

BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2025.

PRESENT

Cllr. Nankivell (PN) – Chairman

Cllr. Cllr. Hutton (EW), Cllr. Parker (AP), Cllr. Macintyre (NM), Cllr. Allen (MA).

Cllr. Clare Pinniger WCC, Cllr. Margot Power WCC, Cllr. Russell Gordon-Smith WCC.

2 Residents present

Mr Paul Rutherford

Mr K. Fell – Clerk

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies from Cllr. Jonathan Williams HCC.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 10th DECEMBER 2024.

The minutes were agreed, and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Nil.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Nil.

7. CITY COUNCILLOR'S – Cllr. MARGOT POWER & Cllr. CLARE PINNIGER.

WCC Cllrs had sent reports. The report included details of Devolution proposed by the Government. The proposals put forward by HCC are for a new Strategic Authority of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with four unitary authorities covering a population of 500,000 each.

Hampshire awaits a reply from the Government. The problem facing the county council is the huge financial burden of adult and children's services.

9. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING - Cllr. PARKER.

24/02611/HOU Honeylynche, Bighton Lane

PC Comment submitted. Cllr. Pinniger had spoken to the planning officer.

24/02811/FUL – 02812/LIS – 02813/AVC

The Ship Inn, Bishop's Sutton

Conversion of garage/stable/barn into additional dining area link extension, interior alterations & external redecoration. Replacement signage & lighting, re-surface car park & stop east access plus alterations to garden.

Discussed by Members who supported the application. Paul Rutherford spoke on the application.

Cllr. Parker produced a comment which the Clerk submitted to WCC.

25/00025/PNC4 Land North of the Dene Ropley

From agricultural to flexible commercial use Class E

Cllr. Parker suggested No comment to planning.

10. COMMUNITY MATTERS - Cllr. McINTYRE.

Cllr. McIntyre said that there was nothing new to report.

Cllr. Pinniger stated that a Hydrologist had been located who lived at Godalming but will visit the village and give a preliminary report on the stream free of charge. When this has been done a meeting will be arranged.

11.HIGHWAY MATTERS - Cllr. HUTTON.

The road drain next to the village hall exit had been repaired, but the depression in the road in front of Cedars hasn't been dealt with, so water still collects there.

Cllr.Allen spoke about the Ash trees and mentioned that some of the trees had been marked. Cllr. Parker had seen an HCC Arboriculturist inspecting trees in the village.MA stated that C&D Trees were due to remove the trees at the telephone box on 27th January and Field Maples could be planted in their place. The residents close to the telephone box will be informed.

11.LENGHTSMEN/SID - Cllr. NANKIVELL.

Cllr. Allen suggested that another solar panel should be purchased and gave reasons why this would help the Cllrs. running the SID units. The Clerk said that funds where available. He also said that the traffic speeds through the village seemed lower.

12.INDUSTRIAL PLANNING & SUN LANE DEVELOPMENT - Cllr. PARKER.

Cllr. Parker said that there is a meeting with the Developer tomorrow and he was hoping that the timescales would be available for the continuation of the works. The roundabout will be started, and this will provide access for construction traffic. The finished roundabout will be ready in the Summer. Updates will continue monthly.

Bighton Bottom Farm was discussed as the planning development was nearly finished but there was a considerable amount of landscaping to be carried out as per the application. Cllr. Parker will check the progress.

13.FOOTPATHS & ROW - Cllr. HUTTON.

Nil.

14. WEBSITE/SID/DEFIBRILLATOR - Cllr. ALLEN.

Cllr. Allen stated that there was nothing new this month. The De-Fib battery was OK at the moment but a new battery, if required, will be funded by the Village Hall.

15.CORRESPONDENCE - CLERK.

Reports from WCC Cllrs.

WCC ROI Cllr. Parker

Sun Hill Development Update

Police – Dedicated Neighbour Officer Update

Clerk & Councils Direct Jan.'25

Village Hall Booking

WCC Planning Application The Ship Inn

HCC Footpath

16.FINANCE – CLERK.

The Clerk gave the Chairman an update on the financial position.

RECEIVED

Nil

TO PAY

Clerk's exps.

£94.79

Agreed

17. BUDGET.

A Draft Budget had been prepared which Members discussed. The Chairman said that the Lengthsmen did not have the equipment to do siding out of the Alresford footpath so the grass cutting and siding out estimate had been combined at £500.

The Clerk pointed out that the Precept had been raised because as HCC has financial problems the Parish Council may have to fund additional works.

After discussion it was agreed that the Precept be raised to £10,000 to provide a larger than normal reserve. With £10,000 Precept the charge for a Band D property would be £46.75.

The Clerk completed the application and sent it to WCC.

18. OTHER MEETINGS.

Nil.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

Nil.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11th FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.