

## **BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

If you are reading this article you are living within the area of the civil parish of Bishop Hull. Like many other areas it has a Parish Council.

The Parish Council receives a proportion of the community charge levied by Taunton Deane Borough Council, which you probably pay monthly.

The Parish Council uses this money in various ways to assist in making Bishops Hull a pleasant place to live. The Parish Council commits to financially supporting the various Trusts in the village. These Trusts provide and manage the facilities for local residents to use, including the Playing Fields and Community Hall, the Netherclay Community Woodland and the soon to be built new Village Hub. It also provides adhoc grants to community groups.

The Parish Council provides and manages the local allotments, plus supports the group monitoring all of the countryside footpaths in the Parish.

In addition, it helps keep the streets tidy by employing a part time street cleaner and by providing dog bins and funding the emptying charges every year. It also helps with communication in the community by managing and maintaining the Parish Council Facebook page, overseeing the village web site and producing and co-ordinating distribution of the Community News – how you received this flyer!

### **THE REASON for the article**

The Parish Council has 11 Members and in May 2019 there is a local election where there is an opportunity to stand as a Parish Councillor. All current Parish Councillors will be required to apply if they wish to remain on the Parish Council. If you have an interest in serving the community or have ideas that as a Parish Councillor you would like to put forward this is your opportunity. To be eligible to become a Parish Councillor you must be over 18 years old, live or work within a 3 mile radius of the Parish, and be on the electoral role.

This article is asking for expressions of interest from anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

In February there will be an informal meeting for those who expressed a wish to join the Parish Council, to offer further information and answer any queries, with no commitment to stand for Election. A further meeting will be held to assist anyone wishing to stand for election to complete the nomination papers.

**If you are interested in attending a briefing meeting please email your details to the Parish clerk: [bishopshullparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bishopshullparishclerk@gmail.com)**

## **Parish Council News:**

At the Parish Council meeting on 13th December the following resolutions were made:

- Members reviewed the ringfenced CIL funds and were satisfied that progress was being made by the Bishops Hull Hub and Bishops Hull Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust on their individual projects.
- Members approved a grant of £500 to the Friends of Netherclay Community Woodland
- A draft budget for 2019/20 was agreed and will be finalised at the January meeting
- A Precept request of £22,941.23 was agreed, keeping the precept element of the Council tax at a neutral charge for residents
- The revised Standing Orders were adopted, and can now be found on the Facebook page and Village website
- Members agreed to support the Parish Paths Liaison Officer in objecting to Somerset County Council prioritising all Bishops Hull footpaths as low priority. A response was sent to the Footpath consultation.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday 7th March 2019 – 7.00pm at THE CHURCH HALL, Bishops Hull – please note new venue – Everyone welcome to attend.

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