



Bulkington Parish Council

Wiltshire

Monthly Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes

PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday the 17th of May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.

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

Agenda Item	Action
1 Apologies for absence: Alex Breach, Carla Haslam apologies accepted	
2 To Record: Changes to the Register of Interests Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items	
<p>3 To Receive a report from Tamara Reay: Tamara send the following updates to the Councillors ahead of the meeting as she was unable to join on the day:</p> <p>Some of the highlights from Wiltshire Council, and my own work over the last year to support residents in Devizes Rural West are below.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council's budget for 2023/24, which is underpinned by the council's 10-year Business Plan, is £466m – this includes an additional £69m to cover inflation and increased demand for services and is broken down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole life pathway (mental health, autism spectrum conditions and learning disabilities support services) - £96m, an increase of £11m • Living and aging well (adult care) - £83m, an increase of £15m • Families and children - £63m, an increase of £2m • Environment (which includes waste and recycling services)- £48m, an increase of £4m • Highways and transport - £41m, an increase of £3m • Education and skills - £29m, an increase of £6m <p>Last November, Wiltshire Council invited the Local Government Association to carry out a Corporate Peer Challenge – the review found that the council's Business Plan provides a clear set of objectives and that focus on improving outcomes for some of the most vulnerable in the community is none more evident than in children's services. It was also noted that the council is excelling in work to address climate change.</p> <p>In addition to funding of £22.9m from the Government's Highways Maintenance Fund, £3.6m was received from the Department for Transport's Pothole Fund which will be used to target pothole hotspots around the county. Anyone who spots a highways issue must report it using the MyWilts app or via the website – and if it doesn't get fixed, please email me at tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Wiltshire has welcomed 1,374 guests so far and is one of the top authorities in England for taking in Ukraine nationals - 165 families have now moved into private rented accommodation and every Ukrainian household has a named Case Worker assigned to support the guests to help them integrate into the community. More information is at Wiltshire stands with Ukraine - Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>Over the last three years I have led the project for a new rail station to serve Devizes and secured almost £500,000 from the Department for Transport for business case assessment. The Interim Feasibility Study undertaken over the last few months has now reported and shows that whilst there isn't a current rail service which could stop at Devizes Gateway without affecting the rest of the rail network. Network Rail has concluded that there may be opportunities for a new train service and station following a broader</p>	



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Ink	£17.85 + 22.40	during summer? Ask for advice
Extra hours ref War Memorial*	10 x hours at £12.50 hourly rate	
Insurance renewal	£280.43	
Data Protection Fee (ICO)	£35	
Parish Council funds total in account £ 14,091.70		
The AGAR Documents for 2022/2023 were approved and signed.		
9 Newsletter: Sumer Newsletter distributed by councillors		
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 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. 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. Furthermore, 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. 		Carla and Amy
11 Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Wiltshire Council have swept the roads in Bulkington and cleared some of the verges, significantly widening the road in places to create more space for traffic, following a request by councillors and a meeting with councillors and the Clerk. Many thanks to Matt Perrott and his team.		
2 Summer party: Bulkington celebrated the King's Coronation on the 13th of May, many thanks for all who attended and helped with the organizing.		
13 Best Kept Village Competition: Bulkington has been entered into the competition and will be judged anytime from the 15 th of May until the 13 th June. This is a great opportunity to tidy hedges, cut grass and make the village as nice as possible.		
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: 21st June 2023 at 7.30pm		

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*An ongoing request by an individual about a detail on the War Memorial since December 2022 which has taken up a lot of the Clerk's time.