



Bulkington Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at 7.30pm at the Bulkington Village Hall**

Attendees: Amy Powell (Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Alison Howard-Evans, Councilor Tamara Reay and Clerk Hannah Becket

Ref	Subject	Action
42/22	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Carla Haslam, Simon Downey, Julie Anderson-Hill, Simon Downey and PCSO Janet	
43/22	<b>To Record:</b> No changes to the Register of Interests were declared 1 declaration of Interest in agenda items was made: Alex Breach declared he was interested in Agenda item 46 – Local Planning updates.	
1/22	<b>To Receive a report</b> from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay  PCSO Janet: No report received  Councillor Tamara Reay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ukraine support and response: Wiltshire Council is currently supporting two Government schemes to support Ukrainians fleeing the war:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Friends and Family scheme allows individuals to sponsor someone</li><li>The Homes for the Ukraine scheme matches UK volunteers offering a home with Ukrainian families.</li></ul></li><li>Wiltshire Council have faced criticism over the time taking to match Ukrainian families in need with UK volunteers and homes and the council has redeployed staff to make home visits to make sure homes are safe. The Scheme is progressing and so far 200 Ukrainians have come into Wiltshire and 1500 households have indicated they are happy to host. 'Devizes Ukraine' is a local support group that has been formed as is 'Love Ukraine – Devizes' – support is being offered to Ukrainian families arriving to help them learn English, enroll in local schools etc.</li></ul>	Clerk to post an update on website and on FB
45/22	<b>Open Forum</b> – no issues raised	
46/22	<b>Local Planning Updates:</b> opportunity to discuss any local planning  Application Ref PL/2022/02480 - Householder Application Address: West View Cottage, 43 Junction With Bulkington Drove North And West To Pantry Bridge, Bulkington, SN10 1SL Proposal: Two storey rear extension to house Applicant Name Ms Tillie Waight Case Officer: Nick Clark Respond By 02-05-2022 Application Link: <a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017UjSu">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017UjSu</a> No comments raised  Application Ref PL/2022/02423 - Householder Application Address: Tynings, 24 Bulkington Drove, Bulkington, SN10 1SN Proposal: Erection of garaging with home office over Applicant Name Mr and Mrs T Taylor Case Officer: James Repper Respond By 27-04-2022 Application Link:	Clerk to chase CATG curb dropping send soft copy of CATG request to Tamara



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	<a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017UfJB">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017UfJB</a>	
	A councillor raised concern over further development of the existing plans – fearing over development of one plot of land. There was concern over changing the nature of the village.	
47/22	<b>Minute Approval:</b> The last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved	
48/22	<b>Finance:</b> Costs approved: Clerk Pay March £221.60  Costs on hold due to change of contractors: Ideverde Works Date: 01/03/2022 - 31/03/2022 £103.59  AGAR Submission deadline 1 <sup>st</sup> of July	
49/22	<b>Grant access:</b> updates on current applications for grants and other opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just under £10k were secured by a bid put in by Carla to refresh the entrance area of the Rec Ground to make it more accessible for all.</li> <li>No other grants in progress – plans needed to spend existing funds before fundraising further.</li> </ul>	
50/22	<b>Recreational Ground:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground updates: Amy and Carla to work together on a plan for the next spendings, focussing on fixing what we have already and installing the goals.</li> <li>Grass cutting update : The contract with IdeVerde has expired, due to poor service, Bulkington is outsourcing locally. The Parish Council are looking forward to working with Robert and Sam Breach, and are really grateful to have outsourced this locally. The work will be billed monthly at £35 per hour. This arrangement will be reliant on volunteers for strimming around the play equipment and benches – any volunteers please contact the Parish Clerk on <a href="mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.gov.uk">theclerk@bulkington-pc.gov.uk</a></li> <li>Plans to build hard standing to the right hand side of the Rec Entrance leading to the pedestrian entrance were discussed to allow tractors and other vehicles to use the larger entrance without ruining the new flooring.</li> </ul>	Andrew and Alex to install the Goals
51/22	<b>Parish Steward:</b> Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Councillors raised concern that the drains along the Highstreet are reblocked.	Clerk to chase unblocking and update on the new Steward.
52/22	<b>Jubilee:</b> It was agreed to host the celebrations on Sunday the 5 <sup>th</sup> of June, with the Church service starting at 11 and a celebratory picnic lunch in the park from 1pm.  All agreed that material bunting would be needed to decorate the bus stop area and playing field and 100m of bunting costing up to £200 was signed off. The bunting will be able to be washed and used for future celebrations. A Jubilee planning meeting was discussed and a date due to be set.	Clerk to send Maureen an update on timings for the celebrations and to send leaflet copy to Spotlight





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	Andrew volunteered to run the lucky dip. Villagers are encouraged to bring picnic blankets or chairs and tables along with picnics, games like French cricket, rounders and other village fate games will be set up for all to enjoy together.	
53/22	<b>Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:</b> further discussions and plans following Maureen Alchin's report. The latest grant application was successful and will help make the Rec Ground more accessible to those with mobility issues.	Clerk to chase council on drop kerb
54/22	<b>Best Kept Village Competition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulkington has been entered into the competition: the Judging for the first (District) round will take place from 14th May to 12th June.</li> <li>Judging for the second (County) round and for the Laurence Kitching Award will take place in July</li> <li>All are encouraged to mow, prune and trim for Bulkington to be looking its best</li> <li>Litter Picking equipment is available for loan – please email the Clerk for details</li> </ul>	
55/22	<b>Internet access in the village hall:</b> Following lots of investigations, Alison reported back options and rough costs for internet use in the village hall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Village Hall Committee will not be installing internet themselves but are open to let the Parish Council install it themselves</li> <li>Rough costs for installation and running are £29.95 per month for the contract plus installation costs, vat, registration and managing the Wifi password.</li> <li>Over time 5G maybe available and a router may not be required anymore</li> <li>In order to register for an internet contract the village hall would need registering for a post code.</li> <li>All councillors present agreed to put the installation of an internet router on pause due to 5G plans progressing. The team would like to than Alison for investigating this matter</li> <li>Councillors also discussed trialling a 4G dongle. 4G Dongles are a one off £40 investment – councillors voted to purchase a dongle to trial, and return in the event of it not working for the space.</li> </ul>	Amy to investigate and present back at the next meeting.
56/22	<b>Newsletter:</b> The next edition of the Newsletter will be the Sumer edition	Amy to include Website Management volunteer call out in the next Newsletter
	<b>NEXT MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> of May - AGM</b>	
	The Parish Council team meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.	



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### ACTIONS from meeting

- Amy:
  - include Website Management volunteer call out in the next Newsletter
  - investigate and present back at the next meeting
- Carla: oversee the creation of a three/four-year plan for the spending of the ringfenced money from the Precept
- Alex and Andrew: put up posts by the bridge and goal posts by next meeting
- Clerk:
  - inform villagers of 100s club via Facebook
  - chase council on drop kerb
  - send soft copy of CATG request to Tamara
  - Check Amy's message about finance declaration – send age and earnings
  - Send Andrew new address for government gateway
  - Send bank new address notification
  - post a Jubilee update on website and on FB
  - chase drain unblocking and update on the new Steward
  - Send Maureen an update on timings for the celebrations and to send leaflet copy to Spotlight