

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S HULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
FRANK BOND CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY 2011**

Present: Mr K Burgess (in the Chair)
Mrs J Beaumont
Mr G Everett
Mrs W Lewis
Mr R Porter
Mrs S Ravenhill
Mr N Roper
Mr M Summers

Public Participation

Present: Laura Pope, James Rogerson, Sue Tweddle, Peter Wren, and Andrew Gottlieb. Laura Pope and Sue Tweddle raised concerns about a planning proposal for a house in Mountway Close (Milanwil) which was to be demolished and replaced with four houses. They asked what the Parish Council's position was on this application, but the Planning Panel had not yet visited. Peter Wren and Andy Gottlieb were continuing to monitor the developers on the Persimmon site.

E2260 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Kelly, Mr Rose and Mrs Bulbeck, Cllr Alan Paul (SCC) and Cllr Nigel Stuart Thorn (TDBC).

E2261 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2010 were signed as a correct record.

E2262 MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that names of people such as Bob Coombs, the internal auditor, should be included among those present as shown at the beginning of the minutes, only if they were attending to present a report.

E2252 – Longrun Meadow – A public meeting was due to be held on 24th January.

E2254 – Planning – 05/10/038 – change of use of land to site a mobile home at Fideoak Mills, had been refused.

E2255 – Grit boxes – the Clerk reported that these were on order from the DLO but there had been a run on them during the cold weather. Kali Martin (SCC) who was responsible for filling the boxes with grit had said that they must be sited on the highway and be visible, as the grit was intended for use ONLY on the public highway, and the rules were very strict about this. He had suggested a site meeting once the boxes were ready to be installed. The Clerk had received a positive reply from the School, but nothing from the Old Inn.

E2256 – Bench at Haydon Close – it was noted that Mr Roper had removed it to the Frank Bond Centre and he was thanked for this.

E2263 PERSIMMON WORKS UPDATE

The Chairman reported that there had been a lot of meetings over recent weeks, which he had attended. It appeared that some works were being undertaken in contravention of the S106 agreement, but it was clear that Persimmon intended to carry on. The main concern about the safety of pedestrians had been raised, but they had got nowhere, although Mike Betty (SCC) had mentioned the possibility of laying a membrane over the grass verge and putting gravel on top of it. The junction kept on being modified: now it was intended to

use some Crematorium land (by way of a licence from Taunton Deane) and some hedging had already been removed. Another meeting was due to be held on 14th January with Kevin Toller (TDBC) to try to clarify matters.

Concerns had been expressed about whether the village had lost out on money from the Crematorium land and whether or not it was a ransom strip. The Chairman thought that it was not necessarily a ransom strip: it was merely a way of creating a better junction. If the SCC had not been able to agree a licence from Taunton Deane they would have left the junction as it was and it would not have been so practical. Any money would have gone to the District Council. The Chairman did, however, think that planning permission was needed for the hedge works.

It was unlikely that a temporary footway would be provided along the final stretch of Bishop's Hull Road up to the Wellington Road. A warning sign saying 'Pedestrians in the highway' would probably be erected. There was a short debate about whether the verge in front of 'Woodmead' and further along Bishop's Hull Road was public highway, as the deeds showed ownership of the land to be with the householders. The Chairman explained that highway rights and land ownership were not necessarily the same thing. A point was raised about when exactly the construction work started, as it stated in the S106 that the money for the village hall would be available for ten years from the start of works. It was important to get that point clarified. The Chairman said he would raise this point with Kevin Toller at the meeting on 14th.

E2264 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received and was noted: -

- 1) Letter from the Army about an open evening at SCAT on 17th February;
- 2) Letter dated 10 January from SCC inviting the Council to join the National Highways and Transport Survey.

E2265 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Request for financial assistance – the Clerk reminded members that the request from the CAB was still outstanding. It was agreed to defer it until the new financial year.

Overpayment and liability for NI – the Clerk reported that she had written to the National Insurance office giving them the information they had requested for both herself and the Street Cleaner.

E2266 CHEQUES AUTHORISED

S Watts – Clerk's salary, quarterly allowance and expenses	£508.78
R Dezille – Street Cleaner's hours for January	£360.00

E2267 STANDING ORDERS

The final version of Standing Orders was received. The Working Party (especially Mr Porter) was thanked for compiling and distributing the document. Mr Rose was also thanked for checking over the final version. The Standing Orders were then adopted, nem con.

E2268 PLANNING

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

05/10/043 – Porch at 47 Bishop's Hull Road.

The following application had been RECEIVED and there were comments:-

05/10/042 – Demolition of bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling and garage at 28 Mountway Road. While access to the property was not a problem, as there was a dwelling there already, concerns had been voiced by neighbours as to access

problems during the process of demolition and construction. It was felt that the proposed design did not fit in with the surrounding houses. Also as the house was 'upside down' (i.e. the lounge was upstairs and there was a balcony) it would overlook the gardens of surrounding properties and would therefore be intrusive to their privacy.

05/10/041 – formation of access from highway and erection of timber gates and stone wall at The Firs, Barr – the Clerk had informed Taunton Deane that the Council would not be commenting on this application as it was from Mr Roper, one of their members.

05/10/006 – Shed at 6 Mountway Road – it was noted that an appeal had been lodged with the Secretary of State after TDBC's decision to refuse retrospective planning permission for the retention of the shed.

Mr Porter asked the Clerk to see if she could find out why there were delays occurring between planning comments being submitted and Taunton Deane putting them on their website.

E2269

ONGOING AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES

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

- Former URC Chapel – still no news, and it was agreed to drop this item now.
- Dog bins – the Frethey Lane dog bin was on order. 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 was asked to contact the Rights of Way section, offering to contribute to the repairs, which were estimated at between £15 - £20,000, also to contact English Heritage again to see what protection was provided by it being in a Conservation Area and of historical interest.
- Old bench at Haydon Close – Mr Roper had moved the bench to the Frank Bond Centre, but there were still concerns about how it would be renovated. Mr Everett offered to put a photograph of it on the website to see if anyone wanted to volunteer.

E2270

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24th February 2011, at 7.30 p.m.

E2271

ITEMS OF REPORT

Diverted footpath at Norton Fitzwarren – Mr Summers offered to find out what was happening about re-opening the footpath.

Localism Bill – it could be in the Council's interest to find out what this might mean for Parish Councils.

Post Office – still no firm news, but lots of rumour.

Road names for the new development – the Clerk was asked to contact Mike Nicholls at Taunton Deane re naming roads etc in the new development. The Parish Council wanted to be involved.

CHAIRMAN