



**Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at 7pm in the Bulkington Village Hall**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard Evans, Carla Haslam  
(dialled in via telephone)

Public: Tamara Reay (Conservative Councillor for the Devizes Rural West Division)

Ref	Subject	Action and who by
110/21	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> PCSO Janet (off duty)	
111/21	<b>To Record:</b> No changes to the Register of Interests. No declaration of Interest in agenda items.	
112/21	<p><b>To Receive a report</b> from PCSO Janet and Councillor Tamara Reay:</p> <p>PCSO Janet was unable to attend as she was off Duty, she updated the Clerk that there was nothing to report for Bulkington for the period 14.08.21 – 14.09.21.</p> <p>Councillor Tamara Reay urged villagers to take a look at Wiltshire Council's Draft Climate Strategies and Natural Environment Plan – more on <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate</a>. Consultation closes 17<sup>th</sup> of October.</p> <p>Councillor Tamara Reay also touched on the Ash dieback disease – this is a devastating tree disease that has the potential to kill up to 80% of ash trees across the UK.</p> <p>Ash dieback can affect ash trees of all ages. Younger trees succumb to the disease quicker but in general, all affected trees will have these symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaves develop dark patches in the summer.</li> <li>• They then wilt and discolour to black. Leaves might shed early.</li> <li>• Dieback of the shoots and leaves is visible in the summer.</li> <li>• Lesions develop where branches meet the trunk. These are often diamond-shaped and dark brown.</li> <li>• Inner bark looks brownish-grey under the lesions.</li> <li>• New growth from previously dormant buds further down the trunk. This is known as epicormic growth and is a common response to stress in trees.</li> </ul> <p>Update on Station: first draft feedback received and further work being commissioned by transport team at Wiltshire Council. The operational capacity of bringing a 4<sup>th</sup> platform in Westbury back in use is currently being investigated along with Bedwin changing from turnback siding to a loop to accommodate freight trains.</p>	<p>Clerk to circulate details and put up in Bus Shelter, Facebook and Website</p> <p>Clerk to circulate symptoms and put up in bus shelter, website and Facebook</p>



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113/21	<b>Open Forum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Message from villager received about the footpath behind the playground complaining about stinging nettles and long grass across byway.</li></ul> Message from villager received about the use of Roundup to kill weeds in the village.									
114/21	<b>Local Planning:</b> None known									
115/21	<b>Minute Approval:</b> The last minutes of the previous meeting were approved									
116/21	<b>The following costs were approved:</b> <table><tr><td>Clerk Pay September</td><td>£221.60</td></tr><tr><td>Ideverde Works Date: 01.01.2021 - 31.03.2021</td><td>£280.80</td></tr><tr><td>Ideverde Works Date: 01/08/2021 - 30/08/2021</td><td>£103.59</td></tr><tr><td>Insurance Renewal</td><td>£280.39</td></tr></table> <b>TOTAL OUTGOING: 885.57</b> <b>REMAINING BALANCE: 8,517.28</b>	Clerk Pay September	£221.60	Ideverde Works Date: 01.01.2021 - 31.03.2021	£280.80	Ideverde Works Date: 01/08/2021 - 30/08/2021	£103.59	Insurance Renewal	£280.39	
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117/21	<b>Recreational Ground - Playground Committee update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Football Goal Post selection and sign off: The smallest goal option at @£480 (plus VAT?) was agreed upon. This is a set of two that will be concreted into the recreational ground – the above ground section can be locked into the ground for safety and removed for events.</li><li>- Update on grass cutting: Andrew has been looking into purchasing a mower for the village to run the cutting between village volunteers. It was agreed to look into trial options before investing in a machine to make sure it works as a solution. With the view of getting the grass much neater and cleaner in time for next summer.</li><li>- <b>Update on current Recreational Ground Finances: £1026</b></li></ul>	Carla to purchase and investigate installation options.  Andrew to look into second hand mower options or renting								
118/21	<b>Parish Steward:</b> Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit: This month's additions so far: Hand clearing the weeds on the High Street paths and clearing drains.									
119/21	<b>Speeding in the village:</b> Update on sign repairs, replacements and new requests: In the CATG Meeting on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of July the three requests made by the PC for additional signage and moving the speed sign entering the village from the Mill Lane direction were dismissed.	Tamara to follow up on options for moving the sing post to be in line with legal requirements to give drivers more time to slow before reaching the first houses of the village.								
120/21	<b>Village Defibrillator:</b> The village defibrillator outside The Well is now unlocked and accessible to cut response time in an emergency.	Defibrillator information to be covered in the Newsletter.								
121/21	<b>War Memorial Sign Replacement:</b> The small white sign under the tree by the War Memorial is being replaced – this is still work in progress as the individual working on this for us is currently poorly.									
122/21	<b>Remembrance Day:</b> It is Remembrance Sunday on the 14 <sup>th</sup> of November – this will be honored in the village with the usual wreath laying ceremony. It was agreed not to formally close the road but to ask our PCSO for assistance in keeping the road quiet.	Clerk to look into PC wreath Clerk to seek input from PCSO								
123/21	<b>Neighborhood Watch:</b> The future of the village Neighborhood watch was discussed and it was agreed to dissolve the group as the crime rate is so low. The									





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	website, bus shelter notice board, Facebook and Newsletter mean it is easy to spread the word when necessary.	
124/21	<p><b>Bonfire Night:</b> Bonfire Night in Bulkington will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of November – we are reliant on the help of volunteers to run this event so please do step forward on Facebook, on email to our Clerk or to a member of the committee if you can help set up, help on the night or assist with the important clean up the day after</p> <p>The Initial meeting will be at 7pm on Wed 29 September at the Well, all volunteers welcome.</p> <p>Our backup date for the event, should the weather mean it cannot go ahead as planned on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, is Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.</p> <p>There will also be a Raffle – if you have prizes you could contribute please contact our Clerk.</p> <p>The Fireworks event will be free to attend, however, donations will be very welcome when we come round selling Raffle tickets in advance of the event and at the entrance to the Fireworks on the night. All funds raised will go towards the Recreational Ground and future events.</p>	Clerk to do post in Spotlight and ask Penny to do note for Keevil school bags,
125/21	<p><b>Esso Pipeline:</b> Fisher German, the Agents for the UK Fuel Pipeline Network have been looking for confirmation that a piece of land to the East of Oxen-Leaze Farm belongs to Bulkington PC. A pipeline runs through this area – so the owner is to be briefed on the use of the land. It was agreed that this land falls under Keevil PC.</p>	Clerk to notify Fisher German
126/21	<p><b>Inaccessible Stiles and Footpaths:</b> A member of the village has reported some inaccessible walks – all stiles have now been cleared and the access into the maize field will be accessible again in a few weeks when the maize is harvested.</p> <p>There was also a request for Bulkington's Open Access Land to be clarified – the only Open Access Land is down by the Drove and will be clarified in the Autumn Newsletter.</p>	
127/21	<p><b>Autumn Newsletter:</b></p> <p>Topics for our upcoming Newsletter were discussed along with the future funding and work load in creating each Newsletter. Currently Amy is writing the Newsletter and funding the printing herself. The team would like to say a big thank you to Amy for her work on this and for getting the Newsletter going. We have had some lovely feedback on the Newsletter and we believe it to be a good way to keep in touch with the village and spread local news and information.</p> <p>Going forward, we are hoping for volunteers to contribute articles, poems, pictures or stories and for the printing costs to be covered in the Parish Council Budget.</p>	
	<p><b>The Parish Council team meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm.</b></p> <p><b>Please contact our Clerk on <a href="mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk">theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk</a> for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.</b></p>	