

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL 583**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council held online at 7:30 p.m.**  
**on Monday 1st February 2021**

**Those present:** Val Brodin (Chair), Ian Thomas, Nigel Crisp, Douglas Stevens, Gill May, Andy Clark, Tom Green, Helen L'Abbate, Julian Cooke, Jaine Blackman (Clerk).

1. **Public Question Time** No members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Approved Apologies.** Gary Sumner
3. **Declarations of Interest** None.
4. **Minutes of Last Meetings 4th January 2021** Proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and agreed.
5. **Matters Arising** The Chair reported on possible defibrillator schemes for the former BT phone box but further discussion was deferred until it has been returned to Hinton Parva.

**6. Planning**

**LATE RECEIPT OF PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:** None.

**PENDING DETERMINATION**

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.

**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.

**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

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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.

**ACTION:** Clerk to enquire with Swindon Borough Council if previously approved plans had been checked.

**GRANTED**

**S/HOU/20/1518** Installation of pv panels on rear facing roof slope. Retrospective. Lavenders, 3 Cues Lane Bishopstone.

**REFUSAL - NONE**

**APPEAL – NONE**

## **7. Report from Ward Cllr Gary Sumner**

Cllr Sumner emailed his report:

**Gigabit Fibre:** I met with Openreach and in view of the loss of so many addresses in Bishopstone under the USO from BT they are now re-costing the Bishopstone & Hinton Parva Scheme.

Cllr Clark reported that Gigaclear had shown some interest in providing a service to the villages and it was noted that plastic boxes were being used outside homes to install fibre broadband.

**ACTION:** Chair to let Cllr Sumner know about Gigaclear interest.

**ACTION:** Clerk to put article in Parish Times letting residents who live in listed buildings and conservation areas know that they should check whether they need permissions from SBC.

**Road works:** Some resurfacing works will take place this summer to Icknield Way, to the East of Nell Hill. Depending on funding there is a provisional scheme just West of Oxon Place. More details once the traffic management has been sorted out. I've always asked them to look at the area further East of the planned work and the structure of New Rd as mentioned in December.

**ACTION:** Chair to raise the possibility of calming measures with Cllr Sumner.

**Whatleys Orchard:** I've requested that this be called to Planning Committee (if officers were minded to grant).

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

**9. Works at The City** It was reported that work had begun.

**10. Adoption of telephone kiosk** Nothing further to add from matters arising.

**11. The Dingle tree management** Councillors noted the concerns of a parishioner, whom they had previously helped with a similar problem in 2017, over trees at The Dingle.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to SBC, which is responsible for the trees, to request the trees are examined.

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**12. Local Plan** Nothing to report.

### **13. Key Area updates**

**Finance** Nothing to report.

**Footpaths and Highways** Cllr Thomas reported a path from Bishopstone to the Ridgeway was in a poor condition and that the lengthman had quoted £525 plus VAT to supply materials and mulch it. It was agreed that work should be undertaken.

**ACTION:** Cllr Thomas to see if mulching material could be obtained cheaper and instruct the lengthman to carry out the work.

Cllr Cooke was considering creating a permissive path over land his family owned to extend existing footpaths and effectively link Hinton Parva and Bishopstone. The idea was warmly welcomed and he was thanked for his generosity and offered the parish council's support.

**ACTION:** Cllr Cooke to investigate the idea for further discussion.

Cllr Crisp reported a parishioner who wanted to put sheep in a field had asked what the council's policy was on replacing gates. After discussion it was decided that it was the responsibility of the landowner.

**Pond & Island** Cllr Stevens noted some work had been done to cut back foliage.

**Hinton Parva Village Hall** Closed due to Covid restrictions.

**Bishopstone Village Hall** Closed due to Covid restrictions.

**Hinton Parva Charities** Nothing to report.

**Bishopstone United Charities** Cllr Stevens reported some committee changes.

**Trees** Nothing to report.

**Russley Park Liaison** Nothing to report.

**Planning** Nothing to report.

**Website/IT** Cllr Crisp reported that the website now has a news page with Facebook posts automatically uploading. Cllr Clark was thanked for setting it up.

**Responsible Financial Officer** Clerk reported setting in motion process to close two dormant Parish Council accounts.

**14. Lengthman's contract** It was noted that the lengthman's contract was coming to an end and councillors agreed he should be given the option to extend it. There was also discussion about work that arose outside his agreed duties. It was decided that any project which cost in excess of £1,000 would go to three tenders, under that amount it would go to the council's contracted supplier.

**ACTION:** Cllr Thomas to ask the lengthman if he wants to extend his contract and at what rate.

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**15. GDPR** The Chair reminded councillors to ask for permission before forwarding emails from parishioners with personal information.

**16. Community Safety**

- a. **Parking issues in the villages** The situation will be monitored but it was hoped the congestion would ease after lockdown ends.
- b. **Speed limit on Body Horse Hill** Councillors agreed to seek an extension to the 30mph restriction to cover the whole of the lane for safety's sake as it is increasingly used by horse riders and several accidents had been noted.  
**ACTION:** Chair to ask Cllr Sumner to sound out SBC's Highways department to see how they can help.  
**ACTION:** Councillors to note any incidents on the road – chair will keep a log.

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

**18. Correspondence** The Clerk drew attention to a parishioner's request asking if it would be possible to have a bin installed in The Lane in Hinton Parva to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets and suggesting a safe path or pavement be made between the villages.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to respond to parishioner letting her know her concerns were noted and the path was being investigated.

**19. Parishioners Feedback/Complaints** Cllr Thomas's wife had suggested a welcome letter was sent to newcomers to the parish.  
**ACTION:** Chair and Clerk to liaise to create a welcome letter.

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

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

APPENDIX 1

<b>Accounts to be paid SUPPLIER</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jaine Blackman Clerk's salary - no need for ratification agreed by Council	£372.75
Allbuild Lengthman's invoice - no need for ratification agreed by Council	£425.50 (£354.58 plus £70.92 VAT @ 20%)

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