

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 11 May 2026 – 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Kettle (Chairman)
Cllr N. Thomas (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Horsman
Cllr Tressler
Cllr J. Thomas
Cllr Lamont
Cllr Dugmore

In Attendance:

Jill Green - Clerk to the Council
Cllr Natalie Gist – District Councillor

Absent

Cllr Burns

Public: 2

1. Election of Chairman:

26/47

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Kettle as Chairman for the forthcoming year
Proposed Cllr N. Thomas, seconded: Cllr Tressler, 6 in favour, 1 Against.

2. Election of Vice-chairman:

26/48

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Thomas as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year
Proposed Cllr Kettle, seconded Lamont, all in favour.

3. Apologies for Absence:

26/49

Apologies had been received from Cllr Burns in advance and were accepted.

4. Declaration of Interests:

26/50

None.

5. Dispensations

26/51

None required.

6. To appoint Portfolio Holders:

26/52

Signature.....

The minutes from 12 May 2025 Annual Meeting were considered and acceptance was deferred to the next meeting on 1 June 2026.

A discussion took place with regards to working groups as an alternative to portfolio holders, with the following alignments agreed upon.

To appoint portfolio holders to the following:

- a. Allotments – Cllr Lamont
- b. Biodiversity/Climate Change – Currently Cllr Burns (deferred pending his acceptance)
- c. Churchyard and Cemetery – Cllr Lamont
- d. Finance – Cllr Kettle
- e. HR - Cllr Horsman/Cllr J. Thomas/Cllr Dugmore
- f. Planning - Cllr Dugmore/ Cllr N. Thomas/ Cllr Horsman/Cllr J. Thomas
- g. Play Area/hard courts/Playing field – Cllr N. Thomas
- h. Police Liaison – Cllr Horsman/Cllr N. Thomas
- i. Social Media – Cllr Dugmore/Cllr Lamont/Cllr J. Thomas
- j. Procurement – Cllr Dugmore

7. To appoint representatives to outside bodies

- a. BI Community Centre – Cllr N. Thomas
- b. Memorial Hall – Cllr Tressler
- c. Bishop’s Itchington Primary School – Cllr Horsman
- d. Village Charities – Cllr Kettle

The Meeting ended at 19:45pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

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