



Bulkington Parish Council
Wiltshire

Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday the 19th of October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Carla Haslam, Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Tamara Reay (our Conservative Representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division)

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION AGREED
1) Apologies for absence: Andrew Grabham, PCSO Janet Councillor Simon Downey has resigned, the PC team are very grateful for his time on the Parish Council and the support he has given the village and team	Clerk to begin the recruitment process
To Record: No changes to the Register of Interests received No declaration of Interest in agenda items received	
3) To Receive a report from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay <ul style="list-style-type: none">PCSO Janet: No report received. Our PCSO contact details are no longer workingCouncillor Tamara Reay: was unable to attend but sent an update via email: Wiltshire Council continues to lead from the front on climate change Wiltshire Council's Cabinet received an update on its efforts to tackle the climate emergency locally, with a vast range of projects in place. The Wiltshire Climate Strategy was approved in February 2022 and since then the council has published its delivery plans, which set out how it will become carbon neutral by 2030, and the actions it can take either on its own or in partnership with others, to lead the transition to a carbon neutral county. The highlights from the detailed report include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">10,000 registrations across Wiltshire and Swindon for solar group buying scheme Solar Together Wiltshire with 1,000 of those (from Wiltshire) paying a deposit to confirm installation for solar pv and/or battery storageThe council has carried out a tender process for provision and replacement of electric vehicle charging points at towns with a population of 10,000 or more.It will also be rolling out a grant to support town and parish councils to install electric vehicle charging points in their local area. A well-attended webinar was recently held to provide town and parishes more information.To encourage active travel, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are being developed to improve cycling and walking opportunities throughout the county – working closely with town councils.	Clerk to ask Tamara if she has alternative contacts for the local police representative Clerk to raise question of local charging point appetite on social media and ask where in the village would be best Councillors to consider whether the funds mentioned in Tamara's update could help walking in Bulkington – both in the rec ground and from end to end of the village



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- The council's Housing Energy Efficiency Programme will retrofit 5,000 council homes by 2030, with assessment carried out on the first 800. The aim is to reduce the amount of CO2 by 15,000 tonnes which in the process will make the properties more energy efficient and help save residents money.
- The £27m Salisbury River Park transformational scheme aims to reduce flood risk to over 350 homes and businesses in Salisbury. It will also create 2 hectares of enhanced riverside habitat for the benefit of wildlife and more than 600 trees will be planted.
- The council diverted 80.9% of the waste it managed from landfill (2021/22).

Further Funding and Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet has approved plans for allocating £832,000 to support victims of domestic abuse. This government funding is the second of a three-year programme and Wiltshire's delivery plans will build on the learnings and successes of the last year. Domestic abuse is a key public health priority, which creates a substantial burden of harm that significantly impacts on health and wellbeing. Still referred to as a 'hidden crime', it has one of the highest under-reporting rates; using the crime survey for England and Wales – it is projected that over 19,000 Wiltshire residents will be living with the effects of domestic abuse.

The plans include the provision of additional safe accommodation for victims, and programmes working with organisations such as Splitz, Turning Point, The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and the Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living.

Wiltshire Council commits to more Parish Stewards for Local Highways and Footpaths Maintenance

£700,000 additional funding will ensure that there are more Parish Stewards in the county over the next three years. This is in addition to the £2m funding package previously agreed for extra white lining, fly tipping enforcement and flood prevention.

Currently there are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, and they focus on delivering on the highways priorities of their local town or parish council. This includes jobs such as fixing minor road defects and filling potholes, to trimming bushes and hedges. The new two-person support team will be able to build on the success of the Parish Stewards, improving safety and the visual impact of local highways, and providing a better service for local communities.



Clerk to ask Tamara about the nature of Ideverde contract and if we can have a copy of it.



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reviewed. The team discussed the updates from Wiltshire Council announcing that Ideverde will be maintaining the playground equipment and grass cutting and weather that includes Parishes as well as town and cities.	
10) Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to the Clerk prior to next visit. Area Highway Engineer, Matt Perrott and the new Highway Technician, Suzanne Hiscock, are due to meet with our Clerk to discuss Highway concerns for Bulkington Parish.	
11) Bonfire Night: The Bulkington Bonfire Night event will take place on the 5 th of November. There was a volunteers meeting on the 18 th of October to arrange plans. Councillors agreed that Carla, Debbie, Simon and Julie will distribute Leaflet this weekend	
12) Remembrance Sunday: Councillors discussed the initial planning of the event.	Clerk to talk to Simon, Maureen and Daz and ensure grass has been cut.
13) AOB Parish Council meet up Keevil and Steeple Ashton Parish Councils have accepted the invite for a cheese and wine evening at Bulkington village hall on Wednesday 16 th of November from 8pm. Councillors will be meeting to share experiences and enable learning from each other.	Clerk to prepare provisions for the event
NEXT MEETING: 16th of November at 7.30pm. Councillors are requested from 7pm to help set up the Parish Council meeting with Steeple Ashton and Keevil.	