

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bishops Hull Hub THURSDAY 6th JUNE 2024

Members Present:

Cllr T Taylor – Chairman
Cllr A Plumbly
Cllr M Trout

Cllr J Hunt – Parish and Somerset Cllr
Cllr R Reed
Cllr J Wilson

Also Present: Helen McGladdery – Clerk and RFO

Have Your Say

Cllr Hunt gave a verbal report detailing his attendance at the D Day event in Vivary Park. He complimented the Primary school PTA on the May Fayre. He advised a presentation was made to Paul Bulbeck - Chair of the Playing Fields Trust for 40 years' service and a plaque will be installed at the Pavilion. He has reported the pot holes on Silk Mills Road and is continuing to request speed reductions on the Wellington Road.

Meeting starts 7.20pm

522. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Cllr B Fernandes – Attending D DAY commemoration event
Cllr N Fernandes – Vice Chair - Attending D DAY commemoration event
Somerset Councillor Ellis - Attending D DAY commemoration event
Cllr M Jollands – Work commitments

523 Declaration of Interest not already recorded

Cllr Plumbly agenda item 6C

524. To Agree Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2023.

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

525. To receive updates from Local Trusts

BH HUB – Cllr Taylor will attend the HUB meeting next week and report back at the July meeting

BH Playing fields Trust – Cllr Hunt will attend the meeting next week and was reminded that the PFT Chairman agreed to add an agenda item at the June meeting to seek the views of the Trustee as to if they wished to merge with the HUB

Netherclay Woodland – No further updates

526. Planning

To receive the Planning Panel report on planning applications received:

05/24/0013/T - Notification to fell one maple and to carry out management works to one poplar tree within Bishops Hull Conservation Area at Manor Nursing Home, Haydon Close, Bishops Hull

Resolved: To support the comments of the Arbicultural Officer

05/24/0014/T - Application to re-pollard one poplar tree and to carry out management works to a group of roadside trees including yews, pines and other species (crown-lift to clear high vehicles) included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Hull No.3) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at Manor Nursing Home, Haydon Lane, Bishops Hull (TD702)

Resolved: To support the comments of the Arbicultural Officer

Action: The Clerk to submit the responses

Kinglake - To receive the latest update from Dan Mawer (Persimmon) and Rebecca Staddon (Somerset Council) on the progress of the site being ready for adoption and details of the commuted sum

The Clerk advised that she had contacted Rebecca Staddon to seek advice relating to the Commuted Sum, as Persimmon are only offering the Commuted sum not the additional indexation (as stated in the S106 agreement) She advised this matter has been transferred to the legal department.

Dan Mawer offers a very brief update stating no further developments.

Action: The Clerk to contact Dan Mawer - Persimmon requesting a detailed update on the commuted sum

527.Financial Matters

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

Allotments	£30.00
BH HUB Loan	£917.69

Payments:

Mobile phone	£6.75
Carly Press - June	£190.00
Gallacher Insurance	£500.41
BH Primary Hire	£12.00
Tony Taylor allotment exp	£44.71
Weavo - Additional raised beds	£881.28
Jill Larcombe - Internal audit	£50.00
Somerset Council pensions - May	£431.38
HMRC Tax and NI May	£225.82
H McGladdery Expenses	£46.69
Public Works Loans Board	£917.69

The Clerks May salary was paid in this period

To receive budget to spend monthly report (attached to the minutes)

To agree budget for cementing pebbles into Stonegallows stone

An update was received with a plan and costs to cement the pebbles into the stone, with a local resident offering his time for free to do this. A query was raised if the stones could be coated with sealant to protect them from fading. Cllr Plumbly was not permitted to vote as a Stonegallows resident, and some of the pebbles were painted by his children

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Wilson and a unanimous vote members agreed a budget of £200 from CIL funds to have the stones cemented into the base, a sealant applied and a plaque installed

Action: The Clerk to advise the resident of the decision and to authorise the works

To approve the Insurance renewal

The Clerk advised that the Council had entered into a three-year agreement therefore the Insurance has automatically been renewed at a cost of £500.41 for the year.

To approve purchase of replacement noticeboard at Mountway Road

One of the posts on the Mountway road noticeboard has become unstable, as this is a very old noticeboard it was agreed to replace it.

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Trout, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote a budget of £1500 was set from CIL Funds to enable the Clerk to arrange a new noticeboard to be installed

Action:

1. The Clerk to contact R Sweet to request the removal of the noticeboard.
2. The Chairman to contact local carpenter to receive a quote compared to the online ones
3. The Clerk to arrange the order and installation of the new board

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

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members, she also advised that she had been in liaison with the PPLO and Local land owner regarding the local footpaths

Action:

1. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with local land owner, PPLO and Chairman
2. The Clerk to add a Community News article
3. It was agreed the Clerk be the main contact for reporting local footpath issues

529.To agree monthly budget and to devolve power to The Clerk for footpath and vegetation clearance.

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Plumbly, seconded by Cllr Reed and a unanimous vote it was agreed to devolve power to the Clerk with a budget of £500 per month for urgent vegetation clearance and footpath clearance, The Clerk would contact members prior to instructing a contractor

530.Bishops Mead:

To receive latest update on progress of land transfer of Bishops Mead from Somerset Council

The Clerk advised that she has emailed multiple times but no further progress received, although they have advised they will not transfer the allotments to the PC, as they are next to the educational centre and may be required in future years for educational provision.

Action: Somerset Councillor Hunt to speak to SC to try and progress the land transfer

To receive update on obtaining quotes for the maintenance of this area

The Clerk and Chairman have met with three contractors and are meeting another one next week. Quotes will be presented at the July meeting for approval

531.Allotments update

The Chairman advised that with the help of many volunteers the soil was moved from the entrance to the raised beds. They are all now ready to let. It was also agreed to produce an insert in the Community news to share the work carried out

Action:

1. The Clerk to purchase numbers for the beds
2. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Trout to allocate the beds to the new tenants

532.Update on provider options for dedicated .GOV Parish Council website and email addresses for Members

Three quotes were discussed from Parish Online, Vision ICT and Somerset Web Services.

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote it was agreed to check with Parish Online that the website would be responsive and fit to mobile devices and if it is to go with their quote and request they set up a new .GOV website and email accounts for the PC.

Action: The Clerk to contact Parish Online

533. Speed Indicator Device Update

No further updates

534.Update on volunteering café

It was agreed to set a date in October to run a separate Volunteering café and invite all organisations to attend

Action: Cllr Reed to present a plan to the next meeting and book a provisional date in October

535.To agree nomination for Somerset Council Chairs Community Awards

It was agreed to nominate Richard Holland for the work he has carried out for the Hub and Sensory project

Action: The Chairman to approach Richard to check he is happy to be nominated

536.Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Volunteer café

Meeting closed: 8.55pm

Cllr Tony Taylor – Chairman

Attachment:

1. Budget to spend report

RECEIPTS	Actual		Budget	Variance	
Precept	£ 71,000.00		£ 71,000.00	£ -	
Grants	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Interest	£ -		£ 1,000.00	-£ 1,000.00	
Refund	£ -		£ -		
Community News	£ 54.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 2,796.00	
Allotments	£ 75.00		£ 800.00	-£ 725.00	
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	
CIL Payments	£ 4,121.81		£ -	£ 4,121.81	
Vat refund	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory Trail fundraising	£ -			£ -	
Total Receipts	£ 76,168.50		£ 77,485.38	-£ 1,316.88	
					6 months costs
PAYMENTS					
VAT	£ 152.32		£ -	£ 152.32	
Clerks salary	£ 2,920.37		£ 24,663.29	-£ 21,742.92	£ 9,211.02
Pension Contributions	£ 809.14		£ 6,331.73	-£ 5,522.59	£ 2,588.28
Clerks allowance	£ -		£ 350.00	-£ 350.00	£ 175.00
Establishment costs	£ 147.17		£ 1,000.00	-£ 852.83	£ 500.00
Local amenities	£ -		£ 5,000.00	-£ 5,000.00	£ 2,500.00
Supporting local groups	£ -		£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,500.00	£ 1,250.00
Allotments	£ 773.67		£ 800.00	-£ 26.33	£ 400.00
Community news	£ 380.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 2,470.00	£ 1,425.00
Audit (Establishment cost)	£ 50.00		£ 750.00	-£ 700.00	£ 750.00
Insurance (Establishment cost)	£ 500.41		£ 1,500.00	-£ 999.59	£ 500.41
CIL funds	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Local services	£ -		£ 27,000.00	-£ 27,000.00	£ 13,500.00
137	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Membership	£ 188.00		£ 1,300.00	-£ 1,112.00	£ 1,300.00
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	£ 917.69
Training	£ -		£ 1,000.00	-£ 1,000.00	£ 500.00
Footpath maintenance	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory trail	£ -				
Total Payments	£ 6,838.77		£ 76,880.40	-£ 70,041.63	£ 35,517.40
Surplus / Defecit	£ 69,329.73	£ -	£ 604.98	£ 68,724.75	

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