

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S HULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
ROBIN CLOSE COMMUNITY ROOM ON THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY 2009**

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

Cllrs Nigel Stuart Thorn and Mr David Greig (TDBC), Police Officers Claire Griffiths and Tony Crowter, were also in attendance.

E2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Rose, Mrs Bulbeck, Mrs Kelly and Cllrs Alan Paul (SCC) and Ian Morrell (TDBC).

E2022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2008 were signed as a correct record, subject to the addition of Mrs Ravenhill to the list of those present, and the re-wording of Minute 2018 as follows:-

Delete the second sentence 'The proposal appeared to be...' and replace with 'The need for more houses in Bishop's Hull was not recognised nor accepted. Any additional housing should be centred on large scale projects such as the proposals for approx. 3000 houses in Comeytrove which should also include the necessary improvements to the infrastructure to minimise the impact on other local communities. In addition the present application for 220 houses in Bishops Hull was considered unacceptable because it is too small to generate a reasonable benefit to the parish. A minimum development of 500 houses was suggested as being necessary.'

E2023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

E2012 – Police contact number – the Clerk had received a message from Claire Griffiths, in which she had said that unfortunately the 0845 number was the only official number for reporting non-emergency crime. Other than that, one could attend the Taunton enquiry office and report the matter in person. The only other numbers were office numbers and were unlikely to be answered. The force was aware that the waiting time was getting longer and were trying to rectify it. PC Crowter confirmed this was the position, but added that if the 0845 number was used about an incident and the person answering considered it needed to be upgraded to an 'emergency' that would automatically be done. In response to a question as to why it was not possible for the contact numbers for the PCSOs to have an automatic 'call forward' facility so that the call was answered, the Police said they would make enquiries as to whether this could be done.

E1998 – PACT – it was noted that PACT would be on the next agenda, and in the meantime, anyone wishing to report anything to the Police should contact Claire Griffiths.

E2005 – Parking on Heron Drive etc – Ian Titcombe (SCC) had said that a meeting was to be held in December to discuss commuter parking and the extension to the Park and Ride Scheme, but had not been in touch with the Clerk as yet. She would chase him up again.

E2006 – Dropped kerbs – no funding available specifically under the LTP2 budget for dropped kerbs, but the Chairman said in the first instance he was more concerned about the actual feasibility of dropping the kerb in the required location on Shutewater Hill. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the practicality.

E2013 – Forward dates – Mr Burgess said that if the December meeting was to be at the Frank Bond Centre, it would have to be on 9th not 10th December. He also reminded the Clerk that Mrs Burgess was the Booking Secretary and had not yet been informed of the 2009 dates. This initiated a short discussion about the large rise in the hiring charge for the room at FBC. It was agreed to write to the Chairman of the Trust (Mrs Jorgensen) expressing members' concerns about this and also to make enquiries about the availability of the Robins Close Community Room for future meetings.

E2015 – Planning – the following applications had been GRANTED:-

05/08/031 LB – Installation of 3 replacement windows at 2 Rumwell Cottages;

05/08/060 – Demolition of single storey side extension and porch and erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear with porch to front at 61 Stonegallows;

05/08/061 – conversion of roofspace above garage to provide en-suite bathroom with new dormer window at 4 Badgers Close;

05/08/062 – Single storey garden room extension to rear of 3 Daws Mead.

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Taunton Deane about the ongoing Persimmon application, and they had responded that the normal time limits did not apply to this application as it was so large. It appeared that neither the Clerk's original e-mail nor the response had been put on the TDBC website and this was queried.

E2016 – E-mailing of agendas, etc – the Clerk had spoken to David Greig at TDBC and he had confirmed that it was alright to email agendas to members, providing a hard copy was also kept. Mrs Kelly had asked to continue to be sent a hard copy, otherwise all members appeared happy to receive their papers by email.

E2018 – Bridge in Pigs Loose Lane - the Clerk had contacted Mrs Hartnell at TDBC, who had responded saying that this bridge was not on the SCC list of bridges to be checked and if necessary repaired. In fact, they were all apparently unaware of its existence and were going to make a site visit.

E2024

CHEQUES FOR AUTHORISATION AND SIGNATURE

The following cheques were presented and signed:-

S Watts – Clerk's salary and expenses for January	£582.08
R Dezille – street cleaning	£288.00
Easyspace (domain host)	£29.75
VH and PFT (donation)	£1,000.00
Relate (donation)	£50.00

It was agreed to invite Mr Jorgensen to the next meeting to talk about the Parish Website, and also to ask him to keep Mr Everett informed of any Website issues.

E2025

STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had been in touch with the National Association of Local Councils, who had said that the latest version of model Standing Orders was due to be published very shortly. The Clerk had agreed with Mr Porter that the best time to amend this Council's SOs would be when the new ones were available. A small working group was set up to

look at these in due course, comprising Mr Summers, Mr Everett, Mr Porter and the Clerk.

E2026 CHANGE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SCHEME

Mr Porter had prepared and circulated a first draft of the Freedom of Information scheme, and asked members for their comments. It was agreed that a small working group be set up to look at the response, comprising Mr Summers, Mr Everett, Mr Porter and the Clerk. A second draft would then be prepared.

E2027 PLANNING

The following planning applications had been considered and no objections raised:-

05/08/063 – Formation of access at Gliddon and Sons, Cornishway North;

05/08/064 – Two storey extension to side elevation, Sherlands, 54 Stonegallows;

05/08/065 – Circular grain bin at grain store, Upcott;

SCC – Construction of a two storey building for use as a post-16 vocational centre plus the construction of a two storey 4 classroom teaching block at Castle School, Wellington Road.

E2028 STREET CLEANER

Mr Porter said that, with the Council's approval, he had volunteered to take over supervision of the Street Cleaner from Mr Rose. There were several issues of concern, including possible duplication of work with the Taunton Deane cleaner, areas of the village which were not covered, the missing bin outside the Chinese take away I Mountway Road, and the future disposal of collected leaves. There was discussion of where Mr Dezille should best be deployed, and Mr Porter agree to monitor the situation for the next few weeks. He would also find out from Taunton Deane where their cleaner operated and how often, if possible.

Mr Porter also thought that Mr Dezille needed a formal statement of his Terms and Conditions of employment, which the Clerk said she would draft. He also should have a risk assessment, although it was thought that Mr Moon, who strimmed the footpaths, did not, as he was self-employed.

Mr Porter was formally thanked by the Council for taking on this role.

E2029 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Local Action Team – Messrs Burgess and Porter reported that the last meeting of the LAT had been abandoned as there was no quorum, which was disappointing. The Police reported that there had been little crime in the parish since 1st December. A series of burglaries had resulted in the offender being apprehended. Although the police were unaware of any further damage reported in the play park, Mr Burgess said that there had been some and it was continuing. A 'No Cold Calling' zone would shortly be implemented in the Heron Drive area, and Claire Griffiths was planning a 'walkabout' with the Housing Officer on 4th March. White lines had been put in at Shutewater Close where there had been obstruction issues. Kelly Browning had moved on and a new PCSO was not due to be in place until March, and Mark West had been promoted out of the area. Inspector Richard Brown was covering Taunton until a replacement Sergeant was appointed.

Youth - Rod Porter reported that Jane Kilty intended to apply to the youth service re engaging a part time worker for Bishop's Hull and it would help her case to have local letters of support. Councillors appreciated all Jane's efforts in running the Youth Group and would consider this positively when further details were known.

VEG – the new committee had met, and was now quite large which was encouraging. The Summer event would be held on 11th July. The question of public liability insurance had been raised with the Clerk and she said that there were a few requirements which

needed to be met before the PC insurance could be extended, but she was sure these could be met. She had emailed Mr Porter about this.

Footpaths Group – Mr Burgess reported on T3/6 which had been seriously eroded by the River Tone. The path was closed at the moment, while SCC negotiated with the landowner re moving the right of way further away from the river. Mr Burgess asked the Council to write and support SCC in these negotiations, and this was agreed.

E2030

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 5th March 2009, at 7.30 p.m.

E2031

ITEMS OF REPORT

Bookers building – concerns were raised about the ugliness of this building and whether any trees were to be planted to hide it.

Parish Plan – this was now four years old, and consideration should be given to reviewing it soon.

CHAIRMAN