

Monthly Parish Meeting - Agenda

Councilors are summoned to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on
Wednesday the 13th of December 2023 at 7.30pm at the Bulkington Village Hall

Ref	Subject	Lead by
1	Apologies and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies for absence • Welcome to Incoming Clerk Tekla Hicks 	Clerk Chair
2	To Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Register of Interests • Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items 	Chair
3	To Receive a report from Tamara Reay	Tamara Reay
4	Local Police Report <p><u>Key Incidents and Crimes in Your Area:</u></p> <p>BURGLARY: *1 in Melksham Without, shed break *1 in Sells Green, Unknown suspect has gained entry to a unit that IP rents. All items from inside the unit have been stolen, including a motorbike, generator and electrical goods. *1 shed break- Broughton Gifford</p> <p>THEFT: *1 Handbag theft, Steeple Ashton- bag left by side of vehicle, missing when owner returned.</p> <p>RTCs: *Semington- x1 minor injury, X1 fatal RTC *Seend- x1 careless driving investigation *Atworth- x1 minor injury RTC</p>   	Clerk

	<p><u>NEWS:</u></p> <p><u>Upcoming dates:</u></p> <p>18/12/23- Urban area proactive day-high visibility patrols, public engagement and shoplifting patrols. Safer Nights Patrols</p> <p>19/12/23- Rural area proactive day- high visibility patrols, public engagement and speed checks</p> <p>23/12/23- Melksham and Bradford on Avon- Safe Nights Patrol</p>							
5	<p>Open Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flooding along by the bridge after the Playing Field - A letter has been received by Andrew Murrison regarding Mr. Gaisford's request for changes to be made to the War Memorial. In a response to Mr. Murrison the Clerk has given the background of the longstanding request and has appealed to Mr. Murrison to assist with protecting our Parish Council Team from further complaints on this matter. Bulkington Parish Council have done all they can on this matter and hope that Mr Gaisford will understand that the constant contact, pressure, and complaints need to cease; in order for the Parish Council, and the new Parish Clerk, to do the jobs they are appointed for, which is serve the Parish of Bulkington. As Clerk this has taken up a considerable amount of my time. My time is paid for by the precept paying villagers of Bulkington; As non-resident, Mr Gaisford has not contributed financially to Bulkington Parish Council's costs and needs to respect the Council's decision not to finance changing the plaque until it requires renovation. 							
6	<p>Bulkington CP Application Ref PL/2023/06752 - Full Planning Permission Address: Lawn Farm, Bulkington, Devizes, Wilts, SN10 1SL Proposal: Proposed agricultural building Applicant Name: Mr Oliver Breach Case Officer: Russell Brown Decision Date: 16-11-2023 Decision: Approve with Conditions Application Link: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001BLTQ1</p>	Clerk						
7	<p>Minute Approval: Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in November</p>	Chair						
8	<p>Finance:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk Pay</td> <td>£325</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Village hall heating</td> <td>£5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass cutting</td> <td>£228</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Finance Heads up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk Pay Scale update - Precept coming up, due mid Jan 24 - VAT return: £1,491.14 paid into PC Account 	Clerk Pay	£325	Clerk Expenses – Village hall heating	£5	Grass cutting	£228	Chair
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9	<p>Precept: Councillors to discuss proposals for the Precept ahead of the submission deadline of the 18th of January 2024.</p>	
10	<p>Recreational Ground: Update on the ROSPA inspection: FROM AMY: But it's been inspected recently and won't need another check. Rospa will always fail it and say it can't be inspected. Play Quest would have checked the cable thingy last year when then replaced the cross bar. This was the communication from carl I had about the ROSPA people not able to check the runway so they report the same thing each time to cover themselves.</p> <p>Vandalism in the Park – the wooden circular gate is broken, Insurance update: I have checked the cover on your policy Under Part C All Risks. There is a memorial bench listed with a replacement value of £292. If this is the bench which has been damaged, then you would be able to claim under the insurance for a replacement. Claims are dealt with directly through the Zurich property claims team either by telephone or the online claims portal: To make a claim online visit: https://propertyclaims.zurich.co.uk/index.html Call on: 0800 028 0336 If you do need any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• Update on the new play house and trim trail <p>Update on the tree planting: I have undertaken relevant surveys of the Rec and there is nothing that would restrict planting aside it is not clear who the owner is (as in email below).</p> <p>If the PC would like to go ahead with the project then I will get things moving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• Update on the new swing• Grass cutting update from Seend	Playground Committee
11	<p>Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Last visit was scheduled for 4th of December.</p>	Clerk



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	<p>Hope you are well. Apologies but I will not be in the village today as I have managed to injure my back over the weekend so currently unable to move to well. So long as all goes well I will try and make up time and get to the village this Friday.</p>	
12	<p>Recruitment: We are currently looking for one Councillor to join the team, if you would like to put yourself forward, please email our Clerk.</p>	All
13	<p>Clerk Handover: Hannah to pass back the Village Hall and Notice Board keys to councillors/Tekla and confirm a update on the handover document. All computer files and hard copies to be handed over to Tekla. Website ownership and Bank changeover to be discussed. Website ownership – on hold due to change of clerk, currently in Calum's name, paperwork for change over all ready, will cost £65 so held off.</p>	Clerk
14	<p>Emergency Team updates: Alex to confirm state of Emergency supplies</p>	Alison and Alex
15	<p>Defibrillator: Updates</p>	Philip
18	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on the drop curbs that were planned for August 23 from Traffic Engineering Manager Gareth Rogers• Newsletter progress update• Village Chairs• Update on the bridle Way between the Drove and Mill Lane• Bulkington and Worton traffic closures commencing 22nd January 2024 22nd of Jan 2024: https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1142/notice-2_6d6962f5b5.pdf <p>C20 (Part), Bulkington and Worton; from its junction with High Street, Bulkington to its junction with C244, Worton. To enable: Openreach to carry out cabling and associated works. Alternative route: via C244 – A361 – C20 (unaffected length) and vice versa, The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. This Order will come into operation on 22 January 2024 and the closure will be required between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 until 27 January 2024.</p>	Clerk Julie Alex Alex Clerk
	<p>Next meeting: 17th of January 2024 at 7.30pm.</p>	



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Thank you for your letter regarding Mr Gaisford's information on Bulkington Parish Council's history with Mr Gaisford is relevant here; in the likely event that Mr. Gaisford escalates things further.

request for the War memorial. I feel like some background

Mr Gaisford's request from December 2022 was discussed in most of the monthly Parish Council meetings this year and documented accordingly. Bulkington Parish Council do not have the funds to change the War Memorial Plaque but have agreed that when the War Memorial Plaque is next refurbished, Mr. Gainsford's request will be honoured. Mr Gaisford has been notified of this and, to protect the Parish Council's resources, has been advised that no further contact on the matter is required. The wording of this was on advice from Wiltshire Council's Director of Legal and Governance, shown in the email trail below. Mr Gaisford's request has cost the Parish Council our longstanding Chair and valued member of the team who has had to resign following a complaint from Mr Gaisford and I have also since handed in my notice as Clerk. I have sought advice from Wiltshire Council, the War Grave Commission and had correspondence with Senior Commanders at the RAF, I feel that Bulkington Parish Council have done all they can on this matter and hope that Mr Gaisford will understand that the constant contact, pressure, and complaints need to cease; in order for the Parish Council, and the new Parish Clerk, to do the jobs they are appointed for, which is serve the Parish of Bulkington. As Clerk I have had more than 70 correspondences on this matter, consisting of emails, phone calls, newspaper articles and now letters, my time paid for by the precept paying villagers of Bulkington. As non-resident, Mr Gaisford has not contributed financially to Bulkington Parish Council's costs and needs to respect the Council's decision not to finance changing the plaque until it requires renovation.

I hope this demonstrates that we have done all we can to help, and we would greatly appreciate your assistance with protecting our Parish Council Team from further complaints on this matter,