

BISHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Ordinary Minutes – Wednesday 11th September 2024
Underwood Community Centre (and via Zoom) 18:30 – 21:00

1. Attendance

John Davies, Pamela Davies, Andrew Cork, Carol Cork, Chelsea Powell, Cherie Hall, John Hall, Richard Stokes, Rachael Stephens

Clerk: Jacob Richards-Powell

City Councillors: Raymond Mogford & William Routley

Members of public in attendance

2. Apologies

Samantha Voaden-Miller attending training session

3. Declarations of Interest

John Hall – allotments

4. Announcements

- a. New website is now live

5. Public Forum (Limited to 20 Minutes)

- a. Public Participation
 - i. No questions had been submitted prior to the meeting
 - ii. Clerk informed members of public that the consultation period for the Craig Y Perthi solar Farm has been extended to September 20th, 2024.
- b. City Councillors Updates & Comments
 - i. Raymond Mogford spoke to member of the public regarding item 9C. He proposed a site visit on the 12th of September 2024 at 10:30 inviting residents affected by the lack of wheelchair / pushchair access to attend with their comments. Following this City Councillors will work with NCH to try to resolve the matter. Community Councillors and Member of the public satisfied.
 - ii. Raymond was contacted a few weeks ago about sewerage discharge from the pumping station into Monk's ditch in Underwood. City Councillors will visit the area as part of the site survey on the 12th of September 2024. John Hall has provided photographs showing a history of sewage being pumped into the brook.
 - iii. Richard noted that works in Underwood has been carried out but is not complete. City Councillors will chase this up as an action.
 - iv. Richard commented that the overhanging trees at Willow Drive are still an issue for residents, City Councillors will carry out an inspection as part of their site visit.

- v. Andrew asked if there had been any progress on the possibility of re-opening the access between the Underwood shops and the doctor's surgery. No progress, City Councillors cited that NCH is undergoing restructuring and this may be the reason communication ceased.

6. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Wednesday 14th August 2024
 - i. Proposed by Pamela Davies seconded by John Hall
- b. Tuesday 27th August 2024
 - i. Deferred until the next meeting

7. Action Points & Clerk Report

- a. Allotment update
 - i. Still awaiting update from solicitor
 - ii. Allotment holders that have not worked their sites will be written to
- b. Best in Bloom
 - i. All invitations sent
 - ii. Certificates have been ordered to be picked up Thursday 12th September
 - iii. Food has been picked up ready for preparation on Saturday
 - iv. A bouquet of flowers will be bought for the mayor's wife
 - v. £100 will be donated to the mayor's charities
- c. Actions

8. Finance & Procedure

- a. Review & Agree Bank Reconciliation for July & August 2024
- b. Review and agree budget for annual Remembrance Day
- c. Discuss and agree proposed terms for long-term booking lease for BVH with The Learning Tree
 - i. Unanimous vote in favour of amended long-term lease to allow The Learning Tree to provide breakfast and after school clubs from Bishton Hall during term time. The hall will be bookable by members of the public.

9. Maintenance

- a. Discuss and agree amount to put towards replacing tiles in UCC kitchen
 - i. Agreed to provide up to £50 so Andrew can buy tiles and adhesive for the kitchen in Underwood.
- b. Discuss and agree quotes for electrician to commission socket in Underwood Football Club
 - i. One quotation has been received for £210. This quotation has been accepted for the installation of a plug socket at Underwood Football Club.
- c. Discuss and agree whether action can go forward to see steps in Underwood replaced with an accessible ramp to aid residents
 - i. 253-271 Waltwood Road do not benefit from wheelchair accessibility on the footpath leading to the properties. This is affecting the residents in the properties. This matter was discussed first at the meeting and put to the City Councillors.
- d. Discuss Bishton Park inspection and agree remedial repairs
 - i. Agreed to lock the park, share the inspection report with contractors to gather quotations for the work to be carried out.
 - ii. John Hall is a qualified park inspector, but his qualification has lapsed. He will enquire about updating this qualification
- e. Discuss and agree siting of Christmas tree offered by NCH

- i. Proposal to plant it at the top of the estate near the lorry park. NCH will plant the tree.
- f. Update on overhanging trees in Willow Drive
 - i. With City Councillors

10. Planning

- a. Confirm receipt of Planning decision report from NCC
 - i. Noted and received.
- b. No further planning matters
 - i. PEDW correspondence has been sent by The Clerk regarding solar park and milking machine planning appeal.

11. Date for Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday 9th October 2024 – Bishton Village Hall

Signed:

Dated: