



Bulkington Parish Council

Wiltshire

Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday the 14th of December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Alison Howard-Evans, Andrew Grabham

Amul.
15/1/23.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION AGREED
1) Apologies for absence: Julie Anderson-Hill, Alex Breach	Clerk to add recruitment to the agenda for January
2) To Record: No changes to the Register of Interests received No declaration of Interest in agenda items received	
3) To Receive a report from Tamara Reay: Warm Spaces Wiltshire Council creates interactive directory to help people find local cost-of-living support - Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Council has created an interactive directory to help people find local cost-of-living support. The online interactive community directory will help people find out what warm spaces and community food providers there are in the county to support them through the cost-of-living challenges. The directory has been created using information collected by the council to establish what support is already up and running in the county. Please add Warm Spaces in Worton to the directory Devizes Area Board – 5 December at Needham House, Devizes Agenda for Devizes Area Board on Monday 5 December 2022, 6.30 pm Wiltshire Council . Dr Richard Sandford-Hill gave an update on the new Integrated Care Centre in Devizes which is due to open shortly and will provide a range of services complementary to local GP practices. Alternative Fuel Payments for Heating Oil, LPG etc. The Chancellor announced at the Autumn Statement that the Alternative Fuel Payment for households off the gas grid would be increased to £200 and that this would be paid via households' electricity suppliers. I understand that this will be delivered as soon as possible in the new year. Wiltshire Council Quarter Two Budget Monitoring. At last week's Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting an update was presented on the Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets after two quarters of the financial year. It was reported that the current forecast indicated an underlying revenue overspend due to inflationary pressures for the year of £13.401m with one off mitigations in place resulting in a net overspend for the year of £3.755m. More certain forecasts would be provided in quarter 3 leading into the final year end position and set out recommendations for any adverse or favourable variance, with the fall back being the utilisation of the reserve held for inflation pressures being experienced during 2022/23. The total capital expenditure as at Quarter 2 is £47.454m, approx. 25% of the revised total	Clerk to ensure Spotlight covers warm spaces list



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budget. The low spend figure is an indication that schemes are progressing slower than anticipated, however officers are still forecasting that these schemes will progress and spend to budget in 2022/23. This will be robustly reviewed at Quarter 3 with the expectation of additional reprofiling into future years. [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday 29 November 2022, 10.00 am | Wiltshire Council](#)

Christmas Care Leaver Voucher. Wiltshire Council is coordinating vouchers for Care Leavers this Christmas and members of the public can contribute by purchasing a gift card for a young person. Smaller amounts of £5 and £10 are preferred. If you wish to donate a gift card, visit the [Amazon voucher list](#) where you can select a voucher from a range of stores, depending on denomination. Please be aware that you will need to have a personal Amazon account do this. Once a voucher has been selected you then proceed to payment with the delivery address already set up to be sent to Monkton Park, where they will be stored securely. Vouchers will then be fairly distributed to our care experienced young people for the Christmas period.

4) Local Police Report:

A new monthly reporting system has started and will replace a PCSO attending monthly P\arish Council meetings unless requested. The December report contains no incidents for Bulkington. Bulkington now comes under Melksham Rural South along with Semington, Seend, Seend Cleeve, Great Hinton, Keevil, Steeple Ashton and Poulshot.

In other police news, the Police and Crime Commissioner has asked for public support to increase precept. A survey has been launched to gauge public reaction to a proposed average £10 a year increase to the policing part of the precept. The survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GYBRFGK>

5) Open Forum:

Bike Racks:

The Parish Clerk has received messages from villager requesting a bike rack by the village bus stop. The Clerk has been researching costs and funding options and has received useful information from 'Cycle Friendly Devizes.' They recommend a Sheffield stand, a tubular hoop, where you can use both sides of the stand. The bike can be locked both front back or middle to the stand and it takes all sorts of non-standard bikes. This stand could be fixed permanently to avoid lifting or removal of the bikes and rack.



Clerk to keep looking at options



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<p>Dog Fouling: Dog warden has been chased on the delivery of local signage</p> <p>Styles and paths: A villager has requested that the Bulkington stiles are numbered to aid communication when there is a broken stile, also, updating stiles to Kissing gate stile has been suggested to aid walkers. Councillors agreed that adding signage would incur additional costs and complications due to ownership of the stiles and maintenance of the signs. It was suggested that villagers use What3Words (what3words /// The simplest way to talk about location) to describe the exact location of something should they need to. What3words is a proprietary geocode system designed to identify any location with a resolution of about 3 metres (9.8 ft). The system encodes geographic coordinates into three permanently fixed dictionary words. Alternatively, the myWiltshire app is also very accurate in terms of reporting broken stiles and other matters directly to the council. The stile of gate installed on the farmers land is the landowner's choice, providing the stile is accessible and safe.</p> <p>Donations: The Clerk has been asked if Bulkington Parish Council give donations to local organisations - Friends of Keevil School was suggested. The Councillors agreed that Bulkington Parish Council is happy to support Keevil school in publicising fundraising events on the village website or Facebook page, however we are not in the position to offer donations. As the Parish Council funds are raised through the precept collected from villagers, the funds need to be spent on village assets.</p> <p>War Memorial change of details: The PC Have received a request to amend the details of one of the names on the war memorial. The Parish Council discussed who could best help, after some research, it appears that such changes are managed by Devizes town council and that the British legion can assist if there are any problems.</p>	<p>Clerk to chase</p>
<p>6) Local Planning Updates: Planning granted Bulkington CP Application Ref PL/2022/07496 - Householder Application Address: Wickmere, 26 High Street, Bulkington, SN10 1SN Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Extension Applicant Name: Mrs Crawford Case Officer: Jonathan Maidman Decision Date: 17-11-2022 Decision: Approve with Conditions Application Link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017d1oA</p>	
<p>7) Minute Approval: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in November were approved</p>	
<p>8) Finance: Costs approved in the meeting: Clerk monthly salary for October £325 Current balance: £ 12,271.35</p>	
<p>9) Newsletter: The latest edition of the village Newsletter is being finalized and will be distributed in the New Year.</p>	<p>Amy to add new picnic bench into newsletter along with Rec Ground spend breakdown.</p>



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10) Precept: Councillors discussed the 2023/2024 Precept following Initial discussions at the last 2 Parish Council meetings. All present agreed to raise the Bulkington Precept from £10,00 per year to £11,366 to keep up with general inflation.	
11) Recreational Ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant opportunities were discussed and it was agreed to pursue more funding in April when money is available• Funding: The proposal to reduce Rec Funding for 2023/2024 from £4000 to £3000 to reduce the required increase to the Precept for next year was approved.• It was agreed that the Rec Ground Committee retain the ring fenced £4000 (minus the costs from PlayQuest to repair ZipWire of £1680) from 2022/2023 Precept for essential repairs.• It was agreed that the quote for mending the bridge in the Rec Ground by M. J. Difford and Son is approved: £1778.16	Carla and Amy to outline proposed works in Newsletter Clerk to ask if 2 chunks of money can be applied for at area board – mutually supportive and to inquire which avenue has more funds
12) Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Whilst in the village on the 2 nd of December, our Steward Emma dug out all the gullies and outlets along the High Street.	
13) LHFIG requests: Reminder that 3 Village requests for dropped curbs and white road markings have been accepted into the next LHFIG meeting on the 17 January 2023 at 10am.	
14) Ticketed Summer party: It has been announced that the Coronation of HM King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 th May, with Monday 8 th being declared a holiday. All agreed a village party around that time would be well received.	Clerk to add to January meeting agenda
NEXT MEETING: 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm	