

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL 576**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council held online at 7:30 p.m.**  
**on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

**Those Present:** Jaine Blackman (Clerk), Val Brodin (Chair), Nigel Crisp, Tom Green, Douglas Stevens, Gill May, Helen L'Abbate

**1. Public Question Time**

No questions had been submitted to the Clerk and no members of the public were in attendance. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed new Councillor Helen L'Abbate.

**2. Tribute to Councillor Andy Greenhalgh**

The Chair expressed thanks for Cllr Greenhalgh's service to the Parish Council and our villages, remembering in particular his determination to improve broadband and preserve the environment. She said his village walks maps would bring pleasure to people for years to come and he would be missed.

**ACTION: Chair to write a tribute for the Parish Times with input from Cllrs Stevens and Thomas**

**3. Approved Apologies** Julian Cooke, Ian Thomas, Gary Sumner.

**4. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Stevens with regard to agenda item 12.

**5. Minutes of Last Meeting** (1<sup>st</sup> June)

The Chair asked for a proposal that the minutes of the June meeting – with amendments to two planning minutes - be accepted as a true record. The proposal was made by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed.

**ACTION: Clerk to make amendments for minutes to be signed by the Chair.**

**6. Matters Arising**

**The City:** Cllr Thomas has had a quote from the Lengthman for works but one or two areas need to be adjusted before speaking with SBC. **ACTION: To stay on agenda for August.**

**The Island anti-social behaviour:** Cllr Stevens said there had been no further reports or evidence of anti-social behaviour but he would continue to monitor the situation.

**7. Planning**

**S/20/0604** Erection of single storey side extensions and change of use of land for holiday letting to tourists. The Chalet, Church Row, Hinton Parva SN4 0DW.

Concerns were raised over nuisance to neighbours, future usage plans and impact on the Conservation Area.

**ACTION: Clerk to send objection based on the PC's response to the previous holiday let application with a request for strict conditions should officers be minded to grant consent.**

**S/20/0415** - Erection of 1no. dwelling. Former That Hovel, Oxon Place Bishopstone Swindon.

**Late Receipt of Planning Notifications**

**S/PAG2R/20/0798** Prior Approval application for the change of use of 1no. agricultural barn to 1no. dwelling (Class C3). Barn At West Hinton Farm, Hinton Parva

**PENDING DETERMINATION**

**S/OUT/20/0533/JABU** Outline application for the erection of up to 299no. dwellings, commercial facilities up to 300 sq.m. (Use Classes A1/ A2/A3/A4/A5/ B1 & D1) with associated parking, landscaping, drainage and heritage trail - Access not reserved. Land At Foxbridge Village North, Wanborough Road, Swindon.

**S/OUT/17/1990** Outline planning application (with means of access to the A420 not reserved) for up to 1,550 homes; education provision including a 10 form entry secondary school and a 3 form entry primary school with attendant sports pitches; a sports hub and open space; a park and ride; a local centre up to 1,000sqm including classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 and D1 uses; public open space/green infrastructure; new informal and formal recreation spaces, the formation of a new permanent access from the A420 and a temporary construction access from the A420. Great Stall East - Land South Of The A420, South Marston Swindon.

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**S/OUT/20/0160** - Outline application for up to 370no dwellings and a mixed use local centre of up to 1,500sqm floor space (use classes A1/A2/A3/A4/A5 and D1- Access not reserved – Land at Foxbridge Village, New Eastern Villages, Wanborough Road, Wanborough.

**S/OUT/19/0582** Outline planning application for 2,500 homes at Lotmead site.

**S/OUT/18/1943** Hybrid planning application for science park and associated works at Inlands Farm, Wanborough. The Chair reported that the deadline for objections had been extended to 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**ACTION: Chair to let residents know on Facebook that there was still time to object.**

**GRANTED - S/20/0339/CHHO** - Variation of condition 6 from previous permission S/HOU/18/0249 concerning an additional window at ground floor level. Swedish House, 2 The Forty, Bishopstone.

**S/LDP/20/0401/EMMI** - Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed) for the conversion of garage into habitable space and relocation of entrance. Hillcrest, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva.

**S/HOU/20/0499** Erection of two storey front extension and replacement porch at Swedish House, Bishopstone.

**REFUSAL - NONE**

**APPEAL - NONE**

## 8 Emailed report from Ward Cllr Gary Sumner

- I am awaiting an update from Tim Price once estimates for The City path/drainage have been received.
- Junction 15 work starts imminently – compound being opened in the next week. The overnight diversion when required will be via Ridgeway Road and B4192 Liddington.
- Extension of time for ‘Swindon Science Park’ at Inlands Farm to 28/8 to allow comments to be collated, a decision made and a Planning Committee organised. Residents may continue to comment for now.
- Application for Great Stall East is likely to go to a special late July or August Planning Committee.
- Reminder that Church Road in Wanborough is closed for 3 weeks from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> for gas pipeline replacement and after that Kite Hill for 5 weeks (during school holiday).
- Broadband. Gigabit Fibre Programme: As mentioned I met with Openreach earlier this year (April) with Robert Buckland to discuss rural broadband. The gigabit fibre programme is funded via a voucher scheme from DCMS (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport) and Openreach are preparing an estimate for Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. I have asked that the Parish Council and I are named as Co-leads as it will be down to both of us to promote the scheme to residents once we have the costs. Each home has a nominal voucher for £1500 towards the cost and each business £3500. Once we have the estimate, Openreach would set up a pledging website and help us with leaflet templates. We need to get all businesses and residents to pledge their voucher to cover the cost. This is not an upgrade of existing fibre – it’s a new gigabit fibre network.

*Councillors discussed the matter of broadband further. Cllr Stevens reported two residents were exploring using another company with the possibility of resolving matters in six to eight months. Concerns were raised on timing of Cllr Sumner’s proposed Openreach scheme.*

**ACTION: Cllr Stevens to invite residents with alternative plans to address the Parish Council. The Chair to ask Cllr Sumner to share with villagers more information and timescale of the Openreach plan.**

- Cllr Sumner also supplied details of a Rural Mobility Fund bid for £1.05m to improve rural connectivity.

## 9 Works at The City Discussed under Matters Arising.

## 10 Fibre broadband Discussed under Ward Councillor’s report.

## 11 Key Area updates

**Finance** - No report to make.

**Footpaths and Highways** - No report to make.

**Pond & Island** – Cllr Stevens believed there was some interest in the parish for using the pond for recreational activities, which needed to be discouraged because of insurance issues and the need to protect its fragile eco-system.

**ACTION: The Chair to write an article for inclusion in the Parish Times, with input from Cllr Stevens.**

**Hinton Parva Village Hall** -\_No report to make.

**Bishopstone Village Hall** - No report to make. Cllr Green to take over key area.

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**Hinton Parva Charities** – Clerk raised issue of representation. **ACTION: Clerk and Chair to liaise.**

**Bishopstone United Charities** - No report to make.

**Trees** - No report to make.

**Russley Park Liaison** - No report to make. Cllr Crisp to take over key area.

**Planning** - No report to make.

**Website/IT** - No report to make.

**Responsible Financial Officer** – Had checked with SBC elections officer re councillor vacancy procedure and timing and will post on noticeboards

- 12 **PCC funding request** After discussion where it was noted how well the churchyard at Bishopstone was being maintained, Cllr Crisp suggested moving things forward. Standing orders were suspended briefly to allow Cllr Stevens to speak. **ACTION: Cllr Crisp to present ideas on how to conclude matters at the next (August) Parish Council meeting, with the aim of agreeing what to put to the vote at September's meeting.**
- 13 **Local Plan** – Nothing to report.
- 14 **GDPR** – Chair reiterated the need to be careful with personal information and not to identify individuals. Cllr Green highlighted the need for cyber security and warned of the dangers of phishing emails.
- 15 **Community Safety** The Chair informed the meeting that the Community Speed Watch scheme would resume on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 16 **Accounts to be paid:** see Appendix 1 Proposed by Cllr Crisp, seconded by Cllr Green and passed unanimously.
- 17 **Correspondence** The Chair asked Councillors whether they wished to view any correspondence; none did.
- 18 **Parishioners Feedback/Complaints** None. It was noted that complaints were often aired online on Bishopstone and Hinton Parva community Facebook pages. **ACTION: Cllr Stevens to ask moderators to inform users they can contact the Parish Council with issues.**
- 19 **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting date is 3rd August 2020 to take place online.  
**ACTION: Cllr Green to set up meeting on Microsoft Teams.**

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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APPENDIX 1

**Accounts to be  
paid  
SUPPLIER**

**Amount**

Jaine Blackman  
Clerk's salary – no  
need for ratification  
agreed by Council

£360.54

Allbuild  
Lengthman's  
invoice - no need  
for ratification  
agreed by Council

£425.50  
(£354.58  
plus  
£70.92  
VAT @  
20%)

WALC Swindon  
Area Committee  
annual membership

£15

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