

MINUTES OF BISHOPS CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Adlem, Cllr. Legg
Attendees: Cllrs: Richards (Chair), Blair (Vice Chair), Jones, Phillips, Shaw and Wookey. J. Walsh-Quantick (Clerk)
Members of Public: None
2. **Previous Meeting Minute Approval**
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024 were agreed with no amendments.
Proposed Cllr. Phillips, Seconded Cllr. Shaw.
3. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Speeding Update, Community Speedwatch Team, SID**

- Cllr. Shaw provided an update at the meeting.
 - An official session was undertaken by the Community Speedwatch (CSW) Team, one vehicle was recorded at 43mph.
 - One of the official CSW locations has been removed due to property development, this has been replaced by a new location close to the Church.
- Cllr. Phillips reported that data from the CSW team is not showing an overall increase in speed on average through the village although there are reports of vehicles passing through the village at high speed.

The clerk will request a FOI on official speeding data within the village from the Dorset Road Safe Partnership.

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b. **Planters**

Two separate £20 donations have been made for the planters which have been added into the reserves account and have been ringfenced for community projects. The remaining compost (12 bags) will be removed from the hall car park.

c. **Defibrillator**

A spare pad and batteries have been purchased and are with Cllr. Phillips as he has taken over management of the checking of the unit weekly. The unit was needed 2 weeks after installation for an ambulance call out in the village.

d. **Footpaths – maintenance, dog and other waste (inc bins).**

Cllr. Phillips is continuing to work on the maintenance of signage of the village footpaths and equipment has been donated from Chris Adlem.
It was reported in the Blackmore Vale magazine that the path at Blind Lane was overgrown, this has been reported to Dorset Council.

e. **Church Green Flooding**

Cllr. Wookey (Flood Warden) has contacted Sherborne Castle Estates and Andy Probetts (DCC) in the prior two weeks regarding the Church Green issues. Cllr. Jones reported that two issues have been raised where complaints have been sent to DCC and, although given incident numbers, have not been responded to.

The ditch behind Church Green was discussed and all new councillors updated with the issues that occurred when the area flooded.

f. Manor Farm Barn Update

Cllr. Richards reported that the barn roof is now almost completed and will need time to dry out. There is work being undertaken on the footpath and an opening made into a side wall, when finished this will lead directly onto a footpath improving pedestrian safety.

g. Visibility Manor Farm – Mirror Purchase.

There is no current interest in progressing this further. Cllr. Wookey has full details on the approval process for visibility mirrors should this later be re-raised.

4. Village Updates

• Play Area

A report was provided by Cllr. Adlem for the play area and playing field which is summarised below.

Play area equipment - The main wooden activity frame has now been repaired by Sovereign and can be re-used. Grass in the play area is being strimmed regularly Chris Adlem (volunteer) to ensure area can be used all the time.

Site of the old play area – Neil (volunteer) from Hill View has brought back better equipment and has cut the grass in this area.

There are 2 seating benches to be placed around the village. The location of these has been proposed in the previous meeting but no further action taken. The clerk will now investigate where these can be placed.

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• Playing Field / Pavilion.

A report has been provided by Cllr. Phillips prior to the meeting which is summarised below.

A summary of initial work to the pavilion needed to make the building safe has been forwarded by Mark Fellows Landlord at The White Hart. He is prepared to complete initial work voluntarily if materials can be purchased to do this. There is £2000 allocated from the CIL monies for initial work on the pavilion and it was proposed by Cllr. Richards that this was used to fund these initial repairs and a skip for debris removal. This was seconded by Cllr. Phillips. There were 6 votes in favour and one against.

Mr. Williams has been made aware that repayment for any materials used will only be provided on receipt of invoices and that there is a total amount of only £2000 available.

Cllr. Richards has estimated the value of the building for insurance purposes to be £175,000 and it was unanimously agreed that this was an appropriate value. It was stressed by Cllr. Richards that the Parish Council have a Duty of Care to ensure that the building is safe. The asbestos roof was raised as a concern and will be discussed further at a later date.

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- **Other community facilities**
Adult fitness equipment (also suitable for teenagers) was raised and investigation into potential grants for this has been requested.
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The shop Manager Katie Gardener has resigned and will be leaving 19/09, interviews have been held for a replacement. Cllr. ~~Legg~~ is the new chair of the shop committee.
Richard. do 19/11/2024

5. **Planning Applications**
None
6. **Training**
New councillor training has been completed by Cllr. Phillips.
Cllr. Shaw has a place reserved on a planning enforcement and appeals course in October.

7. Finance

Balances:		
Natwest Current Account		£2,970.61
Natwest Grants Account		£2,991.16
Natwest Savings Account		£15,569.10
Total		£21,530.87

Income:		
Current Account		
Grants Account		
Savings Account		
Savings Account Interest July	31/07/2024	£20.75
BC Events Committee Donation	06/08/2024	£300.00
Planter/compost Donation	16/08/2024	£20.00
BV Lions Charity Donation for AED	22/08/2024	£200.00
Planter/compost Donation	29/08/2024	£20.00
Savings Account Interest August	30/08/2024	£18.54

Cheques Signed and Approved by Chair Since Previous Meeting

Other Payments Since Previous Meeting

Current Account		
Dorset Waste Partnership	16/07/2024	£24.27
M Moore grass cutting July	29/07/2024	£100.00
Clerk Salary July	31/07/2024	£434.16
Clerk HWA July	31/07/2024	£26.00
HMRC July	31/07/2024	£12.00

Purple Waste Bags (via clerk)	09/08/2024	£132.50
Hugo Fox August	12/08/2024	£11.99
Clerk HWA August	27/08/2024	£26.00
Clerk Salary August	27/08/2024	£434.16
M Moore grass cutting August	27/08/2024	£100.00
HMRC August	27/08/2024	£12.00
Sherborne Castle Estates car park lease	04/09/2024	£12.00
DAPTC Training	04/09/2024	£30.00
DAPTC Training	04/09/2024	£40.00
Hugo Fox September	10/09/2024	£11.99
Savings Account		
AED Consumables BHF (via clerk - transfer from savings a/c)	11/09/2024	£246.00
Grants Account		

Payments Requiring Authorisation

M Moore Grass Cutting September		£100.00
M Moore Grass Cutting October		£100.00
Clerk Salary / HMRC / Expenses September	Approx	£470.00
Clerk Salary / HMRC / Expenses October	Approx	£470.00
Village Hall Rent September		£18.00
Hugofox October		£11.99
Hugofox November		£11.99
Hedge Cutting	Approx	£380.00

Proposed: Cllr. Richards
Seconded: Cllr. Phillips

8. Routine correspondence.

None via post, emails as forwarded to councillors.

9. Matters for Discussion Next Agenda / AOB.

a). Precept

b). Signs on playing field – currently dogs being exercised off lead and dog waste not being picked up or disposed of. Clerk to obtain quotes for new signs in preparation for the next meeting. **CLK**

10. Members of the Public Questions

a). None

11. Time of Closure

8.36pm

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday November 19th, 2024, 7.30pm

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

2025:

January 21st

March 18th

May 20th (from 7pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting

July 15th

September 16th

November 18th

