

## **BISHOPS HULL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Remembering Rod Porter**

As I'm sure many of you are aware, Rod Porter sadly passed away on 5th December 2017. He joined Bishops Hull Parish Council in December 2007. Rod became vice chairman in 2009 and in May 2011 he succeeded Ken Burgess as chairman.

In his quiet yet passionate way, Rod always worked hard for the best interests of the village, and during his time as Chairman many initiatives were progressed, including a much-needed overhaul of the Parish Council's administrative procedures.

In meetings Rod was even-handed and inclusive, making sure people got their points across. He took a keen interest in the upkeep of the parish's footpaths and in the care and maintenance of Netherclay Community Woodland. He thoroughly enjoyed being part of the group of volunteers who maintain the woodlands, until he was prevented from doing so by ill health.

He stood down as chairman in 2016 but continued as a Member of the Parish Council until a month before his death. Rod Porter passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday 5th December. His dedication to our community will be remembered.

### **Advice from PCSO Simon Parry**

Throughout the whole of Taunton there have recently been many reports of sheds, garages, outbuildings being broken into. Please ensure that these types of buildings where many of us store a lot of items, are locked securely using good quality locks and hinges that cannot be opened from the outside. Additionally, there are battery operated door alarms available that are activated when the door is opened and do not require wiring into a mains supply. Bicycles and garden equipment are the main targets. If storing items, we would suggest that you make a full list of the make/model/serial numbers of the items and take photographs as well, as this will not only help with the report to Police it will also help you with any insurance claim as well. Movement activated security lighting is useful but can also assist a potential thief. CCTV systems are getting much cheaper and easier to install now a days and are available from many large DIY or electrical stores if you do not wish to consult with a security company who may offer to complete a survey of your property. Please do not hesitate to call 101 or 999 to contact the Police if you are a victim of crime or if you are witnessing something suspicious. Please do call at the time the event is happening as this will help the Police apprehend those responsible.

### **Parish Council spending 2017**

#### **Grants and Donations:**

Bishops Hull Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust	£1,000.00
Bishops Hull Hub planning fees & open day expenses	£1,009.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£50.00
St Margaret's Hospice	£50.00
Citizens Advise	£50.00
Bench Maintenance and Repairs	£888.00
Hedge Laying at Netherclay Community Woodland	£1,100.00

### **Precept 2018**

Every year the Parish Council requests a Precept (funding) from Taunton Deane Borough Council. You will see this listed on your Council Tax bill. The Parish Council can increase the percentage they request each year – this will then be passed on to the residents. I'm please to say again this year Bishops Hull Parish Council has not increased its percentage – therefore the Precept element of your bill will not increase in cost.

## **Parish Council Meetings**

All meetings are held on Thursdays, starting at the new time of 7.00 p.m. and are held at the Frank Bond Centre in Mountway Road, TA1 5DS.

Everyone is welcome to attend, at the beginning of every meeting there is a "Have your Say" session, a chance for residents to raise any local issues.

## **Meeting dates for 2018**

- 8th March
- 19th April - Parish Meeting – (followed by PC)
- 24th May - Annual Parish Council Meeting (election of Chairman)
- 5th July
- 16th August
- 27th September
- 8th November - (half yearly financial statement)
- 13th December - (estimates, set precept)

## **Parish meeting – Thursday 19th April**

This is a Parish meeting for the residents, please tell us what you would like at this meeting. Provisional Agenda items include:

An update from The Bishops Hull Hub and Bishops Hull Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust on both projects.

## **Facebook page**

Remember In addition to information available on the noticeboards, the village website and the Community News you can follow Bishops Hull Parish Council on Facebook. With currently 175 members it's a great way to stay in touch with local events, get involved with discussions with other Bishops Hull residents and access Parish Council information. Simply request to join the page, search BISHOP'S HULL PARISH COUNCIL on Facebook

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