

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bishops Hull Hub THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2024

Members Present:

Cllr T Taylor – Chairman

Cllr J Hunt – Parish and Somerset

Cllr A Plumbly

Cllr R Reed

Cllr M Trout

Cllr J Wilson

Also Present: Helen McGladdery – Clerk and RFO

Have Your Say

Cllr Hunt gave a verbal report detailing a meeting he attended with Abbeyvale residents, he reported issues with school transport. He gave details of the current local government boundary review which will be implemented in 2027. He confirmed that the primary school is now part of the BEP academy.

Cllr Ellis submitted a report that was distributed to Members.

Meeting starts 7.20pm

552. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Cllr B Fernandes – Holiday

Cllr N Fernandes – Vice Chairman – Holiday

Cllr M Jollands – Work commitment

Somerset Councillor Ellis – Taunton Town Council meeting

PCSO Marshall Bernhardt – Not on duty

553. Declaration of Interest not already recorded

None

554. To Agree Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2024.

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

555. To receive updates from Local Trusts

BH HUB – The Chairman gave a verbal update, detailing plans for a new shed for the gardening club, issues with the cricket clubs players conduct, and advised the HUB remains in a sound financial position.

BH Playing Fields Trust – Cllr Hunt attend the last meeting, which was inquorate so no matters were resolved.

556. Planning

To receive the Planning Panel report on planning applications received:

05/24/0021/T - Application to carry out management works to one Turkey Oak included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Hull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 67 Bishops Hull Road, Bishops Hull (TD700)

Resolved: To support the comments of the Arbicultural Officer

Action: The Clerk to submit the response

557. Kinglake

To receive the latest update from Dan Mawer (Persimmon) on the progress of the site being ready for adoption and details of the commuted sum

No update received

To receive the latest update from Rebecca Staddon (Somerset Council) and Paula Goddard (Somerset Council legal team) on the progress of the site being ready for adoption and details of the commuted sum

The Clerk advised that Paula Goddard had been approached by Persimmon and a meeting was requested to finalise the handover. The Parish Council will now proceed with this now a solicitor can be instructed

To agree to instruct a solicitor from quotes received to act on behalf of the Parish Council and to carry out the land transfer

The quotes received from solicitors with a specialist in Local Government were discussed and the following resolution was made

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote it was agreed to instruct Anthony Collins solicitors.

Action:

1. The Clerk to instruct the solicitor
2. The Clerk to inform Paula Goddard and Rebecca Staddon of the decision and to schedule a meeting

558. Financial Matters

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

Community News adverts	£2,350.00
Allotments	£20.00

Payments:

CK Insurance	£160.97
Mobile Phone - July	£6.75
SALC - Training - Mandi	£35.00
Somerset Council dog bin charges A/M/J	£731.95
Gerald Eyers - Allotments	£34.00
BH HUB hire - July	£28.00
HMRC - July	£225.82
Sc Pensions - July	£431.38
H McGladdery - July Expenses	£11.99
Parish Online - new website	£348.00
David Bain - Stonegallows pebbles project	£88.62
Water2Business - Allotments	£140.80
Carly Press - Aug newsletter and insert	£360.00
Parish Noticeboards - Mountway Road	£1,056.00
Gerald Eyers - Allotments - July	£71.00
Mobile Phone August	£6.75
HMRC - Aug Ni and Tax	£225.82
SC pensions - August	£431.38
H McGladdery Aug Expenses	£11.99

The Clerks July and August salaries were paid in this period.

To receive budget to spend monthly report – Attached to the minutes

Conclusion of Audit

The external audit has been signed off by PKF auditors with no matters of non-compliance.

Resolution: Following a proposal from Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Trout and a unanimous vote the audit was approved

Action: The Clerk to display the conclusion of audit notices

To approve the renewal of Somerset Association of Local Councils annual membership at a cost of £954.28

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote it was agreed to renew the membership

Action: The Clerk to arrange the payment

To discuss Cllr Hunts request for a no littering sign following resident's request

Action:

1. The Clerk to add an article to the community news regarding littering
2. The Clerk to contact Somerset Council regrading signs/stickers

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

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members

560. Update on meeting with Bishops Hull Cricket Club and Parish Council representatives

Cllr Hunt and Cllr Taylor attended a meeting with the Playing Fields Trust Chairman, Cricket club treasurer and the Cricket club president Mark Chanter to raise the Parish Councils concerns over the conduct of some of the players, raise safety concerns at cricket matches and littering.

It was advised that this was a very positive meeting and the concerns were listened to and actions including training for a "Responsible person" to be in attendance when the bar is open, are being put in place.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and will take appropriate action if necessary.

561. Bishops Mead - To receive latest update on progress of land transfer and implementation of management of Bishops Mead from Somerset Council

The Clerk advised that a management licence has been requested and is in progress at Somerset Council. Somerset Cllr Hunt advised he had been asked to sign off the transfer of the land to the Parish Council, which he had done providing members were happy with the area on the attached map. The Clerk advised that the Chairman and herself would be meeting with Daniel Mancini – Somerset Council tree surgeon supervisor, to walk Bishops Mead and discuss the tree report, the trees at the end of the playing field will also be discussed

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Trout, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote members agreed to take ownership of the area outlined on the attached map

562. Allotments

Update on site issues

The Clerk advised that there had been reports of theft of produce from the site, unauthorised access and one plot holder had been evicted due to not taking care of their plot despite multiple requests. The plot will not be re-let to two plot holders of raised beds

Action: The Clerk to contact the new plot holders to arrange a meeting with Cllr Trout to mark out the area of the plot

To discuss implementing a deposit scheme for plots and raised beds

Defer pending further information from other allotments.

Action: The Clerk to contact Turners and Trident allotments for details of their deposit scheme

563. Speed Indicator Device Update

To agree locations for dedicated posts

Different locations were discussed including a request from Cllr B Fernandes (sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting) on Wellington Road (by the Co-op) she had approached TTC to request their permission to site a post which was granted. However, member felt TTC should install their own post and SID at this location, given their huge budget and resources

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Reed, seconded by Cllr Wilson and a unanimous vote it was agreed to install posts at Wellington Road (opposite the crematorium) and Bishops Hull Road

Action: The Clerk to contact Kate Brown Somerset Highways to progress this matter

Update on latest readings from SID

No further updates

564. Update on volunteering café

Action: The Clerk to contact the HUB to find a suitable date

565. Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Grant request from Youth Club
- Grant request from Gardening Club
- 2025 meeting dates
- Half yearly statement

Date of next meeting: Parish Council meeting Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 7.00pm – The HUB

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

Cllr Tony Taylor – Chairman

Attachment:

- 1. Budget to spend report**
- 2. Bishops Mead area of ownership transfer**

RECEIPTS	Actual		Budget	Variance	
Precept	£ 71,000.00		£ 71,000.00	£ -	
Grants	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Interest	£ 889.73		£ 1,000.00	-£ 110.27	
Refund	£ -		£ -		
Community News	£ 1,684.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 1,166.00	
Allotments	£ 225.00		£ 800.00	-£ 575.00	
Loan	£ 917.69		£ 1,835.38	-£ 917.69	
CIL Payments	£ 4,121.81		£ -	£ 4,121.81	
Vat refund	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory Trail fundraising	£ -			£ -	
Total Receipts	£ 78,838.23		£ 77,485.38	£ 1,352.85	
					6 months costs
PAYMENTS					
VAT	£ 626.58		£ -	£ 626.58	
Clerks salary	£ 7,580.51		£ 24,663.29	-£ 17,082.78	£ 9,211.02
Pension Contributions	£ 2,103.28		£ 6,331.73	-£ 4,228.45	£ 2,588.28
Clerks allowance	£ 78.00		£ 350.00	-£ 272.00	£ 175.00
Establishment costs	£ 577.52		£ 1,000.00	-£ 422.48	£ 500.00
Local amenities	£ 609.96		£ 5,000.00	-£ 4,390.04	£ 2,500.00
Supporting local groups	£ -		£ 2,500.00	-£ 2,500.00	£ 1,250.00
Allotments	£ 1,738.05		£ 800.00	£ 938.05	£ 400.00
Community news	£ 930.00		£ 2,850.00	-£ 1,920.00	£ 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	£ 968.62		£ -	£ 968.62	
Local services	£ 115.00		£ 27,000.00	-£ 26,885.00	£ 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	£ 60.00		£ 1,000.00	-£ 940.00	£ 500.00
Footpath maintainance	£ -		£ -	£ -	
Sensory trail	£ -				
Total Payments	£ 17,043.62		£ 76,880.40	-£ 59,836.78	£ 35,517.40
Surplus / Defecit	£ 61,794.61	£ -	£ 604.98	£ 61,189.63	

3. Bishops Mead are of ownership

H.M. LAND REGISTRY		TITLE NUMBER ST57842	
ORDNANCE SURVEY PLAN REFERENCE	ST 2024	Scale 1/1250 Enlarged from 1/2500	
COUNTY	SOMERSET	DISTRICT	TAUNTON DEANE
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The boundaries shown by dotted lines have been plotted from the plans on the deeds. The title plan may be updated from later survey information

