**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL 638**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Hinton Parva Village Hall**

**on Monday 1st September, 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Those present:** Val Brodin (chair), Steve Bell, Julian Cooke, Karen Walker, Karen MacGregor, Ian Thomas, Gill May, Dai Wilson, Lucille McGrath, Gary Sumner (Borough councillor), Jaine Blackman (clerk).

1. **Public Question Time** A member of the public attended to comment on planning application S/HRN/25/1034.
2. **Approved Apologies** None.
3. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Cooke regarding S/25/0985 and S/LBC/25/0986. Cllr Thomas regarding S/HOU/25/0959 and Cllr McGrath regarding S/HRN/25/1034.
4. **Minutes of Last Meeting 4th August 2025** Proposed by Cllr Thomas seconded by Cllr Cooke and agreed.

**Matters Arising** Cllr Cooke had spoken to a resident regarding overgrowth on path in Hinton Parva. Cllr Thomas had discovered a path at The City was not a public footpath.

1. **Planning**

**S/25/0985** and **S/LBC/25/0986** Change of use of agricultural building to form a single dwelling (class 3), demolition of barn and replacement of car barn/home office and associated works at barn adjoining Church Farm, Little Hinton Lane, Hinton Parva. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform SBC of No objection.

**S/HOU/25/0959** Erection of a greenhouse at Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform SBC of No objection.

**S/HRN/25/1034** Hedge removal at 1 West End Cottages, Icknield Way, Bishopstone. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to SBC objecting to the application until a proposal to replace it is submitted. Councillors believe both should be considered simultaneously.

**PENDING DETERMINATION**

**S/25/0840** Outline application for Farmhouse (Removal of condition relating to agricultural occupation from application 11056 1967 at The Homestead, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva.

**S/25/0911** Demolition of existing chalet, erection of 1no. dwelling (Class C3), retention of garage and ancillary accommodation and associated works - Variation of Condition 2 from previous application S/24/0183 regarding changes to windows and doors at The Chalet, Church Row, Hinton Parva.

**S/HOU/25/0046** Erection of gabion retaining wall (retrospective) at The Rails, Oxon Place, Bishopstone.

**S/HOU/24/1148** Erection of two storey rear extension and front porch at 2 Mount Pleasant Farm Cottages, Mount Pleasant Farm Lane, Horpit.

**S/25/0666/REPPER** Land At Mount Pleasant Farm, Mount Pleasant Farm Lane,

Horpit. Construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a ground-mounted solar farm complete with landscaping, associated infrastructure and temporary access.

Redlands Eastern Villages applications numbers S/RES/21/0584/EDSN; S/RES/21/0607/EDSN; S/RES/21/0498/EDSN; S/RES/21/0867/EDSN; S/OUT/23/0456 Redlands Phase 2 S/OUT/22/1415; S/OUT/23/1514 Foxbridge S/OUT/20/0160; S/EIA/24/1403/MORGAP.

**REFUSED**

**S/HOU/25/0027** Erection of a 1.8 metre high perimeter fence (retrospective) at The Rails, Oxon Place, Bishopstone**.**

**APPEAL**

**S/LDP/24/1400** Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the removal of a retaining garden wall to create vehicle access at 2 Church Row, Hinton Parva.

1. **Report from Ward Cllr Gary Sumner**

Cllr Sumner has had the issue of the dangerous road edge at Foxhill reopened with SBC. He is looking into whether the changes to a school bus service to Ridgeway will affect Bishopstone and Hinton Parva.

1. **Silt at Bishopstone pond** SBC drainage team had visited to examine the problem of surcharge from gullies near the bus stop and mill and have written asking for silt to be removed from the pond. Cllr Thomas said that we have been reporting for months that many of the gullies in the area are blocked and it was an SBC Highways issue. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact SBC requesting drainage officer Paul Page meet with councillors Wilson, Bell, Thomas and Walker on site to discuss the problem in order that the Parish Council may consider appropriate next steps.
2. **Code of Conduct** Cllr MacGregor proposed the new SBC Code of Conduct should be adopted for the parish, seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed.
3. **SBC response to safety and planning issues** The Chair is still waiting updated progress on issues raised by the parish council with SBC.
4. **Key Area updates**

**Finance** Nothing to report.

**Footpaths and Highways** Nothing to report.

**Pond & Island** **ACTION:** The lengthman had quoted £2,400 plus VAT to pollard the willows by the school and £769 plus VAT for a further willow in the area. **ACTION:** Cllr McGrath to get two more quotes for the work.

**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** **ACTION:** Cllr Thomas to draft letter for clerk to send to SBC head of planning regarding recent tree work decisions.

**Planning** Nothing to report.

**Website/IT** Nothing to report.

**Policies** Cllr MacGregor gave an update on policies and asked for councillors to let her have any comments.

**School Liaison** Nothing to report.

**Russley Park** Nothing to report.

**Responsible Financial Officer** The RFO reported the interest rate on its savings account is dropping from 4.25% to 4%. She had received a letter from HMRC regarding PAYE and asked for advice. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact HMRC and if she needs further help to contact Cllr McGrath.

1. **Community Safety** Nothing to report.
2. **Accounts to be paid:** see Appendix 1.
3. **Parishioners Feedback/Complaints** Cllr Cooke said some residents had questioned the positioning of a new fence at City Corner/Short Drove. **ACTION:** Clerk to report to SBC.
4. The next meeting date is 6th October, 2025 at Bishopstone Village Hall at 7.30pm. Any changes will be posted on noticeboards, website and Facebook. **ACTION:** Cllr May to report fly-tipping on the Ridgeway.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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| **Accounts to be paid**  **SUPPLIER**  Jaine Blackman Clerk’s salary - no need for ratification agreed by Council  Allbuild Lengthman’s invoice - no need for ratification agreed by Council  1&1 Internet host services - no need for ratification agreed by Council | **APPENDIX 1** | **Amount**  £511  £525 (£437.50 plus £87.50 VAT @ 20%)  £7.20 (£6 plus £1.20p VAT @ 20%) |