

## MINUTES OF BISHOPS CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 31st 2026, AT 7.30 P.M.

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

**Members of Public:** One (Kit Clifford)

**Additional meeting held to discuss planning application and IT policy for Assertion 10.**

### 2. **Matters Arising:**

#### a. **Bus Survey Review**

Cllr. Legg provided an update on recent meetings held both in person and online with Dorset Community Transport. Proposals are in place to use one of the school commissioned buses to provide a 1 day in town service and a 1 day local village service per week. It is likely to be a service where users register and potentially could start in June 2026 for a 6 month trial.

A service is likely to cost £125-£150/day to run (the remainder is covered through the school contract) and there is a small pot of money in the Sherborne budget earmarked for this project. Each village on the route is being asked if they can contribute a small amount towards the service and if was proposed by Cllr. Richards that £10/week (a total of £260) can be used from reserves monies, seconded by Cllr. Adlem.

23 survey responses were completed which are shown below:

Frequency of service	Time in Town	Number of Responses	Comments
Weekly	0-2 hours	2	
Weekly	2-3 hours	7	PM travel, 2 stops in village (near Church, near shop). Anything.
Weekly	>3 hours	1	
Weekly/Monthly	>1 hour	4	Having one would be great, reasonable fare, disabled access, just having one would be good.
Weekly/Monthly	2-3 hours	1	Would be great having any service to the village.
Weekly/Monthly	>3 hours	1	Working hours
Monthly	1-3 hours	1	Just having a service anyway.
Monthly	2-3 hours	3	Service leaving village after midday. An evening service (as per my wife), moved here for facilities that don't exist. An evening service as no taxi's will come out.
Monthly (maybe)	2-3 hours	1	Wheelchair accessible, consider summertime operating.
Less than Monthly (maybe)	1-3 hours	1	
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Cllr. Legg also discussed a service that passes through Bishops Caundle as part of Plus Bus Dorset which is a paid service although bus passes can be used. Further details are needed and to add information to the noticeboard and website once full information has been established. **Acn: Clerk**

he half marathon was postponed due to poor weather conditions. Tim Otter has confirmed via email that the revised date will be July 12<sup>th</sup>. Cllr. Adlem confirmed that she will be able to open the gate prior to the event. **Acn: Cllr. Adlem**

b. **Assertion 10**

The IT policy was discussed and agreed. Prop Cllr. Richards, Seconded Cllr. Shaw.

**3. Planning Applications P/FUL/2026/01318**

A revision to the planning application for the new residential property at the White Hart was submitted where proposals were to replace raised roof light with velux heritage flush fitted windows, to change the garage roof pitch and to apply timber cladding to one of the rendered elevations. No objections were raised by councillors.

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

- Kit Clifford has expressed interest in becoming a councillor, to arrange co-option at the next meeting.
- Pavillion – we need to establish what the building should be for, what does the community want? Kit has kindly offered to transport the windows to the tip.
- Mower storage needs to be arranged.
- Cllr. Adlem to arrange purchase of a strimmer.
- Cllr. Legg reminded all present that booking is now in place for use of the tip.
- Cllr. Legg will forward an email from the Environment Agency who have a series of meetings starting that may be of relevance to Bishops Caundle.
- Cllr. Legg raised that there is a consultation currently about fire service cuts, all under consult are voluntary stations with 4 in Dorset and 4 in Wiltshire listed.
- There is an Electoral Commission consultation on how to split existing ward boundaries with a timescale of June for members of the public.

**5. Time of Closure**

8:48pm

**Date of Next Meeting**

May 19th 2026 Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings from 7pm

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

**2026:** July 21<sup>st</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2027:** January 19<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>.