

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S HULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
FRANK BOND CENTRE ON THURSDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2008**

**Present:** Mr M Summers (in the Chair)  
Mrs W Lewis  
Mr K Burgess  
Mrs S Ravenhill  
Mr N Roper  
Mr E Rose

Cllr Alan Paul (SCC) was also in attendance.

**E1960 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

On the nomination of Mrs Kelly, seconded by Mrs Lewis, Mr Malcolm Summers was elected Chairman for the coming year. He indicated that this would be his last year in office.

On the nomination of Mr Summers, seconded by Mr Rose, Mrs Ravenhill was elected Vice-Chairman.

**E1961 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bulbeck, Mr Porter, Mrs Beaumont and Mr Everett.

**E1962 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were signed as a correct record.

**E1963 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

E1954 – Financial Assistance with Flower Show – a letter of thanks had been received from the Flower Show committee.

**E1959 – Cobbles at Netherclay** – the Clerk had finally been contacted by Mr Hagley (SCC) but too late to inform this meeting. She said she would contact him the following day and report back on any progress. The possibility of engaging a private consultant to look at the technical difficulties with the job was discussed but put on hold pending Mr Hagley's reply.

**E1964 CHEQUES FOR AUTHORISATION AND SIGNATURE**

The following cheques were presented and signed:

S Watts – Clerk's salary and expenses for May	£556.44
R Dezille (street cleaner)	£216.00
R N Coombs (internal audit)	£35.00

**E1965 ANNUAL AUDIT**

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been satisfactorily completed and the accounts were now ready for the external audit. Any anomalies had been explained. The accounts were signed off by the Chairman on behalf of the Council. The annual governance statement was approved.

**E1966 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON FIELDS TO WEST OF BISHOP'S HULL ROAD**

It was noted that a new application had been put on the Taunton Deane Website from Persimmon, responding to issues raised by the Environment Agency. There was also a three page letter from Jeff Copp (Traffic Engineer at SCC) dealing with the traffic

objections. It was likely that the application would go to Planning Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

In response to a question from Mrs Kelly about lack of liaison with, and support for, the Residents Group which had been set up to oppose this planning application, the feeling among other members was that there had been little or no communication with the Group since the joint meeting in January, and no official approach regarding Parish Council funding had been received from them. Mrs Kelly said that this would be rectified.

## **E1967**

### **PLANNING**

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

**05/08/017 – first floor extension at Unit 29, Parkersell, Cornishway East, Galmington Trading Estate;**

**05/08/022 – Erection of building for the relocation of Cadets Centre at Longrun Farm;**

**05/08/023 – two storey extension and first floor extension to form flat at 2 Wellington Road;**

**05/08/026 – alteration of porch to front at Frank Bond Centre, Mountway Road;**

Objections were raised to the following applications:-

**05/08/021 – construction of flood storage areas and associated earthwork and surface water drainage works at land around Longrun House –** there was concern about the loss of more agricultural land, also who would be bearing the cost of the maintenance once the work was done;

**05/08/024LB – conversion of outbuilding to annex at Haydon House –** the planned rooflight would overlook properties in Hamwood Terrace.

It was noted that the following applications had been GRANTED:-

**05/08/015 – removal of onerous condition (Personal Occupancy) at Little Shamba.**

**An enforcement notice** was being served against Mr Hunt of Ashwood Timber Ltd, Fideoak Mill, as the timber lodge was still on site and being occupied despite planning permission having been refused on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

## **E1968**

### **PARKING IN HERON DRIVE AND OTHER AREAS**

As nothing had been heard from Cllr Stuart Thorn regarding the meeting being held with the Principal of SCAT, and objectors had been quiet since being asked to record car numbers and dates/times of offences, it was felt that no progress could be made at this meeting. The matter of parking outside the Post Office and Butchers was raised. Some residents were using the two spaces on a semi-permanent basis which was affecting use by shoppers. After discussion, it was agreed that it might not be wise to raise this with the traffic engineers, as they may decide to prohibit all parking outside the two shops. It would be better to mention it politely in the Community News and for the shopkeepers to put up signs in their windows asking people who were not shoppers not to park there.

## **E1969**

### **REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

**Local Action Team –** Speedwatch was still going on and there had been some interesting results. The LAT might be approaching the Parish council regarding funding for a more modern speed gun and other equipment.

**Area Panel –** the next meeting was on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Kelly said she may not be able to attend if the Persimmon application went to the Planning Committee that same evening.

**Celebrate 2008 –** the Chairman reported receipt of a letter inviting members of the Parish Council to breakfast with the Mayor in the Old Inn on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Somerset CC –** Cllr Paul reported on planned road developments. It was likely that an expansion of the Silk Mills Park and Ride would be considered in 2009.

**E1970**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008, at 7.30 p.m.

**E1971**

**ITEMS OF REPORT**

**Community Policing** – it was reported that there had been yet another change in the Police Officer allocated to the village. It was hard to see how they could familiarise themselves with the area if they were constantly being changed around. The comment was also made that walking around the village in the middle of the day was not really helpful as any trouble usually happened in the late evening.

**Church Hall** – it was noted that the current Church Hall was likely to be demolished in 2017 and thought should be given at some stage to what would replace it.

**Childrens' Play Area** – it was noted that this was finished and would be opened the coming weekend. The Clerk reported that soil was being thrown by children who had climbed over the fence, and several people had been hit. This was really a matter for the Police.

**Litter bins** – some were being used by people to put their domestic rubbish in, resulting in the bins being overfilled very quickly. It was agreed to put a note in the Community News.

**Phone Box in Northfields** – it was noted that this was likely to be removed by BT as it was under-used and therefore uneconomic. This would leave the village with no public phone as the one in Farrant Close has not been replaced.

**CHAIRMAN**