**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL 637**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Bishopstone Village Hall**

**on Monday 4th August, 2025 at 7.30pm**

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

1. **Public Question Time** A resident attended to report his intention to apply for planning permission for four semi-detached houses in Hinton Parva, on land outside the village settlement area. Two other residents attended to comment on planning application S/25/0911.
2. **Approved Apologies** Lucille McGrath.
3. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Cooke regarding S/25/0840.
4. **Minutes of Last Meeting 7th July 2025** Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Cooke and agreed.

**Matters Arising** Cllr Sumner said he was still awaiting a response from SBC regarding the lack of verge cutting. Railings had been reinstated and more work was expected at the septic tank at Hinton Parva. **ACTION:** Cllr Cooke to speak to resident regarding overgrowth on path in Hinton Parva.

1. **Planning**

**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. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform SBC the parish council has no objection.

**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. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to SBC objecting to the application on the grounds of lack of privacy and the impact on amenity for neighbours.

**PENDING DETERMINATION**

**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.

**GRANTED**

**S/25/0667** Construction of an equine menage at Oaktrees, Russley Park.

**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.

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

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

Cllr Sumner said he has raised the issue of flooding from the gullies in Bishopstone and SBC was looking into the issue. **ACTION:** Chair to send Cllr Sumner records which show SBC is responsible for trees at The Dingle, so he can urge an inspection is made.

1. **Policies update** Three updated policies – Communications and engagement, Environment

and Privacy were presented. Cllr Cooke proposed the communications policy was accepted, seconded by Cllr Thomas and agreed. Cllr May proposed the environment policy was accepted, seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed. Cllr Bell proposed the privacy policy was accepted, seconded by Cllr Wilson and agreed. **ACTION:** Cllrs MacGregor and May to create policies for consideration and ask clerk to put on the agenda for discussion.

1. **SBC response to safety and planning issues** The Chair is still waiting updated progress on issues raised by the parish council with SBC.
2. **Key Area updates**

**Finance** Nothing to report.

**Footpaths and Highways ACTION:** Clerk to write to SBC highlighting dangerous overgrown verges and vegetation and asking for action to be taken.

**Pond & Island** **ACTION:** Cllr Thomas to ask the lengthman to examine willows by the pond after resident’s request for pollarding and to quote for 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** Cllr Thomas pointed out that no arboriculture report had been made for tree application S/TWC/25/0892 which had been granted by SBC. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to head of planning Richard Bell asking whether in the light of controversy and upset to neighbours over recent tree work the parish council could be consulted on applications.

**Planning** Nothing to report.

**Website/IT** The resident who has volunteered to work on the website has also offered to donate funds to the village halls through a scheme the company he works for runs.

**Policies** Nothing further to report.

**School Liaison** Nothing to report.

**Russley Park** Nothing to report.

**Responsible Financial Officer** The RFO reported the VAT refund had been received and £8,000 had been paid to the lengthman as part payment for work at The Dingle. **ACTION:** The RFO to request SBC increases its grant for the upkeep of the closed cemetery.

1. **Community Safety** Nothing to report.
2. **Accounts to be paid:** see Appendix 1.
3. **Parishioners Feedback/Complaints** Cllr Bell said a resident reported a footpath at The City was blocked. **ACTION:** Cllr Thomas to check whether it is a public footpath.
4. The next meeting date is 1st September, 2025 at Hinton Parva Village Hall at 7.30pm. Any changes will be posted on noticeboards, website and Facebook.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

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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 Council1&1 Internet host services - no need for ratification agreed by CouncilAllbuild Invoice 3264 - no need for ratification agreed by CouncilAllbuild Invoice 3239 – part payment - 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%)£300 (£250 plus £50 VAT @ 20%)£8,000 (£6,400 plus £1,600 VAT @ 20%) |