

BISHOP'S HULL PARISH COUNCIL

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1. The resignation of Mrs Sue Faire was noted. There are now two vacancies on the Council which will have to be filled by co-option.
2. It was noted that the 'Have Your Say' meetings held centrally at Taunton Police Station had been abandoned due to lack of interest. Inspector Bell was now inviting the Parish Council to include a regular item on their agendas in order to highlight priorities to the neighbourhood Police team. It was agreed to include an item after Public Participation and to invite PCSO Parry to attend meetings when he can.
3. Footbridge over the River Tone – SCC had made it clear that they were not happy for the Parish Council to proceed with clearing the vegetation on the footbridge without the whole restoration being done, as they considered the bridge might become more unstable if the vegetation was removed. The Clerk was asked to seek further clarification about costings and timing, and also ask about the ownership of the bridge.
4. War Memorial – there had been damage to the war memorial and the Clerk had made some enquiries about its ownership. Two suitable stonemasons would be asked to survey the memorial and to quote for the repair works required.
5. Bench at Rumwell Inn – this was in a state of complete collapse. It was agreed to purchase a new bench at an estimated cost of £700.
6. Extension of 30 mph speed limit to Upcott – the Council agreed to support local parishioners in their request to have the limit going out of the village extended maybe as far as the electricity sub-station.
7. Electoral review – members had been informed about the County Council's proposals for reducing the number of county councillors from 55 to 53. This included linking this parish with Bishops Lydeard and Norton Fitzwarren, not with Comeytrove as now. Members felt that they would prefer to remain linked with Comeytrove and would inform the County Council about this.
8. Members were concerned that Bishop's Hull School was not able to take in any more children. This means that local children, including those from the new development, would have to go to Norton Fitzwarren. It was agreed to write to the SCC Admissions Officer expressing the Parish Council's concern, especially in view of previous assurances that there would be sufficient capacity to take in children from the Persimmon development.
9. Information about all Parish Council meetings and members is on the village noticeboards and the Website.
9. Full copies of the minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on request from the Clerk.
10. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd November 2011 at the Frank Bond Centre, starting at 7.30 p.m. The December meeting will be on Thursday 15th not 14th as publicised. All are welcome to attend.

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