



Bulkington Parish Council
Wiltshire

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Monthly Parish Meeting – Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

Councilors are summoned to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on
Wednesday the 21st of July 2021 at 7pm in the Bulkington Village Hall

Ref	Subject	Action and who by
94/21	Apologies for absence: Councillor Tamara Reay (at other meeting in London) Councillor Julie Anderson-Hill (on holiday) PCSO Janet (on duty)	
95/21	To Record: Changes to the Register of Interests. Declaration of Interest in agenda items.	
96/21	To Receive a report from PCSO Janet and Councillor Tamara Reay: PCSO Janet was unable to attend as she was called to an incident whilst on duty – however she confirmed via email that there were no crimes reported in Bulkington during the period 21.06.21 – 20.07.21 and that she has been attending Heritage Watch training including some Metal Detecting Training which affects the Rural Community. Her notes are attached to the minutes Councillor Tamara Reay was unable to attend as a meeting in London went on longer than expected – nothing to report but available on email if we need her support with anything.	
97/21	Open Forum: None raised	
98/21	Drones: a member of the Parish has requested that the recent increase in drones flying over the village is addressed in the meeting. The matter was discussed and the team agreed that a link to the Keevil Village site would be useful for villagers looking for more information regarding aircraft activity overhead.	Clerk to discuss with Sue Barratt
99/21	Local Planning Updates: 20/11596 Full Planning Permission sought for 3 High Street, Bulkington SN10 1SH: Planning has been granted by the council (with some conditions on building materials and species preservation) and the PC Team had no further comments to add Land adjacent to Ashatch Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington : Consultation - PL/2021/05910: The PC Team had no further comments to add	
100/21	Minute Approval: Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting	
101/21	Finance: Costs approved: Clerk Pay July £221.60 Clerk Pay August £221.60 Ideverde Works Date: 01/06/2021 - 30/06/2021 £103.59 Clerk Training: WALC Clerks Knowledge, 1 full day £70+VAT (84) Clerk Training: Introduction to Local Council Administration (ILCA) £120+VAT (144)	Clerk to authorize payments



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	<p>Village Noticeboard expenses £66.82</p> <p>Ideverde works Date: 01/07/2021 - 31/07/2021 £103.59</p> <p>Costs approved July: £723.60</p> <p>Costs approved August: £221.60</p> <p><u>Account total after payments made: £8952.80</u></p>	
102/21	<p>Recreational Ground - Playground Committee update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - August Event update: The Recreational Ground Committee have been busy organising a Village Fate for the 7th of August. It will be a bring your own Picnic event with fun activities planned. The insurance has been arranged and confirmed, there has been a door-drop of leaflets and the event has been advertised on Social Media. We are in need of some First Aiders to be present in order to be able to run the event – if you have first aid training and are free to attend, please let our Clerk Hannah know on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk. - A list of Parish belongings like BBQ, Marquee, chairs etc is currently being collated to aid future events as a lot of village assets are in storage in multiple places. - Shoutout for stallholders: Stalls are free and can include table and cover if required – please contact our Clerk if you are interested in selling your produce. - A display board will be present at the event to show proposals for future improvements to the playing field to invite feedback from villagers along with a suggestion box. - Update on grass cutting: The team discussed alternative grass cutting solutions for the playing field - Update on current Recreational Ground Finances: £1092.25 	<p>AG to contact Ice Cream man</p> <p>SD to send Clerk list</p> <p>AG to contact the Melksham Bee Keepers</p> <p>AG to look into storage and mower costs and approach individuals with mowers in the village long with CW County Wide.</p>
103/21	<p>Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Blocked drains near the war memorial have been added along with the knocked over bin - and the moss on North Street where it meets High Street – (to be power washed to avoid being slippery).</p>	<p>Clerk to send list to Village Steward</p>
104/21	<p>Speeding in the village: There is a CATG Meeting on the Tuesday 27th of July – we need a few Councillors to attend to introduce and represent the requests</p>	
105/21	<p>Village Defibrillator: The PC discussed whether the defib ought to be left unlocked and accessible to cut response time in an emergency. All PCs in favor, all felt the low local crime rate meant the risk was low enough and the chance the equipment could save a life in the few minutes saved accessing it made the risk worth taking.</p>	<p>SD to action the unlocking of the defib box along with instructions for use</p>
106/21	<p>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 – Councillor Carla was able to use her connections to get a smart new sign made for the village free of charge</p>	
107/21	<p>Wiltshire Best Kept Village: The judges were very positive about most features of the village, complimenting the Church, Pub, Recreational Field, Bus Shelter, Notice Board, our Map submitted and the general tidiness of the village. The only room for improvement mentioned in the form was the outside railings at the little Village Hall –</p>	<p>Clerk to pass on to Village Hall Committee</p>



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	the judges felt like they could do with some refreshing. They also suggested if the lower section of the wooden addition to the hall might benefit from some timber treatment.	
108/21	Bonfire Night: The next Bonfire Night event is planned for the Fri 5 Nov 21, with the following Friday as the reserve date in the event of bad weather. We will need marshals, a firing party, volunteers for manning the gate etc. so please contact a member of the PC or our Clerk if you would like to volunteer for the set up, clear up or event itself.	
109/21	The PC Team have been contacted by a member of the public about some calf fatalities due to some fences being tampered with. 3 calves sadly drowned in a nearby brook as a result. The milking cattle had been grazing in the fields adjacent to the parish boundaries of Keevil, Bulkington, Coulston and Erlestoke, to the south of Oxenleaze Farm. They were secured in the field with a battery powered fence to keep them from the brook (which runs through to Bulkington alongside the Drove). The fencing unit was disconnected by the removal of 2 crocodile clips from the battery to the fencing unit, resulting in the death of 3 young calves in the brook. There was no public right of way across the field – please be careful to only walk on public paths and to leave fences and gates as you find them.	
	MEETING CLOSED: 8.30pm	
	N.B. THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST MEETING DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS The Parish Council team meet on the 3 rd 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.	