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JANUARY 2022

Tue 3rd	10-12noon	Crafty coffee	FBC
Wed 4th	2-4pm	Good Companions	FBC
Mon 9th	1-3pm	Talking Café	HUB
Tue 10th	10-3.30	Parchment Club	FBC
Thu 12th	2-4pm	Mahjong	FBC
Sat 14th	10-12noon	Hub Café	HUB
Tue 17th	10-12noon	Crafty coffee	FBC
Wed 18th	1.30-4.15pm	University of the 3rd Age	HUB
Thu 19th	12.30pm	Lunch Club	FBC
	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting	HUB
Mon 23rd	1-3pm	Talking Café	HUB
Thu 26th	2-4pm	Mahjong	FBC
	7.30-10pm	Women's Institute	HUB
Wed 25th	2-4pm	Music appreciation	FBC

MONDAYS	10-11am	Nia	HUB
	11.15 -12.45pm	Sweaty Mama	HUB
	10-12noon	Painting Group	FBC
	1.30-4.00pm	Whist Club	FBC
	2.00-4.00pm	Bridge (except 1st Monday)	FBC
	6.30-7.30pm	Zumba	HUB
	7.30pm	Tone Big Band (1st & 3rd Mon)	HUB
TUESDAYS	10-12noon	Petanque	FBC
	6.15-7.00am	Group Fitness Training	HUB
	1.30-2.30pm	Tai Chi	HUB
	10.00-4.00pm	Board Games	FBC
	7-8pm	Yoga	HUB

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	10.00-11.00am	Flexercise	FBC
	11.00 -12noon	Pilate for Everyone	HUB
	2.00-4.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	HUB
	6.00-7.00pm	Tae Kwon Do	HUB
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	10.00 -12noon	Baby Badgers	HUB
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FRIDAYS	8.30am-1pm	Star Bubs	HUB
	10.00-12noon	Frank's Café	FBC
	4.45-8.15pm	Martial Arts	HUB

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Bishops Hull Parish Council News – Summary of December meeting:

- David Gurr (HUB) presented the feedback from the sensory trail consultation.
- Paul Bulbeck (BHVH&PF Trust) advised the trustees would consider the amended plans and consultation feedback at their next meeting on 14th December, and if they are in agreement the project would progress to the next stage, where the Parish Council would take the appropriate steps to take ownership and responsibility for the area to alleviate any future burden on the BHVH&PF Trust
- Members agreed to review revised quotes for allotment works at the January meeting.
- Members agreed to progress the purchase of a Speed Indicator device for use around the parish to combat speeding vehicles
- Members agreed to look at increasing the budget and precept request at the next meeting to allow the Parish Council to take on extra services
- Further information required before setting up a junior Parish Council – thoughts and suggestions welcomed from younger parish residents.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th January at 7pm – Bishops Hull HUB

Report on the Public Consultation for the possible Sensory Trail

The public consultation ran from 12th November until the 30th of November. The full plans were on display at The Hub on the 12th with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposals. The plans were also available on the Bishop's Hull village web site, The Hub web site and on notice boards around the village for the month of November. A Facebook page was created asking people to like/love the project. This page had a focus on phase 1 of the project. The following examples of the paper-based questionnaire asked for a simple yes/no response if the responder supported the following:

The development of the sensory trail? The provision of the accessible ramp and steps?

The proposed phase 1 development?

Phase 2

The proposed timber sleeper steps from the top path to the field?

The proposed Amphitheatre/ informal seating area?

Phase 3

The provision of a footpath link and gate into the playing field from the end of Jarmyns?

The provision of a natural play area on a reshaped mound?

There was scope for comments, and we also took the opportunity to ask if they would like to be involved with the scheme.

Facebook Page Feedback

585 residents saw the post, 186 'engaged with it' – which means they did something other than simply read it e.g. opened the plans, forwarded to another person. 66 – voted in favour. There were no negative votes or comments. This was the Top Post on the FB page for the period of consultation and there were several supportive comments made. Feedback from the paper based questionnaire and discussions at The Hub. 18 forms were completed. 16 said 'Yes', they were in full support of all aspects of the proposal 2 anonymous forms were completed that supported all aspects except for 1 question. These, and others, commented on the current problem of the behaviour of youths who congregate on the mound late at night causing a nuisance. The message was they didn't want anything that would potentially exacerbate the situation.

One comment that summed up the overall response was as follows

"The Hub is superb, the playing fields are always beautifully maintained, and this new project has something for everyone. A really exciting initiative. Well done and thank you to all involved".

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. The next step is to present to the Trustees of the VH&PFT to request permission to move forward, and if agreed, we start the fund raising.

David Gurr & Richard Holland

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

Yes, I realise that this is January's edition of our glorious Community News however, as it is delivered to you around Christmas time, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy 2023. On Saturday 26th November, many of you attended my village Christmas Dinner Dance held at the Hub, thank you to all that came along. After dinner, I gave a brief speech thanking those that had helped to make the evening such a success. I also took the opportunity to thank those who have given their time to make our village a real community, and through this article I would like to thank them 'out-loud' again. I will start with our Parish Council and a give big thank you to Chair, Tony Taylor, his predecessor Mike Leach and their fellow councillors, great work everyone, putting Bishop's Hull first. Most of us have used and enjoyed our village playing field, the refurbished playpark, and the village hall and community room within the school. These facilities and so much more are provided by Paul Bulbeck (Chair) and his fellow trustees who serve on the Village Hall & Playing Field Trust. Looking after this large area and facilities at the centre of the village is a massive undertaking, well done and thank you to Paul and his team. Since its completion over a year ago, the Hub has become the community facility that we all hoped it would be. Thank you to the Hub Trust's Chair, Jon Lee and his fellow trustees, together with the superb group of volunteers who continue to organise so many wonderful events for us all to enjoy. If you have not been to the Frank Bond Centre recently, then I would thoroughly recommend that you did. A warm thank you and congratulations to Chair, Carolyn Bulbeck and her dedicated team of trustees on creating a welcoming community facility for those over 50. In thanking David Gurr for his contribution to our village, it is difficult to pin him down to a particular organisation. Suffice to say that David, strongly supported by his wife Jane, has been the driving force behind so much of what has brought our community together. In his official roles as Chair of both the Friends of Netherclay Community Woodland Trust and the Bishop's Hull Gardening Club, David, together with his fellow hard-working volunteers, has done a wonderful job looking after and improving our natural habitat, thank you all. We get to enjoy our wonderful village facilities, without always seeing the 'back-stage' work that it takes to produce and take care of them. So, whilst you are enjoying your Christmas festivities, please raise a glass and toast our intrepid team of volunteers. Happy New Year everyone, **John Hunt**

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