**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL 596**

**Minutes of the Parish Council held at Bishopstone Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**on Monday 7th March, 2022**

**Those present:** Val Brodin, Nigel Crisp,Tom Green, Julian Cooke, Doug Stevens, Jaine Blackman.

1. **Public Question Time** No members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Approved Apologies** Ian Thomas, Helen L’Abbate, Gill May, Andy Clark, Gary Sumner.
3. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Green regarding planning applications S/21/1899 and S/21/1900.
4. **Minutes of Last Meeting 7th February 2022** Proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded by Cllr Green, and agreed.
5. **Matters Arising**

It was agreed that Cllr Brodin should be reimbursed £46.96 spent on equipment for the successful litter-picks.

**ACTION:** Cllrs Green and May to create alternative email addresses.

1. **Planning**

**LATE RECEIPT OF PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

**S/HOU/21/0652** Conversion of an existing double garage into a home office including the raising of the existing roof, the addition of roof-lights, the demolition of a single storey lean-to and the erection of a two storey extension at Charlbury Cottage, Icknield Way Bishopstone. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to SBC: No objection.

**PENDING DETERMINATION**

**S/PAOTH/21/1985** Creation of 5 no. ponds at Eastbrook Farm, Icknield Way Bishopstone.

**S/22/0047** Retention of alterations to former agricultural building to provide stables and erection of a farm machinery storage building at land to the north of Grove Cottages, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva.

**S/OUT/20/0160** Foxbridge Village, New Eastern Villages. Revised documents.

**S/21/1899** Erection of a one-and-a-half-storey linked rear extension and associated landscape works at Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane Bishopstone.

**S/LBC/21/1900** Removal of entrance hall projection, erection of a one-and-a-half-storey linked rear extension, associated landscape works and insertion of stud partition to create study on ground floor at Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane Bishopstone.

**S/AMEND/21/0809/SASM** Non-material amendment to previous permission S/HOU/20/0950 and previous consent S/LBC/20/0951 to allow a change of glazing design on the 1980's kitchen extension to multipaned casements at Somerset Farm House, Church Row, Hinton Parva.

**S/HOU/21/0652** Conversion of an existing double garage, the demolition of lean-to and the erection of a two storey extension at Charlbury Cottage, Icknield Way Bishopstone.

 **Redlands Eastern Villages** applications numbers S/RES/21/0584/EDSN;

S/RES/21/0607/EDSN; S/RES/21/0498/EDSN; S/RES/21/0454/EDSN**;** S/RES/21/0867/EDSN Redlands Phase 2

**Foxbridge Village**, New Eastern Villages Wanborough Road. S/OUT/20/0160. S/OUT/20/0533

**Lotmead** S/OUT/19/0582

**Great Stall East** S/OUT/17/1990

**GRANTED**

**S/TWC/22/0057/LAND** Works to trees in a conservation area at Mill House, Cues Lane, Bishopstone.

 **REFUSED - none**

1. **Report from Ward Cllr Gary Sumner** Cllr Sumner had nothing to report.
2. **Fibre broadband** The Chair had been told by Openreach that the final costing for the Gigabit voucher scheme was ready to be sent out. However due to internal issues at Openreach it has been delayed yet again. The Chair continues to press for action.

1. **Local Plan** No update.
2. **Traffic and road safety in the villages**.

Cllr Green presented the results of the online a survey regarding a possible 20mph zone through Bishopstone. 82 per cent of those who responded (25 per cent of the village’s population) were supportive of the measure. Cllr Green was thanked for his efforts and further road safety issues were discussed. The Chair reported a Community Speed Watch incident in which a driver was abusive and threatening. He was tracked down and dealt with by the Community Policing team.

**ACTION:** Clerk to send the findings in support of a 20mph zone to the ward councillor so he can raise the matter with Swindon Borough Council as Highway Authority.

**ACTION:** Cllr Green to liaise with SBC to find out what is happening regarding extending the 30mph limit on Body Horse Hill and to suggest the 30mph zone on Hatchett Hill is extended further south from the junction with Little Hinton Lane.

**ACTION:** Chair to research Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS).

1. **Climate change/Environmental policy sub-committee**

The new Environmental Policy prepared by Cllr May was unanimously accepted (proposed by Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Stevens). It will be reviewed in March 2023.

**ACTION:** Clerk to put discussion of Article 4 re solar panels on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

1. **Key Area updates**

**Finance** Nothing to report

**Footpaths and Highways** Cllr Cooke had dealt with a dangerous tree at Hinton Springs.

**Pond & Island** **ACTION:** A dead tree on the island to be removed by Cllr Crisp.

**Hinton Parva Village Hall** Nothing to report.

**Bishopstone Village Hall** Nothing to report.

**Hinton Parva Charities** Nothing to report.

**Bishopstone United Charities** Nothing to report.

**Trees** A large chestnut tree at the junction of West End Lane and Icknield Way lost a limb which hit a power lane during recent storms. It appears to have fungal activity and may need to be felled.

**ACTION:** Clerk to request SBC’s tree officer makes an evaluation of the tree.

**Russley Park Liaison** Nothing to report.

**Planning** Nothing to report.

**Website/IT** Cllr Crisp was thanked for completing the move to a new host for the website and retaining the Clerk’s email address.

**Policies** Nothing to report. **ACTION:** Cllr L’Abbate to send councillors policies schedule.

**Responsible Financial Officer** RFO reported the national pay agreement for 2021/22 had been agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Crisp that the Clerk’s pay should increase in line with the award and be backdated to April 2021. Seconded by Cllr Green and agreed.

**ACTION:** RFO to action pay increase.

**ACTION:** RFO to begin 2021/22 audit process.

1. **GDPR** The Chair continues to go through old records and dispose of expired documents.
2. **Community Safety** Nothing to report.
3. **Accounts to be paid:** see Appendix 1.
4. **Correspondence**

**ACTION:** Clerk to renew membership to CPRE.

1. **Parishioners Feedback/Complaints**

**ACTION:** Clerk to report to SBC that the drain below The Mission Hall in Hinton Parva was flooding again.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Thames Water over a leaking water meter flooding the path behind the village hall to The City.

**ACTION:** Clerk to ask in the Parish Times for volunteers to coordinate Best Kept Village competition entries.

1. The next meeting date is 4th April, 2022 at Hinton Parva Village Hall. Covid regulations permitting. Any changes will be posted on noticeboards, website and Facebook

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

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| **Accounts to be paid****SUPPLIER**Jaine Blackman Clerk’s salary - no need for ratification agreed by CouncilAllbuild Lengthman’s invoice - no need for ratification agreed by Council | APPENDIX 1 | **Amount**£372.75£425.50 (£354.58 plus £70.92 VAT @ 20%) |