

BISHOPS CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES
HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH MAY 2021 AT 7.00P.M.
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: A. Jones, P. Blundell, D. Gardner, D. Blair, A. Emery, D. Kennelly, A. Williams
Parish Clerk J. Walsh-Quantick

1. Election of Chairman for Annual Parish Meeting:

D. Kennelly proposed A. Jones, seconded by P. Blundell.

2. To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from C. Mitchell, A. Tuffin.

3. To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 2019.

Circulated previously, the minutes were approved and signed. Proposed P. Blundell, seconded D. Gardner.

Outstanding Action – None

Questions Raised:

D. Kennelly – 30MPH speed limit, when will this be enforced? The new speed limit although agreed has not yet had signs placed, we are awaiting for the county council for this.

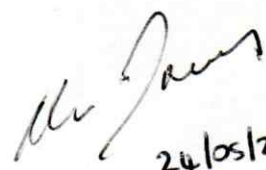
D. Gardner – Play area timescale. D. Gardner has voluntarily been giving his time to repair equipment within the play area. He is aiming for the start of the summer holiday to have half done however until completed we cannot arrange for an inspection/re-opening.

4. Parish Council Chairman's Report A. Jones

Welcome to the Parish AGM which will be followed by the Parish Council AGM. Like many others, they past year has been very strange and difficult with normal life bringing challenges however the council has managed to hold meetings, conduct normal business and deal with complaints. I thank councillors for their patience and hard work.

We have the new housing development at Manor Farm which I hope will be of benefit to the community and retention of village assets. The development will result in the availability of six properties to let for local residents and we must thank the Community Land Trust for their work in in achieving this.

A major concern, with a number of complaints, has been the speed of traffic through the village. We have been discussing various ways and means to improve the situation by adoption of entrance signage, speed awareness and control devices. Discussions have been held with Dorset Police who have agreed to more frequent speed monitoring.


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We have, following receipt of Section 106 monies, been able to discuss and put into place works which we considered will enhance our village and a major proportion of this will be our efforts to re-open the play area. S106 is very specific in its allocation and use. Following our last H&S inspection, we were forced to close the facility on safety grounds. Councillor D. Gardener agreed to supervise this work and it's hoped to keep these works within available funds with the assistance of community volunteers. Play equipment needs repair and replacement and new equipment will need purchasing. It is hoped to be able to re-open this year covid permitting. A large item of play equipment has been purchased already for installation.

As a result of the housing development we have benefited from an allocation of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies. We have been able to discuss and put in place works which we consider will enhance the village. A major portion of this is for the play area and speed awareness equipment.

The council have by prudent management of funds been able to keep within our budget however, like householders, due to ever increasing costs we have had the need to increase the precept for the first time in a number of years to meet these anticipated increases. We are fortunate to continue to benefit from works carried out by members of our community at low costs, if we had to employ contractors (such as to cut the playing field) these costs would be considerably higher. Thanks go to M. Moore and the football social club.

Unfortunately we currently have a vacancy on the council which we hope to fill shortly by co-option. Finally I would like to propose a vote of thanks to councillors for their work over the past year and to Councillor Legg for his advice and assistance. A special vote of thanks goes to the Clerk for her excellent work over what has been a very difficult year.

5. **Statement of Parish Council Accounts.**

The clerk presented the full parish council accounts for the year April 2020-March 2021, these were fully approved. Proposed by P. Blundell and seconded by D. Gardner.

The internal audit of the accounts will be completed by N. Ladd by mid June and the audited accounts submitted to PKF Littlejohn. All annual accounts are displayed on the parish council webpage and notice board and this year's will be added once auditing is completed. Please note that some monies below are already allocated to the play area refurbishments.

Balances at 31/03/21:

Natwest Current account £7651.72

Natwest Savings Account £11056.77

Natwest Grants Account (New) £9282.92

Balance at year end: £27991.41

Expenditure 2019-20 - £7207.43

Income 2019-20 - £12583.70

S106 to reclaim: £10262.65

CIL Levy 1 given: £4919.20

CIL Levy 2 given: £4919.20

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6. Representatives from Village Organisations were invited to give a brief statement of the year's activities:

A. Parochial Church Council.

None

B. Village Hall Committee.

Report for the Bishops Caundle & Caundle Marsh Village Hall D. Kennelly

The last 12 months have been strange for the village hall as there has been very little activity possible within the hall, yet financially the hall has prospered. We have been fortunate to receive a number of grants from Dorset Council. The hall has had to meet the costs for utilities, oil, insurance and the servicing of the fire alarm system and oil boiler. However, with the grants received we currently have a balance of over £26000 in the deposit account.

The hall management committee agreed that it would be sensible to use some of the grant money to refurbish the hall kitchen, replacing the old (and second hand) fittings with new. We are also looking into the cost of replacing the oil boiler with an air source heat pump, as the current boiler has been unreliable recently and generally needs a new control box every 2 years at a cost of over £200. Low Carbon Dorset has told us that it is likely that we would receive a grant to cover 40% of the costs for this type of replacement. We are currently awaiting for quotes.

With the easing of lockdown most of the clubs regularly using the hall have stated their intention to return. Unfortunately the Embroiderers Guild has been disbanded nationally, and an attempt to set up a local group was unsuccessful so we have lost on of our long term users. On a positive note we have a group of majorettes starting regular weekly meetings from 21/05 and hope to start weekly spinning classes in the near future.

C. Village Community Shop – Presented by A Williams.

The chairs report was given by A. Williams, this was not forwarded after APM so is not included within the minutes.

D. Football Social Club

No representation. As discussed last year, is important to establish if the social club will be restarting post Covid-19 as the building is in a poor state of repair.

E. Short Mat Bowling Club C. Blundell.

This year we have played very little bowls. We have a certificate saying we are a COVID 19 safe club, we might have been the first club in the country to be awarded the certificate! Still the lock down rules have allowed us little opportunity to play. We are planning on restarting with club play on 18 May. We will not be playing with other clubs or playing in the league but will play with our members on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and with other local people who wish to join us. Anyone wishing to join us should contact Sheila Dean 23157 or me on 23171.

F. Other Village Groups

Embellishers Group: Plan to restart monthly from 1st Monday in June

Patchwork group: Plan to restart (C. West)

No other representatives.

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7. Open Public Forum

No members of the public attended.

The meeting closed at 19.45

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