



Bulkington Parish Council
Wiltshire

Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held on Wednesday the 20th of October 2021 at 7pm in the Bulkington Village Hall

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Simon Downey (present for agenda 135/21 only)

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

Ref	Subject	Action and who by
3/21	Apologies for absence: Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard Evans and PCSO Janet	
129/21	To Record: Changes to the Register of Interests. Declaration of Interest in agenda items: Alex Breach – Local Planning update Agenda item 132/21.	
130/21	To Receive a report from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay: PCSO Janet shared a report in advance of the meeting: "There were no crimes recorded for Bulkington between 19.09.21 – 18.10.21" Janet also confirmed Wiltshire Police are unable to attend the Remembrance Day Parade. Tamara Reay (TR): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electric vehicle charging infrastructure has been agreed with plans for Chargers to be built in Devizes along with off-street parking for residents without charging facilities on their own land.• The Wiltshire Council Climate Strategy consultation closes on Sunday and will shape the next five years of the council's action on climate change.• Speed Limit sign – work in progress	Clerk to email soft copy to TR
131/21	Open Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Accessibility: Revd. Maureen Allchin prepared a report for the Parish Council on Disability Access in the village of Bulkington. The Councillors are incredibly grateful for the time taken and thoroughness of the report. With at least 2 members of our community using mobility scooters and many more with buggies etc. all agreed that a clear accessible path is important for the village. Parked cars, bins and plant pots on pavements form an obstacle course for those moving around the village – please can villagers help look out for each other and keep the pavements clear.• Neighborhood watch: A villager requested the topic of Neighborhood watch be re addressed in this PC meeting. As in the last meeting, it was discussed; the Parish Council does not have the capacity to run a Neighborhood watch initiative. The PC have regular contact with the local PCSO and give monthly police reports as part of the monthly meetings. If villagers would like the Neighborhood watch to remain	Clerk and TR to work together on next steps of dropping the curb by Northfields. Councillors to explore funding options for mobility improvements. Clerk to register Northfields kerb on MyWiltshire for mending and dropping



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	<p>active, volunteers are very welcome to take this on. TR added that other local villages use a village Whatsapp group effectively – does anyone else want to be the coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A request has come in from a former Bulkington resident to film some scenes for a filmed version of a play, Reel Life by Alys Metcalf. The team are working with The Pound in Corsham to produce and distribute the piece and would like a small group of 6 people to film some scenes from the play set on a riverbank in Bulkington by the Brook (at the end of the bridleway where it meets Mill Lane). The timing would be one day or potentially one and a half in mid November. The finished film (which would be distributed for a limited time through theatre websites) would list Bulkington and the Parish Council as supporters and could link to village websites or similar if appropriate. The councillors agreed that the area in question is public land as it is a byway – so no restrictions for the above need apply.- Registering land: AB informed the PC team that the Recreational Ground is not registered currently online as PC controlled land.	<p>and Steward for moss removal.</p> <p>Clerk to update individual</p> <p>Clerk to locate deeds for Rec Ground and ensure it is registered.</p>						
132/21	<p>Local Planning Updates:</p> <p>Lawn Farm, Bulkington, Devizes, SN10 1SL : Consultation - PL/2021/08569</p> <p>Roofing between existing buildings to create cattle feed passage – no comment</p>							
133/21	<p>Minute Approval: The latest Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved</p>							
134/21	<p>Finance: The following costs were approved</p> <table><tr><td>Clerk Pay October</td><td>£221.60</td></tr><tr><td>Ideverde Works Date: 01/09/2021 - 30/09/2021</td><td>£103.59</td></tr><tr><td>Bonfire Night extra Insurance:</td><td>£98.00</td></tr></table> <p>It was agreed that the float for both the Food and Drink stall and the Gate will come from the Playground Committee Funds to ease post event reconciliation.</p> <p>TOTAL OUTGOING: £423.19</p> <p>REMAINING BALANCE: 8093.28</p>	Clerk Pay October	£221.60	Ideverde Works Date: 01/09/2021 - 30/09/2021	£103.59	Bonfire Night extra Insurance:	£98.00	
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135/21	<p>Bonfire Night: General update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Food, display and firework lighters are organised- There will be a village collection for donations for the Fireworks event in advance of the event, there will also be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. So far the prizes total over £250. All funds raised in the donation and the Raffle will go to the Recreational Ground Committee for future events, repairs and improvements of the Recreational Ground.	<p>Clerk to print bonfire signage</p>						
136/21	<p>Remembrance Day: It is Remembrance Sunday on the 14th of November. Our local PCSOs can sadly not attend the event and the road will not be closed officially – however we ask all villagers to ensure they are not travelling in or out of the village at the time of the event (to be published asap). Villagers will be remembering by the Memorial and traffic will be unable to pass through for a short time. Signage at both ends of the village and posts on Facebook and the website will advise on timings for the service.</p>	<p>Clerk to print signage and write website/FB posts updating villagers</p>						



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37/21	Recreational Ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The wooden poles on the wooden bridge will be re-positioned after the bonfire, to avoid roughing up the grass pre event. - Football posts are being purchased as agreed in the September meeting - The wooden benches are looking worn and options for more sustainable, durable replacements are being investigated - The timber trail near the entrance to the Recreational Ground is in need of repair, the team are awaiting the results of the latest ROSPA Inspection (help in September) to organise removal and or replacements of those items past repair. 	AG and AB CH AG CH
138/21	Jubilee Celebration: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend is the 2nd - 5th of June 2022. There are beacons being lit on 2nd June throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and for the first time, in each of the Capital Cities of all the Commonwealth Countries, as their personal tribute that evening. It was agreed to try and participate in the lighting of a beacon and also to sponsor a bench in honour of the jubilee. Further events like a Street Party and Proms in the Park style event were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parish Council and Playground Committee are looking for volunteers to help plan and run these events to be held on the Platinum Jubilee weekend. - It was discussed that a party could be held around the War Memorial in the daytime of the Sunday and a Proms in the Park style event could be a BYO event held in the Rec Ground with tables marquees and band. 	Clerk to investigate options
139/21	Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit: It was flagged that there is a lot of moss and weeds on the path by Northfields.	Clerk to update Parish Steward
140/21	War Memorial Sign Replacement: A member of the Parish has requested that the small white sign under the tree by the War Memorial is replaced – ongoing	
141/21	Annual Community Event: As a Parish Council we need to have an Annual Community event that is not linked to any other celebration: The PC team discussed a cheese and wine night held in the Village hall – any suggestions welcome.	Clerk to look at required timings
142/21	Winter Newsletter: In Progress	
	The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.	