



Bulkington Parish Council

Wiltshire

Monthly Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday the 18th of January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.

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

Ref	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION AGREED
1	Apologies for absence: Carla Haslam	
2	To Record: No changes to the Register of Interests received No declaration of Interest in agenda items received	
	To Receive a report from Tamara Reay: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Wiltshire Council budget proposals for 2023/24:</u> Wiltshire Council published its budget proposals for 2023/24 and the next two financial years last week. More information about the budget proposals, can be found at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/budget-proposals-2023-24.- <u>Election charges:</u> Parish Councils will now have to pay for their own elections, a factor Councillors need to consider when budgeting for the year.- <u>2 Pound Bus Fare:</u> Wiltshire bus users can now travel on most routes in the county for just £2 or less for a single fare until 31 March. The fare price reduction has been funded by the Government, and is aimed at getting more people to use buses across the country during the current cost of living challenges.- <u>Alternative fuel allowance:</u> a £200 one off payment for people off the gas grid will be paid directly into people's electricity account in February as a one off payment.- <u>Weather:</u> During the recent bad weather, our teams have been gritting and dealing with floodwater as a priority; it is anticipated that next week their priority will return to filling potholes. To report potholes, people should go to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts- <u>Salt bucket:</u> Councillors asked Tamara about funding options for an additional salt bucket at the other end of the village. Tamara explained that this would not be funded by Wiltshire Council and that the bucket and the salt would need to be paid for and arranged by the village.- <u>Ideverde Contract:</u> Councillors questioned whether Wiltshire Councils' contract with Ideverde covers any areas in Bulkington, to avoid doubling up with our new grass management company.- <u>Refuse:</u> Wiltshire council has announced some changes to the way Recycling and refuse centres are run. They plan to restrict residents from driving to house hold recycling centres outside their area.	<p>Clerk to post on FB</p> <p>Clerk to email Matt Perrott at Highways and request a map and contract details.</p>
4	Local Police Report: <p>PCSO James attended our Parish Council Meeting - answering questions about local crime stats and listening to the reports of break-ins in the area. The Police are investigating the break ins of the 12th of January using CCTV footage and villager descriptions and reports. The advice to stay safe is to lock doors, don't leave keys in the car, remove valuables and report everything straight away. Police are supporting us by patrolling through the village at night.</p> <p>PCSO James highlighted the importance of reporting all break-ins and suspicious activity - as the police force is understaffed they are working off the data gathered through reports and will spend more time in the town centres unless something happens in the smaller villages.</p> <p>It only takes a moment to make a report online: https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/</p>	



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	In an emergency, or if you need urgent police assistance, you should always dial 999. You can also report suspicious activity by contacting the police in confidence on 0800 789 321 . The police advise that an active Neighbourhood watch scheme is also a good deterrent to crime. If there is any appetite for re-instating the Neighbourhood watch scheme in Bulkington and there are active volunteers to run it, the Parish Council can assist you in forming a group.	
5	Open Forum: Bike stand: Clerk to keep researching costs and funding options.	Clerk to provide update at next meeting
6	Local Planning Updates: None known	
7	Minute Approval: Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in December	
8	Finance: Clerk November £325 Clerk December £325 Mark Goddard and Son Grounds maintenance £288 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on planning application 18/09278/FUL - Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington, SN10 1SP Bulkington PC received £1,029.22, this is the 15% entitlement of the CIL liability which became payable when the development did not adhere to the CIL legislation. This money becomes part of the Parish council's funds, but must be spent within five years and must be spent on a community project, this can include a bench, speed signs, or any community project the PC are involved with. The accounts must show how the CIL funds have been spent and Wiltshire Council will require a copy of the end of year accounts for their records.	
9	Newsletter: Will be distributed in Spring	
10	Recreational Ground: No new updates to report	
11	Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Stewards are currently focusing on weather related damage such as potholes.	
12	LHFIG requests: 3 Village requests were discussed at the Local Highways and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting on the 17 th of January: the request for 2 dropped curbs and white road markings at the Mill Lane end of the village were supported by the group. White Road Markings: The request was for a pavement to be marked out on the road to allow villagers to pass more safely to the far end of the village in the Poulshot and Seend direction. The group raised concern over villagers potentially feeling safe when the white markings do not actually keep them safe and that residents will park over the white lines, concealing them in part. Councillors discussed the pros and cons and agreed that white markings on the road would draw drivers attention to possible pedestrians and that it would increase safety and possibly decrease speed. All present agreed to proceed. Dropped Curbs: The pavements on Northfields and Chestnut Drive have limited accessibility due to lack of dropped curbs. The LHFIG group agreed that improving accessibility in the village would benefit all villagers and visitors. Cost: All LHFIG requests result in a 25% cost for the Parish. The LHFIG group roughly estimated the works of all three projects totaling around £3k. This would result in a £750 cost of the village. Councillors approved this cost and agreed that it could be paid for using the recently received CIL money (see agenda item 8).	Clerk to send the LHFIG Group confirmation for the go ahead and a photo of the area/map markup



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	Next steps: Following confirmation from the PC, Gareth Rogers will proceed with a checklist of circumstance, checking the classification of the road, speed, right of way, materials of footpaths, vehicle flows and other factors before confirming costs and definite go ahead.	
13	Ticketed Summer party: The Coronation of HM King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 th May, with Monday 8 th being declared a holiday. Initial planning of a village party on the 13 th of May was discussed. Volunteers will be needed to make this event possible, please contact a member of the Parish Council or our Clerk Hannah if you would like to volunteer.	
14	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.	
	NEXT MEETING: 22nd February 2023 at 7.30pm. Please note the DATE CHANGE due to school holidays	