



Bulkington Parish Council

Wiltshire

Monthly Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday the 19th of April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Alison Howard-Evans, Andrew Grabham and Julie Anderson-Hill

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Ref	Agenda Item	Actions				
1	Apologies for absence: Carla Haslam and Alex Breach					
2	To Record: Changes to the Register of Interests Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items					
3	To Receive a report from Tamara Reay: - <u>Devizes Gateway station update:</u> Following an Entry Feasibility Study completed in March 2023 – a comprehensive assessment by Network Rail – it was determined that stopping existing trains at a new station will mean disrupting the existing line. As a result, a Wiltshire wide Rail Strategy has been called into action; looking to improve the connectivity at Westbury station and how Devizes Gateway can fit within that. The options for serving Devizes are to stop fast trains going to Plymouth and Exeter or reinstate through services to Bedwin. These plans will coincide with HS2, a line in construction which comes into London near Paddington Station in London. Timings wise, the idea is to reach a decision in one year’s time and delivery in 2029. - <u>Potholes:</u> Wiltshire council was awarded 23million to pay for highways maintenance and a further £3.6 million from the pothole funding. There are currently a lot of potholes to address, please assist the Council where you can in reporting potholes on the myWiltshire app online so that these can be fixed. - <u>Local businesses:</u> Wiltshire Council are concentrating on working more with Wilshire based businesses, there are workshops planned on how to do business with Wiltshire council, the next workshop is on the 27 th of April in Corsham from 10-12 at the Digital Mansion. More information can be found on the Wilshire Council website.					
4	Local Police Report: - The local police have offered to attend Annual Meetings where requested. - Burglary is showing as abnormally high for this area, with 6 offences over the course of March. This is against a backdrop of 28 offences in Melksham in total. - One individual has been arrested and is being charged with 10 offenses so far - The Team are continuing to conduct secondary investigation into other offences which have been reported. - The Police are delivering free property marking equipment to Victims, as well as other initiatives such as Tack Stamping. - Bulkington will remain on the Police priority list in terms of patrols and the previous burglaries are still being investigated.	Clerk to request police presence at May meeting.				
5	Open Forum: Defib electricity costs: The Parish Council contributions for the electricity running the village Defibrillator, housed at The Well pub, have increased from £30 annually to £60 from 2024, due the cost of electricity.	Clerk to investigate payments for electricity made since the installation of the defib in 2018/9.				
6	Local Planning Updates: <table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Officer’s Name: Jonathan Maidman</td></tr></table>	Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response			Officer’s Name: Jonathan Maidman	
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		Direct Line: 01722 434384	
	Application No:	PL/2023/02133	
	Application Type:	Householder planning permission	
	Proposal:	Timber Framed Car Port 9m x 6m	
	Site Address:	BARNFIELD HOUSE, MILL LANE, BULKINGTON, DEVIZES, SN10 1SP	
	No concerns raised		
	Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response		
		Officer's Name: Selina (Nina) Parker-Miles	
		Direct Line: 01225 716770	
	Application No:	PL/2023/02173	
	Application Type:	Full planning permission	
	Proposal:	Change of use of residential annex to independent residential use	
	Site Address:	Tudor Cottage, 14 High Street, Bulkington, SN10 1SJ	
	No concerns raised		
7	Minute Approval: The March Parish Council Meeting Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.		
8	Finance: Clerk February £325 Grass cutting £228 Bike Rack £91.99 Newsletter printing £76.56 Total approved in meeting: £721.55 Village Funds total after payments made: £8,505.70 Finance Dates coming up: May is Annual PC Meeting with Financial Reports and Chair Report. Vat report after that. AGAR Monday 3 July 2023		
9	Newsletter: Printed and due to be distributed by Councillors alongside 2 leaflets		
10	Recreational Ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: Pathway and Pergola works to commence 26th of June 2023. Please note that the Rec Ground will need to be closed for the duration of the works to keep children safe. This work will involve the removal of the swing and the the trim trail. This equipment has not passed the safety tests for some time and needs to be removed for the children's safety. The new path and pergola will significantly improve access to the Rec Ground for all. 		Clerk to create notice for plans without drawings



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trim trail was installed before the Queen's Golden Jubilee (which was in 2002) and the swings and several other items were salvaged and second hand at this time also. Further more, most of this equipment has wooden stakes in the ground to support the equipment, due to the wetness of the field, these are decaying and declining fast. Work will commence on fixing the wooden bridge once the weather is drier, costs are approved and the work is booked. The Rec Committee have submitted an Area Board Grant application for £3K to replace some of the equipment being removed in the June works. If the application is successful; the £3k will be added to the existing £2.5k the rec committee have in the account and will be used for replacing the removed trim trail with new, safe equipment. Swings are significantly more expensive and some fundraising will be required before this can be purchased. Any volunteers for fundraising please contact Carla Haslam or our Clerk Hannah with any ideas. Both the Oak Bloke works and the equipment replacement works mentioned above will be funded through Rec Ground funds and grants. 	
11	Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Clerk and Julie to meet Matt Perrot on the 3 rd of May at 12:30 at the rec ground to discuss clearing the verges currently spilling into the road.	
12	LHFIG requests: Update on the 3 Village requests for dropped curbs and white road markings: These requests were discussed at the April LHFIG meeting. The dropped curbs are due to be completed in Autumn 2023, the cost to the village for this project will be 25% of the estimated 3K (£600). White lines works will be revisited in the future, the dropped curbs were prioritised at LHFIG were not able to proceed with all three tasks.	
13	Summer party: Bulkington will be holding a village event on the 13 th of May – between noon and 4pm. Villagers are invited to attend, bringing picnics, blankets, flags, bunting etc. Team games like tug of war, rounders, three-legged race and so on will be played throughout the afternoon. This event will no longer be a ticketed event.	Clerk to ask Debbie if she would run a bar with a drinks licence, offering jugs of Pimms. Julie to put bunting up before the 6 th of May
14	Best Kept Village Competition: Bulkington has entered this year's competition, judging for the first (District) round will take place from 15 th May to 13 th June. Now is a great time to spruce up front gardens and tidy the village up ahead of the summer and the judging.	
15	Recruitment: We are currently recruiting for one Councillor to join the team, if you would like to put yourself forward, please email our Clerk Hannah.	
16	Bus shelter Bike Rack: A metal rack was purchased by the Parish Council and has now been installed.	Clerk to advertise rack on Sustrans
17	War memorial amend: The Clerk has been in correspondence with a family member of an individual mentioned on the war memorial. He wishes to change the rank of the individual and have the monument updated. Councillors agreed they need a proof of records for the individual's ranking and that the village does not have the funds to cover an update to the War Memorial. If the individual wishes to go ahead with the change, and can prove the rank, the works will need to be funded by grants obtained by the individual or through fundraising, also by the individual. The priority currently for PC moneys is making the village accessible and safe for those living in the village and paying the council tax.	
	AOB: Councillors are experiencing problems with their email addresses and the website is costing the village money to have the domain name, however it is not getting many visits.	Amy to look at website future and email address functionality. Clerk to add to agenda for next month
ANNUAL MEETING: 17th of MAY 2023 at 7.30		