was received and after investigations it would appear there is a water leak. A contractor has been instructed to carry out investitive works Water harvesting ideas were raised.

Action:

1. Add water harvesting to October agenda for discussion
2. The chair will make enquires with the education centre about the possibility of utilising the building.

858. Highways

Update on Parish Council proposal to reduce speed limits on A38

To receive latest update from Kate Brown – SC

SC advised the scheme has been delayed for several months

To discuss speeding concerns on Shutewater Hill

A speed watch site has been requested.

Action: Cllr hunt to make enquiries if resident's would be prepared to install 20mph signs (stickers) in the area

859. Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Tree quotes for Bishops Mead
- Half yearly report
- Conclusion of audit
- Allotment water harvesting
- Emergency volunteer update
- 20mph stickers
- Meet the councillor event
- Additional policies

860. Date of next meeting: Parish Council meeting Thursday 1st October - 7pm at Bishops Hull HUB

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

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	£ 841.81		£ 1,000.00	-£ 158.19	
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	£ 39,834.50		£ 82,705.38	-£ 42,870.88	
PAYMENTS					6 months costs
VAT	£ 638.03		£ -	£ 638.03	
Clerks salary	£ 9,756.66		£ 31,500.00	-£ 21,743.34	-£ 10,871.67
Pension Contributions	£ 2,185.40		£ 5,638.50	-£ 3,453.10	-£ 1,726.55
Clerks allowance	£ 78.00		£ 350.00	-£ 272.00	-£ 136.00
Establishment costs	£ 857.68		£ 1,000.00	-£ 142.32	-£ 71.16
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	£ 895.58		£ 1,000.00	-£ 104.42	-£ 52.21
Community news	£ 850.00		£ 3,055.00	-£ 2,205.00	-£ 1,102.50
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	£ 70.00		£ 500.00	-£ 430.00	-£ 215.00
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	£ 199.00		£ 500.00	-£ 301.00	-£ 150.50
Bishops Mead	£ 1,383.40		£ 8,000.00	-£ 6,616.60	-£ 3,308.30
Play Equipment	£ -		£ 5,000.00	-£ 5,000.00	-£ 2,500.00
Elections			£ 1,250.00		
Planting			£ 300.00		
Emergency plan	£ 206.00				
Total Payments	£ 21,744.14		£ 81,928.88	-£ 59,478.77	-£ 22,030.59
Surplus / Defecit	£ 18,090.36				