

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL 582
Minutes of the Parish Council held online at 7:30 p.m.
on Monday 4th January 2021

Those present: Val Brodin (Chair), Ian Thomas, Nigel Crisp, Douglas Stevens, Gill May, Andy Clark, Tom Green, Gary Sumner, Jaine Blackman (Clerk).

- 1. Public Question Time** Two members of the public were in attendance.
 - a. One resident expressed concerns over planning application S/20/1497. He was informed that the Parish Council's policy was to rigorously defend Bishopstone's Rural Settlement Boundary and preserve the Conservation Area. Cllr Sumner reported that he had informed Swindon Borough Council officers that he would call in the application if they were minded to grant it.
 - b. The owner of The Mill explained he had placed boulders inside his property line to discourage parking too close to a retaining wall, which supported the road, for safety reasons. He was advised to discuss the issue with the Highways Authority and offered the support of the Parish Council.

The Chair opened the meeting at 8.08pm.

- 2. Approved Apologies** Helen L'Abbate, Julian Cooke.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** None.
- 4. Minutes of Last Meetings 7th December 2021** Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr May, and agreed.
- 5. Matters Arising** Parking issues in the villages were raised. **ACTION:** Clerk to put on agenda for next month.
- 6. Planning**

Variation of conditions 3 - 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 - 22, 24 and 26 from previous permission **S/19/0703** for the construction of a new road, to link the A419 Commonhead Roundabout to the proposed New Eastern Villages (NEV) development including improvements to the existing Commonhead Roundabout and Pack Hill, new junctions with Pack Hill, The Marsh and Wanborough Road, new footway/cycleway and associated earthworks, drainage works and landscaping at land east of the A419, Between Commonhead Roundabout and land north of Wanborough.

S/20/1497 Erection of 2no. dwellings and associated works at land adjacent to 1 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopstone. Councillors objected to the proposal because of landscape and heritage harm, no public benefits and it falling outside the village boundary.

ACTION: Cllr Thomas to draft a letter for Clerk to send to SBC.

ACTION: Chair to inform parishioners of the objection on Facebook.

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S/HOU/20/1518 Installation of pv panels on rear facing roof slope. Retrospective. Lavenders, 3 Cues Lane Bishopstone. The majority of councillors objected as they would have made stipulations regarding flush panels had an application been made before they were installed.

ACTION: Cllr Thomas to draft a letter for Clerk to send to SBC.

S/20/1598 Erection of 1no. dwelling without compliance with conditions 9, 10 & 12 from previous permission S/12/1585 at land adjacent To Forty Cottage, Bishopstone SN6 8PH. Councillors could not see the need for this application as conditions appeared to have been complied with.

ACTION: Cllr Thomas to assist the Clerk with drafting a letter to send to SBC

LATE RECEIPT OF PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS: None.

PENDING DETERMINATION

S/HOU/20/0952 Replacement doors and windows at Curtis House, Cues Lane Bishopstone

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.

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/20/1396 Erection of two storey front extension and replacement porch (variation of condition 3 from Householder Planning Permission S/HOU/20/0499) at Swedish House, The Forty Bishopstone.

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S/LBC/20/0951 single storey side extension with internal alterations and replacement of modern windows, at Somerset Farm House , Church Row Hinton Parva.

S/HOU/20/0950 single storey side extension at Somerset Farm House , Church Row Hinton Parva.

S/TWC/20/1457/LAND No objection to Works to trees at The Hawthorns, Cues Lane, Bishopstone

S/20/1372 Construction of a pond at Eastbrook Farm.

S/20/1371 Construction of 3no. ponds at Eastbrook Farm, Icknield Way Bishopstone.

S/LBC/20/1085 Various internal works at Greystones, Church Row Hinton Parva

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REFUSAL - NONE
APPEAL – NONE

7. Report from Ward Cllr Gary Sumner

Cllr Sumner reported that he had arranged for the owners of Spring Cottage to be consulted over how much box would be cut back during works to the footpath around the pond. He was waiting for replies on fibre broadband and the reinstalment of fingerposts in Hinton Parva. He confirmed that, after pressure, BT had agreed to return Hinton Parva's telephone box if it was adopted by the Parish Council.

8. Fibre broadband No further update on Ward Councillor's report.

9. Works at The City No further update on Ward Councillor's report.

10. Adoption of telephone kiosk It was agreed that the telephone box in Hinton Parva should be adopted. The Chair suggested it could be used for a defibrillator with 999 facility.

ACTION: Clerk to contact BT to adopt the telephone box and find out costs for electricity installation.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Parish Council's insurers.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat for defibrillator costs.

ACTION: Chair to discuss with Village Hall Trust

11. Local Plan Nothing to report.

12. Key Area updates

Finance Nothing to report.

Footpaths and Highways Cllr Thomas reported issues with a fallen hedge in The Dingle and that it needed maintenance work. Various options were discussed. **ACTION:** Cllr Stevens to obtain quote for 'laying' the hedge.

Pond & Island Cllr Stevens reported that a 15-year-old had volunteered to do maintenance work on the island, supervised by his father, as part of his silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. **ACTION:** Cllr Stevens to liaise with volunteers. **ACTION:** Cllr May and Cllr Stevens to create an agreement regarding the work.

Hinton Parva Village Hall Closed due to Covid restrictions.

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Hinton Parva Charities Nothing to report.

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Bishopstone United Charities Christine Thomas has volunteered to take over from Karolyn Tapper as a Parish Council nominated trustee. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to Mrs Thomas to confirm and inform BUC.

Trees Cllr Thomas reported maintenance work was needed on a footpath to the Ridgeway and said he would inform the Lengthman.

Russley Park Liaison Nothing to report.

Planning Nothing further to report.

Website/IT See agenda item 13.

Responsible Financial Officer ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Chair to gain signatures needed to close two dormant Parish Council accounts.

13. Website and IT issues Councillors reported they were still having email issues. Cllr Crisp suggested setting up designated accounts with other services. Cllr Clark was thanked for arranging Facebook and the Parish Council website to be linked.
ACTION: Councillors to let Clerk know their preferred email address.

14. Environmental Policy A sub committee was set up with the aim of formulating a policy to be discussed in the summer, comprising of Cllrs Thomas, Stevens, Clark and May.

15. GDPR The Chair reminded councillors to be mindful of regulations if they set up new email accounts and try to keep Parish Council email separate from private email.

16. Community Safety No issues reported

17. Accounts to be paid: see Appendix 1. Agreed.

18. Correspondence The Chair highlighted correspondence between herself and the Vicar regarding the Parish Council's donation to the PCC and said it could be discussed further at another meeting if councillors wished to do so. **ACTION:** Councillors to inform Clerk if they want the item to be on the agenda.

19. Parishioners Feedback/Complaints The Chair reported that Bishopstone's Vicar had resigned and there was now a vacancy for the post.

20. Date and Venue of Next Meeting The next meeting date is 1st February, 2021 to take place online. **ACTION:** Cllr Green to set up a meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.12pm.

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APPENDIX 1

**Accounts to be paid
SUPPLIER**

Amount

Jaine Blackman Clerk's salary

£372.75

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

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

Jaine Blackman for office supplies from
Cartridgesave

£37.86

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