

MINUTES OF BISHOPS CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2023, AT 7.30 P.M.

1. **Apologies:** K. Adlem, D. Blair, J. Phillips

Attendees: A. Jones, J. Shaw, Cllr. Legg, J. Walsh-Quantick (Clerk)

Members of Public: T. Loveless

2. **Previous Meeting Minute Approval**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 were agreed with no amendments. Proposed Cllr. Shaw, Seconded Cllr. Jones.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a. **Accident Location and Signage, Caundle Marsh**

There was a recent accident at the crossroads at the base of Bere Lane heading into Caundle Marsh where a car didn't stop at the junction and was hit by a vehicle travelling on the through road. The van finished up in the garden of an adjacent property. The resident has raised concerns and the road safety team has been contacted by Cllr Legg. To date all road markings have been repainted, new give way signs erected and the hedges cut back on the verges. A request for a change to a STOP signed junction has been made. **CLK**

- b. **Speeding SID / White Gates / Community Team/Crossing**

The CSW team are continuing to monitor traffic within the village. At the most recent session 4-5pm Monday 16th September, there were 300 vehicles passing through the village (both directions) of which 7 were speeding. There will be a further session next week. The Dorset Speedwatch team will meet with the CSW team in October. **JS**

- c. **Website**

Hugo Fox are the providers of the current website and have given three weeks' notice that the site will go from a free provision to costing £9.99+vat per month. It will not be possible to find a new free provider and completely redesign the website in this time. Councillors present have agreed that initially payment will be made and the clerk will investigate free providers in the next financial year.

- d. **Footpath – Maintenance. Dog and other waste**

Ongoing – Clerk to contact S. Meads for the footpath waymark and dog waste signs so they can be placed. **CLK**

It has been reported that the field adjacent to the White Hart has the footpath blocked by crops. This person is walking around the edge of the field but this will need to be raised with the land owner. **CLK**

A number of the stiles are reported as damaged including on Holt Lane (this has been temporarily fixed by T. Loveless) and below Baileys. The footpaths need to be walked and a list of repairs needed made to be reported.

- e. **Church Green Flooding Update**

There is ongoing support from Andy Probitts completing regular inspections. He would like to arrange contact with residents who have outbuildings over the rear ditch as the ditch cannot be cleared currently. Digby Estates have kindly offered to clear the ditch when there

is full access arranged. No further flooding has been reported. Awaiting DCC for next steps.
RL

f. Defibrillator

Ongoing, awaiting SWAST response. Clerk to re-contact and research alternatives. **CLK**

g. Neighbourhood Plan

As previously – Cllr. Shaw is awaiting the DAPTC training to become available. Powerpoints from the Clerks training have been forwarded. Cllr. Shaw has been booked onto a NALC planning course in November.

h. Grass Cutting Playing Field

This work is being completed by S. Goodfellow and S. Adlem.

i. Talk Talk

Talk Talk have now advised that overpayment has been made on the account after insisting the full years payment was due. Clerk to request a refund. **CLK**

j. Hedge Cutting

Cllr. Jones will contact Mr. Bennett regarding hedge cutting around the playing field. **AJ**

k. Vacancies

Mr. J. Phillips has been co-opted as from this meeting to the parish council and will attend the next meeting. It was raised that the remaining two vacancies cannot be filled after 6 months prior to next years May election and will remain empty until this time. **CLK**

l. A3030 Site

There has been concern raised that no action is being taken with the residents occupying the site prior to the entrance to the village at the Caundle Marsh end. The County Planning Enforcement team are in contact with the owners of the site and have provided conditions requiring action. The Parish Council are being updated by Cllr. Legg on progress. **RL**
It was raised that a 3 day bonfire with acrid smoke had been held on the site in recent weeks.

m. Muck Spreading

In the week prior to the meeting one of the fields close to Hill View had waste spread onto it. This was reported by local residents as being particularly offensive with some feeling unwell until the smell dissipated. It is unknown what type of waste this was with concerns that it may be human in origin. Cllr. Legg will further investigate this. **RL**

n. Grit Bin

The new grit bin remains in the village hall carpark and needs siting below the school premises to replace the broken one. To ask for volunteers. **ALL**

o. Register of Interests

To follow up from the last meeting, all councillors present were re-reminded that the Register of Interest online needs to be completed and should be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains current. **ALL**

4. **Planning Applications P/HOU/2023/04800 and P/LBC/2023/04801**

513 Bere Lane.

No objections have been raised to the plans submitted by the councillors present. This is a small amendment to a prior approved application.

It was raised that the planning application at The Cow Shed will not be on mains sewerage and that a number of local residents are worried that further development will take place on the site. Permission has been refused at the site over many years prior to this application.

5. **Playing Field**

Maintenance and repairs/work completed to date.

The play equipment from Sovereign is now installed however matting is loose. Sovereign have been contacted. We are awaiting the ROSPA inspection prior to final payment and opening of the equipment for use by local residents. **ALL**

Bench locations were discussed with T. Loveless, suggestions:

Opposite The Cow Shed, Holt Lane,

Replace the bench opposite the school.

Brow of Ryalls Lane just off Milburn Lane.

Mr. Loveless has stressed that benches will need to be installed with a concrete base and metal fixing to avoid theft.

Football Club

Pavilion – Ongoing. Cllr. Jones will meet with S. Martin and the clerk will re-contact via email. Until the property is empty the lease remains with the Football Social Club. The building is now in a significant state of disrepair. **AJ/CLK**

Grass Cutting / Hedge Cutting

Wessex Internet do not as yet appear to have completed remedial works to the damage within the playing field. Clerk to follow up.

H&S Inspection Awaited, to be arranged by Sovereign.

6. **CIL Monies Allocation Update**

No changes agreed since the previous meeting.

7. **Training**

Provision of training was discussed, councillors to contact the clerk if training is needed.

8. **Finance**

Bishops Caundle Parish Council - State of Finances to 19/09/2023

Balances:

Natwest Current Account		£7,660.19
Natwest Grants Account		£9,284.63
Natwest Savings Account		£14,559.98
Total		£31,504.80

Income:

Date

Amount

<u>Current Account</u>		
<u>Grants Account</u>		
<u>Savings Account</u>		
Grave Purchase via Merefield and Henstridge Balance	17/07/2023	£115.50
Headstone Fine Memorials	21/07/2023	£78.75
Savings Account Interest July	31/07/2023	£16.15
Savings Account Interest August	31/08/2023	£17.31

Cheques Signed and Approved by Chair Since Previous Meeting

None		

Other Payments Since Previous Meeting

<u>Current Account</u>		
Dorset Waste Partnership	19/07/2023	£30.80
S Goodfellow Grass Cutting Donation Cheque 001449	21/07/2023	£500.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance July	27/07/2023	£24.00
Clerk Salary July	27/07/2023	£326.02
HMRC Tax Clerk July	27/07/2023	£81.40
Village Hall Rent July	27/07/2023	£17.00
M Moore July	31/07/2023	£100.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance August	30/08/2023	£24.00
Clerk Salary August	30/08/2023	£325.82
HMRC Tax Clerk August	30/08/2023	£81.60
M Moore August	30/08/2023	£100.00
Sherborne Castle Estates	30/08/2023	£12.00
Clerk - NALC Meeting for Cllr Shaw	05/09/2023	£39.22
<u>Savings Account</u>		
<u>Grants Account</u>		
Sovereign Play Swing Seat Deposit	15/09/2023	£358.87

Payments Requiring Authorisation

	<u>Comments</u>	
M Moore Grass Cutting September	-	£100.00

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Clerk Salary / HMRC / Expenses September	Approx	£438.00
Clerk Salary / HMRC / Expenses October	Approx	£432.00
Village Hall Rent September		£18.00
Sovereign Play Balance (agreed to pay in instalments)		£7,010.14
Sovereign Play Balance (new swing seat)		£1,070.93
<u>Hedge Cutting</u>	Approx	£350.00

Proposed By: Cllr. Shaw

Seconded By: Cllr. Jones

N.b. Pension scheme for Clerk has not been joined as annual income is low.

9. Routine Correspondence

None via post, emails as forwarded to councillors.

10. Matters for Discussion Next Agenda / AOB.

There have been reports made around the road markings through the village. The central line, chevrons and 30 markings are worn or missing and need refreshing. The missing cats eyes which were patched with tarmac are damaged and need repair. Clerk to contact highways. **CLK**

11. Members of the Public Questions

None.

12. Time of Closure

9.05pm

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday November 21st, 2023, 7.30pm.

Future Planned Meeting Dates:

2023 Meeting dates – all 7.30pm Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

November 21st

2024 Meeting Dates

January 16th

March 19th

May 21st

July 16th

September 17th

November 19th