

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7:30 p.m.
on Monday 7 January 2019
at Bishopstone Village Hall

Those Present: Ian Thomas (Chair), Val Brodin (Vice Chair), Lesley Drewett (Clerk), Stuart McGuigan, Nigel Crisp, Douglas Stevens, Gill May.

1. Police and Crime Commissioner – Angus Macpherson

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire, Angus Macpherson, had requested to attend the meeting. Angus explained how the Police functioned across the county and how budgetary constraints had impacted on the level of service, ability to respond to reported incidents etc

Angus is currently campaigning for a £2 increase in the level of Council Tax in order to help fund the appointment of 42 additional front-line officers. Councillors expressed their concerns that, being in a rural area, we appear to see very little for our money at present and cited examples of the recent church roof theft and incidents on The Ridgeway that had been reported but either dismissed or unattended.

The consultation can be viewed at: <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk>

The Chair thanked Angus for coming and closed the meeting for Public Question time.

2. Public Question Time

Two members of the public were in attendance and the Chair opened the floor to them. The applicant from Whatley's Orchard had attended to introduce himself and discuss the planning application submitted for a 2-storey extension. He has tried not to interfere with neighbours on either side and to ensure it is in keeping with all of the properties around them. The Chair explained that the application would be discussed later in the meeting and that they would usually defer to the Council's Design Officers to ensure that the overlooking and loss of light alleged by neighbours is considered properly. The applicant had not had any pre-consultation meetings with the case officer.

Cllr Brodin then introduced a parishioner from Hinton Parva who had attended to discuss the Shortdrove application submitted. She hoped that Cllrs were still opposed to the development and also expressed some concern that an application dating back to 2015 still appeared to be live as well as the current application. The Chair felt that both applications would be presented at the Planning Committee Meeting. The Chair advised that we should see the case Officer's report (which should be made available one week before the meeting) before deciding whether to attend the meeting and he gave his reasons for this.

The Chair then opened the meeting.

3. Approved Apologies

Andy Greenhalgh, Julian Cooke, Tom Green, Cllr Gary Sumner.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chair asked for a proposal that the minutes of the December meeting be accepted as a true record. The proposal was made by Cllr Stevens and unanimously agreed by all present. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising

All actions from the previous meeting had been completed except:

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Defibrillator

Cllr McGuigan confirmed that there had been very little interest in attending the training and it would therefore have to be cancelled.

Action: Cllr Stevens is to ensure a message is put onto Facebook. (Complete)

[Post meeting note: The message had generated more interest and the training was to take place as planned.]

Community Speed Watch

Cllr Brodin is to collate and book a date for practical training,

Action: Cllr Stevens is to talk to the interested parishioner.

Action: Cllr Stevens and Cllr Cooke will carry out the online training.

Cllr Crisp had spoken with the new co-ordinator who had emailed him, and he has responded to the email.

Action: Cllr Crisp is to chase a response copying in Cllr Brodin.

Action: Cllr Brodin is to collate and book practical training.

Community Safety

There had not been any more meetings and the following action will therefore be carried forward.

Action: Cllr Brodin is to notify the police of the poor response when the crime was reported.

7. **Planning**

- **S/HOU/18/1952** – Erection of a two storey rear extension – 7 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopstone
The Chair reminded Cllrs of the neighbours' objections and Cllrs agreed that they would have no objections subject to the Borough Council's Design Guide Standards having been satisfied such that the neighbour objections based on loss of light and overlooking concerns have been taken into account accordingly
Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)
- **S/18/1948** – Farm redevelopment to include cattle housing, milking parlour & Slurry lagoon – revision to previous permission S/17/1897 – Starveall Farm, Bishopstone
Cllr Stevens had spoken with Helen Browning that day and briefed Cllrs on the feedback received of a minor amendment. There will also be a feed silo on site. Cllrs had no objections to the application.
Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)
- **S/18/1302** – Erection of 1no. dwelling – Land off Short Drove, Hinton Parva, Swindon
Cllrs agreed that they should repeat their previous objections in principle and ensure that application **S/15/1701/RM.** was also referenced.
Action: The Clerk is to write to SBC. (Complete)
[Post meeting note: The Chair had spoken with Cllr Gary Sumner and he confirmed that both applications would be going to committee next month.]

PENDING DETERMINATION

- **S/LBC/18/1710 & S/18/1709** - Demolition and conversion of existing barns to create 5 no dwellings with associated garages, landscaping, ancillary development and repairs to Grade II listed wall— Prebendal Farm, Icknield Way, Bishopstone
- **S/18/1741**—Construction of an outdoor sand school—1 Mount Pleasant Farm Cottages,
- **S/18/1742**— Extension of existing lunge pen to form 20mx40m ménage—Land South of Bodyhorse Hill, Hinton Parva
- **S/LBC/1831 & S/HOU/18/1830**— Erection of single storey rear & two storey Side Extensions & internal alterations—Poveys Cottage, Tuckers Lane, Hinton Parva **S/18/0520/IH & S/LBC/18/0521/IH REVISIED** – Demolition of existing dairy building & erection of a building to provide 4 no b&b suites with ancillary service accommodation and use of exiting yard for associated car parking – Ex-Dairy Building, Rear of West Hinton House, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva
Cllrs have always supported this application in principle but there are Heritage, Conservation and Highway objections that need to be overcome before Cllrs will support it. Cllrs also still have concerns around the misrepresentation of the traffic survey. The Chair advised that Cllrs must wait for the Officers report before any further comments can be sent.
- **S/18/1663** – Change of use of barn to dog kennels (Sui Generis) – Lammy Down Farm, Russley Park, Baydon
- **S/LBC/18/1567** – Replacement timber windows – Bishopstone C E Primary School, Hockerbench, Bishopstone
- **S/15/1701/RM** – Erection of 1 dwelling – Land off Short Drove, Hinton Parva, Swindon – **REVISED S/HOU/18/1316 and 1317** – Addition of an exterior terrace at entrance level with two new openings

within the main building, and reinstatement of a window at attic level – The Old Mill, Hockerbench, Bishopstone

GRANTED

The following granted schedule had been received after the agenda had been issued:

- **S/18/1741/LZWI** – Construction of an outdoor sand school, Mount Pleasant Farm Cottages, Mount Pleasant Farm Lane, Horpit
- **S/LBC/18/1567/SASM** Replacement timber windows – Bishopstone C E Primary School, Hockerbench, Bishopstone
- **S/18/1742/TB** – Extension of existing lunge pen form 20m x 40m manege – Land South of Bodyhorse Hill, Hinton Parva

REFUSALS

NONE

OTHER ISSUES

NONE

8. Report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Sumner had sent a briefing note to Cllrs before the meeting for their information. Any relevant points were picked up during the meeting (see agenda items below)

Cllr Sumner will be holding a Ward Councillor Surgery at Bishopstone Village Hall on 19th Jan 09.00-10.30 (Robert Buckland also in attendance).

The Chair will ensure Cllr Sumner understands the Parish Council's views with regard to all of the SHELAA sites and that the PC is not supportive of any development outside of the Rural Settlement Boundary (with the exception of site s066)

9. Reports from Sub Committees

There were no sub-committee reports.

10. SHELAA

Cllr Sumner is intending to have maps available for viewing at his open surgery on 19th January.

11. Precept

Cllr Crisp reminded Cllrs that the Precept had been discussed at the December meeting and it had been agreed to keep the Council Tax the same for a Band D. Cllr Crisp proposed that the precept of £12,693.18 of be accepted for 2019/20, this was seconded by Cllr Brodin and unanimously agreed by all those present.

Action: Councillor Crisp is to write an article for the Parish times. (Complete)

Action: The Clerk is to send the Precept figures to SBC. (Complete)

12. Pond & Island

The Chair advised that the Clerk is still waiting to hear from Top of the Trees before clearance works can commence.

13. GDPR

Nothing to report.

Action: The Clerk is to leave this item on the agenda.

14. Community Safety

No meeting had taken place. Community Speedwatch had been discussed 6.2.

Action: Cllr Brodin is to notify the police of the poor response when the crime was reported.

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- 15. The Ridgeway Access for Vehicles**
 A discussion took place with regard to removing vehicle access from the Ridgeway. It was felt that the Oxford consultation will be held for some time. Cllr Crisp is to monitor the situation. He reminded those present that the response to close the Ridgeway to vehicles was 91% and he is to take this action forward.
Action: Cllr Crisp will draft a letter to SBC and liaise with Cllr Green over the wording.
- 16. Lengthman Works**
 Cllr Stevens reported that The Dingle could possibly be tidied following the recent tree removal works. This will be adhoc works.
Action: The Chair is to look at the situation and talk to the Lengthman if necessary
- 17. New Road**
 The Chair reported that signs had been erected before Christmas. Nothing else has been done. Cllrs asked that Robert Buckland become involved explaining that it is a long-standing community issue that is not being addressed. Cllrs suggested he should visit the site whilst at the Ward Councillor Surgery on 19th January 2019.
Action: Cllr May is to send a draft note for Robert Buckland to the Clerk for onward circulation. (Complete)
- 18. Traveller on The Ridgeway**
 The traveller has been served notice by SBC which expires on 19/3/19.
 Cllrs asked that the Clerk write to SBC advising that the traveller appears not to have been in residence for several weeks and also that his untaxed vehicles are on the Highway. Cllrs also wanted clarification of the wording in the Notice.
Action: Cllr Crisp is to draft a response for the Clerk to send. (Complete)
- 19. Bench & Plaque for Bishopstone Pond**
 The Chair informed those present that he and the Clerk had received a request via Cllr Sumner for a commemorative bench and plaque by the pond in memory of the writer's father. The Clerk had forwarded the email to Cllrs before the meeting and were happy for this to be erected. However, Cllrs would like to see an image of the bench.
Action: The Clerk is to respond to the request explaining that Cllrs are happy with the donation of a bench and plaque once the works have been completed on the island. She is also to ask for an image of the bench. (Complete)
- 20. Accounts to be Paid**
 The amounts shown in Appendix 1 of the Agenda were presented for approval. The Clerk's salary and timesheet had been sent to the Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee for checking before the agenda had been issued.
 Cllr Stevens proposed that the accounts were paid, this was seconded by Cllr Brodin and agreed unanimously by those present.
- 21. Correspondence**
 The Chair asked Cllrs if they wished to view any correspondence; none did.
- 22. Parishioners Feedback/Complaints.**
Short Drove skip
 A discussion took place about the complaints received about the large industrial skip at Shortdrove.
Action: Cllr Crisp to send a draft to Clerk for onward circulation.

Litter Pick
 The Chair suggested that another village litter pick be organised. Cllrs agreed that Sunday 24th February 2019 was suitable.
Action: The Clerk is to put an article into the newsletter. (Complete)
Action: The Clerk is to request the equipment from SBC. (Complete)
- 23. Date of Next Meeting**
 The next meeting is due to take place on Monday 4 February 2019 at Hinton Parva Village Hall at 7:30 pm.
 The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.
Cllr Stevens gave his apologies for the February meeting.