



Bulkington Parish Council

Wiltshire

Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday 21st of April 2021 at 7pm online via Microsoft Teams

Councillors: Amy Powell (Acting Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Julie Anderson-Hill

Public: Tamara Reay (prospective Conservative Candidate for the Devizes Rural West Division for the upcoming Wiltshire Council elections)

Ref		Action
45/21	Apologies for absence: PCSO Janet, Councillor Simon Downey	All
46/21	To Record: No changes to the Register of Interests, no declaration of Interest in agenda items. Clerk to provide new joiner Alison with all relevant documents and access.	All
47/21	Report Received from: PCSO Janet has no police updates for the Bulkington Area to report.	All
48/21	Open Forum: Nothing to report	All
49/21	Local Planning Updates: 1) Barn conversion/ Holiday lets planning application at Tynings Farm, 24 Bulkington Drove – Application was declined by the Council 2) Planning application 21/01260/FUL, Lanes Cottage 15 High Street Bulkington Devizes SN10 1SJ: planning has been approved	
50/21	Minute Approval: Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting	All
51/21	Matters Arising: All matters arising are dealt with as full Agenda items	All
52/21	Finance – Costs approved: Clerk Pay – April £221.60 IDeverde Outstanding costs 01.01.2021 - 31.03.2021 £280.80 Donation in Angela Read's memory to Dorothy House £30 Domain Name charge £86.40 Costs to be questioned as it overlaps with other quote: Idverde work carried out 29/03/2021 £103.59 Total Expenditure approved this month: £618.80 Balance after payments made: £673.18 (precept payment of £6000 imminent)	Chair
53/21	William Breach Recreational Field – Committee update: - Update on grass cutting: Some queries over invoices to make sure we are not paying for anything twice. It was decided to introduce a system to monitor the number of cuts we are getting by requesting a note in the PC Letter box each time. - Committee Formation Plans: Upcoming committee meeting on the 28 th April – 8pm via Teams. Anyone wishing to join the committee or help out is welcome. Please contact our Clerk on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk for login details. - Funds: Latest Bank balance is £1600	AB, AG CH CH
54/21	Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. This month our Steward removed the slippery moss from both sides by The Close, fixed	Clerk

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	the loose kerb stones between the pub and the village hall, smoothed over some rough tarmac in the road left after water works were done and maintained the grass areas by the benches.	
55/21	New Website: The website has been successfully built and all information transferred – massive thanks to Amy Powell and Sue Barratt who worked as a fantastic team. Their hard work has saved the Parish the cost of having a website built by a third party	AP
56/21	Newsletter update: The Summer edition has a number of suggestions for content, including the possibility of holding a summer fete on 8 th August. More discussions to be had on the event planning and organizing before publishing date and event.	AP
57/21	Election Year: Expenses are due for submission to prove 0.00 was spent on our local Parish Elections as the number of candidates matched the number of seats. The Clerk will print all forms and submit asap.	Clerk
58/21	Wiltshire Best Kept Village: It was agreed that Bulkington will be entering the competition. This will this be a great PR exercise for the village, it will also be a positive community project for everyone to join forces safely after a really tough year. Initial judging starts at the end of May – so any garden tidies, flower planting and reporting of any curb/signage/stile problems would be really helpful so we can have the best chances (and village) possible.	Clerk
59/21	Stiles: The fifth and last of the reported unsafe stiles has now been fixed, in preparation of the Best Kept Village competition, we would really appreciate villagers feeding back any broken stiles or access problems to the walks around the village as these will all cost valuable points in the Best Kept Village Competition.	AB
60/21	Speeding in the village: Councillor Carla raised the topic of speeding within the village – especially upon entering and leaving the village at both ends. It was agreed to report the faded speed restriction sign to the Highways team of the council and to request that the speed restriction sign next to 1 Bulkington is moved further away in keeping with guidelines to allow people enough time to slow before entering the village safely.	Clerk
61/21	Next meeting – It was decided to hold May's ordinary meeting alongside our AGM in the Bulkington Village Hall. Clerk to book and arrange.	Clerk
	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.	