

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025.**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr. Nankivell (PN) – Chairman**  
**Cllr. Allen (MA) – Vice – Chair**  
**Cllr. McIntyre (NM), Cllr. Parker (AP) & Cllr. Hutton (EH)**  
**Cllrs. Clare Pinniger WCC, Cllr. Gordon-Smith WCC.**  
**Cllr. Jonathan Williams HCC.**  
**Dr. Sharon Witt & Dr Helen Clarke.**  
**11 Residents present**  
**Mr K. Fell – Clerk**

**1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were apologies from Cllr. Margot Power.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING 14th JANUARY 2025.**

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

**4. MATTERS ARISING.**

Nil

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Nil.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR.**

Cllr. Williams spoke on the Government's Devolution proposals and residents and Members asked questions. Cllr. Gordon-Smith added some points about the proposals. The Elections had been put back to May 2026.

He is also following up on the drain in front of the village hall.

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

WCC Cllrs had sent reports.

Cllr. Pinniger had spoken to a Hydrologist who had looked at the data. He would charge £1,000 for a visit and £200 for a report. Members discussed the figures and agreed to request a report as this would provide some statistics relating to the water problems in Water Lane.

**8. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING - Cllr. PARKER.**

24/02611/HOU Honeylynche, Bighton Lane.

WCC Application permitted.

Cllr. Parker spoke about the Ship Inn application. The Historic & Environment Officer had some minor comments, but it was thought these could be overcome.

**9. COMMUNITY MATTERS - Cllr. McINTYRE.**

Cllr. McIntyre stated that she had nothing to report but Dr Sharon Witt & Dr Helen Clarke would speak about the final stages of the "Whispers of Chalk Stream" Project.

**Update** – reporting requirements and invitation to contribute comment to evaluation.

**Publications** – introduce and distribute the publications a) Exploring the Bishop's Sutton headwaters of the River Alre b) A Community Poetry Anthology.

**Noticeboard** – thank you for the use of the PC noticeboard, now cleared and key returned.

**Signage** – report back on consultation process, introduce draft design, discuss location – suggestion village hall.

**Budget** – a final grant instalment will be received from the funders and transferred to Attention2Place.

**Website** – remaining assets to be sent to Mark Allen.

Dr Witt and Dr Clarke thanked the Parish Council for their support.

#### **10. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Cllr. HUTTON.**

Cllr. Williams asked HCC to forward the old documents re the Alresford footpath again and the Clerk has downloaded the four documents and passed on to NM and Cllr. Pinniger. 249 documents were enclosed.

The Clerk received correspondence plus a form to submit for widening the footpath at the ford in Water Lane. The Application Form is to apply for a Community Funded Highways Infrastructure. This has been completed and returned together with photographs and measurements of the existing path. The photograph coincided with a resident actually using the path with a walking frame.

#### **11. LENGHTSMEN/SID - Cllr. NANKIVELL.**

The Chairman had spoken to the Contractor regarding cutting the grass alongside the Alresford footpath and received a quotation. Possible frequency June and September. A resident in the audience stated that the condition of the footpath was very poor. Cllr.Pinniger re-stated that HCC have planned to work on the path.

The Chairman said that the Contractor will demonstrate a machine that is capable of carrying out the task.

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

Roundabout constructed to provide construction access from A31 but nothing further to disclose.

#### **13. FOOTPATHS & ROW - Cllr. HUTTON.**

Cllr. Hutton stated that he had not been advised of any problems.

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

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

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE - CLERK.**

Reports from WCC Cllrs.

WCC New Code of Conduct, Revised Local Employment Plan – Consultation

Balfour Beatty M3 Jct.9 improvement

Winchester District Creative Economy Handbook

Env. Agency Water table

HCC Pl. Maintenance Mill Lane

CPRE Subscription

Invoice for tree work telephone box School Lane

Sun Lane correspondence -updates

Thank you for grant St. Nicholas Church.

Thank you for supporting Whispers of Chalk Stream

#### **16. FINANCE – CLERK.**

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

**RECEIVED**

Nil

**TO PAY**

Clerk's exps.	£86.20
Tree work at Telephone Box	£1,176.00
CPRE subs	£60.00

Agreed

**17. OTHER MEETINGS.**

Nil.

**18. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.**

Nil.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th MARCH 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm.**

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.47 p.m.