

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held at Bishops Hull Hub**  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 AT 7.00PM**

**Members Present:**

Cllr M Leach – Chairman	Cllr J Hunt – Vice Chairman
Cllr G Jansingh	Cllr M Jollands
Cllr A Plumbly	Cllr P Prior-Sankey
Cllr T Taylor	

**Also Present:** District Cllr Farhabi, one member of the public and Helen McGladdery

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

Cllr Hunt paid tribute to two members of the community who sadly passed away this week, the first Laetitia Kelly, who was a Parish Councillor for 8 years and secondly Celia Preston who ran activities at the Frank Bond Centre

**Meeting starts 7.10pm**

**219. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given**

Cllr B Fernandes– Personal reasons  
Cllr M Trout – Personal reasons  
Cllr M Turner - Personal reasons

**220. Declaration of Interest not already recorded.**

None

**223. To Agree Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

Minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman

**Action:** The Clerk to add to the Website

**224. Planning**

**Planning applications received:**

**05/22/0009/T** - Application to carry out management works to one Holm Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Hull No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1977 at Eagle House, Bishops Hull Road, Bishops Hull (TD117)

**Resolved:** SUPPORT

**42/21/0035** - Approval of reserved matters in respect of the appearance, landscape, layout and scale, pursuant to planning permission reference (42/14/0069) for the erection of 55 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking including garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1C(ii) and for the demolition of industrial estate and the erection of 71 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking and garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1F with additional details as required by Condition No's 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 on land at Comeytrowe/Trull (resubmission of 42/20/0056)

**Resolved:** Continue to OBJECT, with the following comments:

Continue to object on the basis of:

1. flood impacts as set out in the correspondence from the LLFA on 11 March;
2. insufficient detail on the successful operation of the 'bus gate'; and
3. ambiguity over proposed parking accessed from Comeytrowe Lane, which is not permitted under the conditions of the overarching outline permission. For example, drawing 02-GA-7101 continues to show a 'private block paved

driveway' which is clearly outside of the application redline. To prevent any ambiguity, this should be removed from any plan submitted for approval and a further condition added to prevent the laying out of any parking south of the 'special key building' (parking spaces 246-249 previously marked on drawing PL-VI-33 rev E).

It should also be made clear how the units which previously benefitted from these parking spaces will be allocated parking within the development, not outside of the redline boundary. The Design Compliance Statement (February 2022) continues to state: "the other three apartments and the stable building will be served by the new courtyard space which will provide a shared access, via the existing driveway to the south, and car parking for both buildings." This access arrangement is not permitted under the outline permission and the application is therefore not in conformity with this. As a reminder, Somerset County Council in its response to application 42/21/0068 stated that: It is important to reiterate that the highway authority would strongly object to the vehicular access route being used to provide any vehicle connection to the adjacent Orchard Grove site. It is therefore critical that full details of this aspect of Parcel H1f are properly confirmed as part of any Reserved Matters approval, to prevent any ambiguity in the future.

As the 'courtyard space' land sits between the redline boundaries of applications 42/21/0035 and 42/21/0068, the use of this land should also be clarified by the applicant. The Parish Council requests that it should be landscaped to enhance the setting of the heritage setting and could include further biodiversity enhancements.

**Action:**

1. The Clerk to submit responses

**Update on Orchard Grove development**

Cllr Leach gave a verbal report on the site visit at Orchard Grove

**Update on Staplegrove development**

Cllr Leach gave a verbal update and advised that a new developer had been found to progress the development.

**Kinglake Planning enforcement update**

Cllr Leach gave a verbal update on meeting with Dan Mawer – Persimmons adoptions manager

The Clerk advised that despite several attempts to contact Planning enforcement, no further updates have been received from SW&T

**Action:**

District Cllr's Hunt and Farhabi to look into this matter

**Update from St Peter and St Pauls Church following request from the Parish Council for additional information regarding planning applications**

The Church have advised work to build the church extension is due to commence on 4 April with a planned completion date of 29 August 2022

**To agree to write to SW&T supporting the HUB Lamp post, and confirmation of CIL funding**

Members were advised that under permitted development the Parish Council could instal the lamp post without seeking planning permission as the Parish Council CIL funds were being used

**Resolved:** Following a proposal from Cllr Prior-Sankey, seconded by Cllr Jollands and a unanimous vote Members agreed to progress this matter and write to SW&T

**Action:** The Clerk to submit letter to SW&T

**225. Financial Matters:**

**Detail of payments made since the previous meeting and funds received**

## **Payments:**

### **Receipts:**

D Penny - Fuel for strimmer	£9.12
SALC – New Cllr Training - Gill	£25.00
BH HUB Hire - March	£21.00
D Penny - March Salary	£527.58
H McGladdery - Clerks Allow/Expenses	£86.00
HMRC - March	£246.10
SCC Pensions - March	£413.58

The Clerks and Street Cleaners March salaries were paid in this period

### **Receipts:**

Allotments £435.00

Members were also advised that the grant from the Parish Fund had been received and the Trust has now purchased the Air purifiers and the funds were available for the jubilee trail leaflets

### **To discuss funding the purchase of sundries for litter picking volunteers**

Following discussions and the Clerk advising that the Parish Council cannot grant funds to individuals. It was agreed that although the Parish Council appreciate the voluntary work the litter pickers carry out, the Parish Council could not fulfil their request to be reimbursed for sundries. Many other people in the Parish carry out litter picking so it would be unfair to only reimburse certain individuals. A suggestion was made that if a specific group was set up to tackle litter picking, the Parish Council would consider supporting this.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Chapman

### **To agree to renew SLCC Membership**

**Resolved:** Following a proposal from Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote Members agreed to renew the SLCC Membership

**Action:** The Clerk to renew the membership

### **To agree budget for bench maintenance**

**Resolved:** Following a proposal from Cllr Prior-Sankey, seconded by Cllr Leach and a unanimous vote Members agreed a budget of £1000 for bench maintenance

**Action:** The Clerk to contact the contractor

## **226. To discuss how the Parish Council can financially support the Platinum Jubilee Events**

Members were advised that the BH HUB have agreed to be the lead organisation for the Platinum Jubilee events in the Parish.

### **Resolved:**

1. Following a proposal from Cllr Prior-Sankey, seconded by Cllr Hunt and a majority vote Members agreed a donation of £750 to the HUB to enable all organisations involved in the jubilee celebrations to cover set up costs
2. To fund a jubilee, insert in the Community News

**Action:** The Clerk to advise the HUB and arrange payment

## **227. Clerks Report which will include all matters arising from previous minutes**

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members.

**228. Suggestions from Members for areas/items to propose for Listed Building status**

No suggestions were made

**229. To discuss Chapter 8 training for Street Cleaner**

**Resolved:** Following a proposal from Cllr Prior-Sankey, seconded by Cllr Plumbly and a unanimous vote Members agree to defer progressing this matter for 6 months pending further information on devolved services.

**230. Update on progress of sensory trail at the playing fields**

A written report was received on the progress of the sensory trail.

**Resolved:** To thank Mr Gurr for the report and to request a further update on the project. To advise that the Parish Council are unable to financially assist with the planning stages, but would consider a CIL application when plans are in place.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Mr Gurr and advise of financial situation and requirements to access CIL funding

**231. Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting**

- Election of Chairman

The Chairman advised that he will be leaving the Parish Council after the Annual Parish meeting in May – The Vice Chairman thanked the Chairman for his time and commitment to the Parish Council

**232. Date of next meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm – Bishops Hull HUB.

**Meeting closed 8.15pm**

**Cllr Mike Leach – Chairman**