



**Bishton Community Council  
Ordinary Meeting 1830 – 2100  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Underwood Community Centre**

**MINUTES**

**1. Attendance**

John Davies, Pamela Davies, Andrew Cork, Carol Cork, Richard Stokes, Chelsea Powell, Cherie Hall, John Hall, Samantha Voaden-Miller

City Councillors: Raymond Mogford and William Routley

Non-attendance: Mark Campbell

Members of public in attendance.

**2. Apologies**

Rachael Stephens

**3. Declarations of interest**

John Hall, Samantha Voaden-Miller declared interest in the matters of allotments and will not take part in decision making.

**4. Announcements**

- a. Summary of D-Day event in Magor
  - i. John and Pamela Davies attended the Magor with Undy Town Council D-Day event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The event was well attended, and both commented that it was well organised. A video has been taken and will be shared onto social media.

**5. Public participation (Limited to 20 Minutes)**

- a. Questions from Members of Public (please submit to Clerk prior to meeting)
  - i. No prior questions submitted
- b. City Councillor Participation
  - i. Cherie Hall asked for an update on grass cutting in the area and remarked that verges on Bishton Lane are heavily overgrown. City Councillors have chased up points of contact at Newport City Homes (Pobl) and Newport City Council and are awaiting a response.
  - ii. Councillor Routley commented that whilst 'No Mow May' is a good scheme it results in a backlog of work and inhibits pedestrian and vehicular access in areas where verges become dangerously overgrown. City Councillors are asking for amendments to the NMM policy that they consider sensible as they

would not impede visibility. **Action: Suggest that Bishton CC contacts NCH / NCC directly as a matter of course.**

- iii. Richard Stokes was informed that a bench was removed from Waltwood Park Road. NCC commented that the bench had been removed as it was not being used. Becky Wright has offered a bench from the memorial garden to be placed where the bench was. However, this may be subject to a consultation process from NCC and if BCC place a bench there it will become the responsibility of BCC and not NCC.
- iv. Councillor Raymond commented on the bench that is located around the corner from the school in the ecology area. It was proposed to relocate the bench closer to the bus stop by the school so that it would be used more. It has been removed but not replaced. The bench opposite the allotment was removed as it had been struck by a vehicle. It has been replaced with the bench from Waltwood Park Road albeit refurbished.
- v. Councillor William Routley asked Joanne of NCC to copy BCC into correspondence regarding the bench survey that was carried out and the missing bench on Waltwood Park Road. No further correspondence has been received from NCC since May 1<sup>st</sup> and no correspondence has been sent to BCC regarding the bench at all. **Action:** City Councillors will continue to follow up the issue of the bench and lack of correspondence. Richard Stokes will be the primary point of contact for BCC on this matter.
- vi. Carol Cork reported that the contents of residential properties are being dumped over the fences onto the green at Woodland Road. Cherie Hall has reported the waste, but it has not been collected. Councillor Raymond Mogford requested further information would be helpful (what3words, photos etc...)
- vii. Samantha Voaden-Miller has reported the sizeable divot opposite the 'lorry park' on Waltwood Road to FixMyStreet to no avail. County Councillors have advised sending it directly to them to expedite the issue.
- viii. Raymond Mogford raised the issue of the former leisure centre. He asked to meet with Cabinet member for NCC for site inspection. AGM has now taken place so new cabinet in place. Hopeful site inspection will take place soon.
- ix. John Hall reported that the owners of the former leisure centre were on site recently carrying out strimming.
- x. Raymond Mogford raised the possibility of re-opening the pedestrian access to the shops but has had no luck with the new point of contact at NCH.

#### **6. Approve Minutes from Ordinary Meeting**

- a. Ordinary Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2024
  - i. Proposed by Pamela Davies seconded by Samantha Voaden-Miller
- b. Annual Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2024
  - i. Proposed by Andrew Cork and seconded by Pamela Davies.

#### **7. Action Points & Clerk Report**

- a. Report circulated to Councillors prior to meeting.

#### **8. Finance & Procedure**

- a. Review and agree bank reconciliation for May 2024
- b. Review and agree grant request for Friends of Bishton – Planters

#### **9. Underwood, Bishton & Wilcrick**

- a. Allotments
  - i. Update on allotment administration and issues.
    1. Ongoing issue of trespass. A civil injunction will be lodged against the former tenant. Unanimous vote to proceed.

**10. Planning**

- a. 24/0462 – No comments
- b. Receipt of delegated decisions list
  - i. Planning list circulated to councillors prior to meeting.

**11. Date and location of next meeting. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Bishton Village Hall.**

**Meeting ended at 20:23**