

## **MINUTES OF BISHOPS CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 2025, AT 7.30 P.M.**

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Wookey (deployment)  
**Attendees:** Cllrs. Richards (Chair), Blair (Vice Chair), Adlem. Shaw J. Walsh-Quantick (Clerk).

**Members of Public:** Three present.

2. **Previous Meeting Minute Approval**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and the emergency meeting August 28th were unanimously agreed. Proposed Cllr. Adlem, Seconded Cllr. Blair.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a. **Playing Field**

Purchases – Agreement was made to purchase 2 x football net and pegs for the main goals and some pig wire to run along the new fence. Prop Cllr. Richards, Seconded Cllr. Blair. **Acn Cllr. Adlem.**

Football equipment (a fenced enclosure and goals) had been identified for sale by a member of the public. Prior to the meeting it was being viewed by another interested party and BCPC had second option to view pending feedback from the meeting this evening. Councillors present felt that the cost would be prohibitive for the use that the area would have.

Magna Housing – Cllr. Adlem has offered to discuss the possibility of funding for sports equipment with Magna. The aim is for some items suited for teenagers in the village. **Acn Cllr. Adlem.**

A baseball hoop / mini Muga setup was discussed and base material is known to be a cost impact on this. Cllr. Adlem will revisit costs. **Acn Cllr. Adlem.**

Mower – the tyres on the mower are worn and puncture easily. Full agreement to purchase replacements. The mower can temporarily be stored in Mr. Rolls garage in Hill View.

- b. **Dorset Council Local Plan Update**

Sherborne Castle Estates (SCE) reached out to members of Bishops Caundle Parish Council to discuss the local plan submission. They stated equal surprise to the extent of the plans and were not in favour of all sites listed. There were concerns expressed over suitability of the land for reasons such as natural water courses. SCE were more comfortable with reduced development in the village at a level of 40-60 properties with preferred sites of LA Bish003 for approx. 25 houses and the current playing field. If the playing field was utilised and alternative site would be gifted with likely a replacement pavilion and play area (this will need confirmation if talks go forward).

The open afternoon held was successful with over 50 residents of all ages involved with some excellent points raised both verbally and in writing used in drafting the village response. The opportunity was held with teenagers attending to discuss what they would like as facilities most suited to them. The accompanying petition in the shop has been well supported.

Cllrs. Richards and Blair are of the view that all development plans should be rejected. The draft document written is to be updated and reviewed by Mr. Leech at Caundle House (legal background) prior to submission. A conclusion needs to be written and it was agreed that discussions with SCE should be mentioned. The document is to include that the village is struggling to cope with a full to capacity school and poorly supported shop and pub.



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There is a general meeting 07/10 at Digby Hall including online zoom.

A reminder on facebook and the PC website is to be given on how to submit comments on the proposals.

**Acn Clerk**

**4. Planning Applications**

None

**5. Training**

No training completed between meetings, councillors reminded to contact the Clerk if training is required.

**6. Finance – At 30/09/2025**

**Bishops Caundle Parish Council – State of Finances to 30/09/2025 (since previous meeting)**

**Balances:**

Natwest Current Account		£6,508.02
Natwest Grants Account		£2,991.16
Natwest Savings Account		£15,992.20
Total		£25,491.38

**Income:**

	Date	Amount
<b><u>Current Account</u></b>		
Precept	26/09/2025	£6,129.50
<b><u>Grants Account</u></b>		
<b><u>Savings Account</u></b>		
July Interest	31/07/2025	£16.68
August interest	29/08/2025	£13.39

**Cheques Signed and Approved by Chair Since Previous Meeting**


**Other Payments Since Previous Meeting**


<b><u>Current Account</u></b>		
Dorset Waste Partnership	16/07/2025	£ 24.87
M Moore Grass Cutting July	28/07/2025	£ 100.00



Playing Field Maintenance Donation	28/07/2025	£	500.00
Clerk Salary July	01/08/2025	£	456.96
Clerk HWA July	01/08/2025	£	26.00
HMRC July	01/08/2025	£	17.80
Dorset Timber Engineering (playing field fence)	16/08/2025	£	638.94
Hugo Fox August 25	11/08/2025	£	11.99
K Adlem Fuel Playing Field	18/08/2025	£	13.34
K Adlem Fuel Can (for mower)	18/08/2025	£	12.99
M Moors Grass Cutting August	26/08/2025	£	100.00
Village Hall Rent August - emergency meeting	29/08/2025	£	18.00
Clerk salary August (includes back pay for 2025-26 payrise)	01/09/2025	£	510.46
Clerk HWA August	01/09/2025	£	26.00
Clerk Expenses Stationary	01/09/2025	£	32.05
HMRC August	01/09/2025	£	31.00
Sherborne Castle Estates Village Hall Car Park Rent	01/09/2025	£	12.00
Hugo Fox September 2025	10/09/2025	£	11.99
K Adlem Fuel Mower	24/09/2025	£	16.12
M Moore Grass Cutting September	26/09/2025	£	100.00
Village Hall Rent Open Afternoon	28/09/2025	£	85.00
Village Hall Rent September meeting	28/09/2025	£	18.00
Clerk Salary September 2025	28/09/2025	£	477.30
Clerk HWA September 2025	28/09/2025	£	26.00
HMRC September 2025	28/09/2025	£	22.80
<b><u>Savings Account</u></b>			
<b><u>Grants Account</u></b>			

#### **Payments Requiring Authorisation**

	<b><u>Comments</u></b>	
M Moore Grass Cutting October		£100.00
Clerk Salary / HMRC / Expenses October	Approx	£536.00
Hugofox October		£11.99
Hugofox November		£11.99
Hedge Cutting	Approx	£380.00

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Proposed By: Cllr. Richards

Seconded By: Cllr.  
Adlem

N.b. Pension scheme for Clerk has not been joined currently.

**7. Routine correspondence.**

None via post, emails as forwarded to councillors.

**8. Matters for Discussion Next Agenda / AOB.**

- 20mph limit through village.
- Council vacancies / expressed interest.
- Routine agenda items not covered in this meeting.

**9. Members of the Public Questions**

T. Napier asked about the current state of the pavilion and if it would be deemed safe for use as a youth club and possible social club for use on a Friday/Saturday. Cllr. Richards will get the key and show the current building to Mrs. Napier.

**Acn: Cllr. Richards.**

**10. Time of Closure**

8.50pm

**Date of Next Meeting**

November 18th

**Future Planned Meeting Dates: All 7.30pm Village Hall unless otherwise stated.**

**2026: January 20<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>**



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