

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S HULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
FRANK BOND CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: Mr K Burgess (in the Chair)
Mrs C Bulbeck
Mr G Everett
Mrs L Kelly
Mrs W Lewis
Mr R Porter
Mrs S Ravenhill
Mr N Roper
Mr E Rose
Mr M Summers

Cllrs Ian Morrell and Nigel Stuart Thorn (TDBC) were also present, arriving late due to attending another meeting.

E2272 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Beaumont, and Cllr Alan Paul (SCC).

E2273 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2011 were signed as a correct record.

E2274 MATTERS ARISING

E2268 – Planning – 05/10/043 – erection of porch at 47 Bishop's hull Road, had been refused.

E2256 – Bench from Haydon Close – it was noted that, provided it could be retained at the Frank Bond Centre, Mr Newell had volunteered to renovate this bench.

E2271 – Diverted footpath at Norton Fitzwarren – Mr Summers had been in correspondence with Robert Coate at SCC, who had said that following some minor amendments at the request of SCC bridge engineers, the technical approval of the super structure was likely to be granted which would enable developers to progress with the manufacture of the bridge. A provisional date for completion of the bridge, as contained within the pending s278 agreement between the developers and the county council was 1 April 2011, although this date is to be finalised prior to the signing of the agreement. The current closure was valid until 3 February 2011, and the developers would need to apply for a further closure, which would be lifted upon completion of the bridge.

E2275 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and was noted: -

- 1) Phone call from Environment Agency regarding tree in river Tone - ref no 856277 reported 7th Feb
- 2) Feb 1 – email from Chairman about cyclists on footpath T3/3
- 3) Feb 8 – emails from Alan Paul re youth centre funding (circulated to all)
- 4) Feb 21 – email from Wendy Lewis re Localism (circulated to all)
- 5) Letter from SCC re finalising revised 30 mph speed limit at Stonegallows – Clerk to retain.

With reference to item 5 (youth funding) the Chairman invited Jill Nutton from the Galmington Youth Project to speak about her request for funding. Ms Nutton said that if no funding was obtained from other sources, the current one night a week provision at the Trident would cease from 1 April. Mr Porter said that provision for youth in Bishop's Hull had taken a different direction and there are currently between 75 – 80 young people

involved in various activities arranged through the Local Action Team by PCSO Simon Parry. After discussion, it was decided not to give any funding to this project as the number of young people involved from this parish is not significant.

E2276 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Overpayment and liability for NI – the Chairman reported that a reply had been received from HMRC stating that the correct amount of NI had been deducted for the Street Cleaner because of the way he had been paid. Mr Burgess said that he would meet with Mr Porter, Mr Summers and the Clerk to see whether it was worth appealing this decision.

E2277 CHEQUES AUTHORISED

K Burgess (snowdrops for woodland)	£400.00
S Watts – Clerk’s salary and expenses for February	£456.74
R Dezille – Street Cleaner’s hours for February	£288.00

E2278 PERSIMMON WORKS UPDATE

The Chairman invited Cllr Ian Morrell to speak on this matter. It appeared that Persimmon had breached conditions attached to their planning permission, and Taunton Deane was considering whether to take action. One of the breaches was about permitted working hours on the site, another about fencing to protect hedging. Materials used in the construction of the show house were also giving cause for concern as they were not approved materials

The wider issue was around the S106 funding. It was stated that the ‘trigger’ date for this funding was 8th November 2010 and the funding was available for 10 years. The wider debate was whether a village hall was the right use for the money – there was also considerable funding available for sports and playing fields. The Chairman commented that there was no hurry to decide how to spend this money and it was really a matter for the new Parish Council due to be elected in May.

Another issue was speeding on the Bishop’s Hull Road and the actions, which Persimmon was considering to reduce this. This should be an item for the next agenda. The Chairman expressed his concern that the Bishop’s Hull Residents’ Group was being perceived as representing the majority of residents in the village, which was not the case. It was agreed to send a letter to Taunton Deane clarifying the relevance of the Group to most parishioners, and its relationship with the Parish Council. Suggestions for street names - after long discussion it was agreed (not unanimously) that the following names should be submitted to Taunton Deane for consideration, in this order of preference - Quartly, Gwyther, Shutewater Orchard, Buncombe, Kennedy, Bryant.

E2279 PLANNING

The following applications had been RECEIVED and there were no objections: -

05/10/047 – Extension and internal alterations at Taunton Crematorium;

05/10/045 – Conservatory to rear of 25 Lavender Grove (granted);

05/11/002 – Two dwellings and garages to rear of 50 Stonegallows;

05/11/003 – Extension at Mayfield, Bishop’s Hull Road;

05/11/004 – Various works and new driveway at Rumwell Manor;

05/11/006LB – internal alterations and new front door at Newley Farm;

05/11/008 – Single storey extension to provide new bedroom at Longrun House, Longrun Farm

SCC – Relocation of Somerset Accessible Transport to Silk Mills Park and Ride

SCC – Single storey infill extension to form new classroom at Castle School.

The following applications had been received and there were comments:-

05/10/046 – Conversion of public house to form 5 flats and other works at the Royal Crown, Wellington Road – while the revised application was an improvement on the original and addressed some of the issues it was still felt that there was inadequate amenity space for the flats;

05/11/007A – Display of two externally illuminated pole mounted signs at the Persimmon development, Bishop’s Hull Road – it was felt that the illumination was un-necessary as there was already adequate lighting in the area.

05/10/044 – Demolition of dwelling and garage and erection of four dwellings and associated external works at Milanwil, Mountway Close – it was felt that this would be over-development of the site, and that in particular integral garages were inappropriate in relation to the overall size of the houses.

E2280 ONGOING AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The Clerk reported progress on the list of issues drawn up at the previous meeting: --

- Former URC Chapel – Mrs Kelly had met the new owners and they had confirmed that, now that some personal problems have been resolved, work on converting the building would start soon.
- Dog bins – the new Frethey Lane dog bin was in position. The transfer of the dog bin to the rear of the Frank Bond Centre to Heron Drive would take place shortly.
- Footbridge over the River Tone – the Clerk had received more information from SCC about the cost of repairs and the likelihood of this work being done in the near future. While the bridge was classed as level 4 in terms of needing to be urgently repaired, and was on the 2011-12 rights of way bridge repair programme, and there were 23 other bridges in a dangerous state (at level 5), some of them already closed off, which had to be dealt with before this one.

E2281 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to try to encourage more people to come to the APM by means of a leaflet drop setting out future issues, mainly those associated with spending the S106 money, while also considering what action, if any, the Parish Council could take in relation to the swingeing cuts being made to services by SCC.

Mr Burgess and Mr Porter agreed to draft a leaflet which would be distributed via the Community News where possible, the rest to be covered by members. Suggestions for the content of the leaflet to be e-mailed to Mr Burgess or Mr Porter.

E2282 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It was noted that six or seven members were probably not intending to put themselves forward at the May elections. There needed therefore to be a drive to encourage people to put their names forward for election. The Clerk reminded members that nominations had to be with Taunton Deane by 12 noon on 4th April.

E2283 FOOTPATHS GROUP

Mr Burgess reminded members that the Footpaths Group would be meeting on Wednesday 16th March.

E2284 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

VEG Group – a couple of recent events had been cancelled for various reasons, but a Quiz Night was planned for 1st April.

LAT – Mr Porter reported that Simon Parry had won the award for West Somerset PCSO of the year. His work with the youth of the parish is continuing and he is still looking for

a female volunteer to go on the Tall Ships weekend in September – the other places are filled. Speedwatch had not been taking place due to the weather and the works on Bishops Hull Road.

Frank Bond Centre – membership was now around 200. The free health check day had been very well supported. Lunches and speakers were booked up, and a Grand National tea and tote was planned. There would also be afternoon tea on the day of the Royal Wedding, April 29th.

Playing Fields Trust – the Trust had not met recently, but the car boot sale group had in order to plan this year's sales.

E2285 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th April 2011. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the normal Parish Council meeting will follow afterwards.

E2286 ITEMS OF REPORT

Milligan Hall – an outflow of water and the cracked wall were being investigated.

Longrun Meadow – this was proceeding, if slowly, and funds were running out.

Post Office – a petition had been started to keep the PO in the village. Learning South West was not adverse to hosting it, if needed. It was also reported that they had rooms available for community meetings, free of charge, and were keen to build stronger links with the village.

Bus subsidy on Park and Ride route – Cllr Morrell offered to find out if this subsidy had been cut. It was noted that the bus gate on Mountway Road was still out of action; the proposal was to replace the rising bollards with a bus lane camera but it was not known when this might happen.

Church floodlighting – Cllr Morrell observed that council funds for this had been cut and it would be the church's responsibility in future.

CHAIRMAN