

Minutes of Bulkington Parish Council General Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm at Bulkington Village Hall, Bulkington, Wiltshire.

Membership: Councillors P Oakey (Chair), A Breach (Vice Chair), J Anderson-Hill, A Howard-Evans.

Present: Councillors P Oakey, A Breach, J Anderson-Hill, A Howard-Evans.

Member of Public x 1

Proper Officer: T Hicks

## MINUTES

No.	Item	Action
PC/24-25/87	<p><b>Apologies</b>  <b>To receive</b> and accept apologies for those unable to attend.  None.</p>	Clerk to update absence log
PC/24-25/88	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>  <b>To receive</b> any declarations of interest under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. None.</p>	
PC/24-25/89	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>  <b>To approve</b> as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. <b>Approved</b> without amendment.</p>	
PC/24-25/90.1	<p><b>Public Participation</b>  <b>To enable</b> members of the public to address the Council regarding any item on the agenda. One resident was in attendance and requested to hear the discussion on the Chair's report item and flooding.</p>	
PC/24-25/90.2	<p><b>To receive</b> any petitions or deputations. None.</p>	
PC/24-25/91.1	<p><b>Reports from:</b>  <b>To receive</b> an update from Wiltshire Councillor – Cllr Reay gave an update on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wiltshire Council Ofsted and CQC inspections of its SEND provision had taken place and they were awaiting published outcomes.</li> <li>• The upcoming budget was in hand and there have been drop-in sessions to gauge resident's priorities for 2025-26.</li> <li>• EV Vehicle charging point grants for residents with on-street parking are available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• The WWRs railway network is moving forward in that links to Westbury and London could be improved, and also by adding a potential stop in Devizes. This is a long way off but moving in the right direction.</li> <li>• Cllr Reay stated the drop kerbs were in hand but the Clerk had not been updated by Wiltshire Council – TR to chase.</li> <li>• Flooding concerns for the village were discussed and TR to</li> </ul>	Cllr Reay Cllr Reay

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PC/24-25/91.2	<p>update the Clerk.</p> <p><b>To receive</b> an update from the Chair of the meeting. Cllr Oakey brought to the meeting the confusion regarding the fireworks event proposed for 4<sup>th</sup> November. There had been some confusion regarding who's responsibility the event was. After a discussion, which included the resident in attendance, it was agreed to contact the organisers to clarify certain procedural matters and make it a BPC event. <b>It was agreed</b> the Clerk to contact organisers and conduct a review of the up to date position, to arrange insurance and to create a plan for 2024 and 2025. Cllr Breach to act as BPC at the event. <b>It was agreed</b> Clerk to write to the resident formally answering his questions, with reference to the organisers.</p> <p>Once satisfied of the above, <b>it was resolved</b> to take responsibility for the fireworks event.</p>	Clerk
PC/24-25/91.3 PC/24-25/91.4	<p><b>To receive</b> the Clerk's report – None as matters dealt with above.</p> <p><b>To receive</b> the up to date external meetings schedule and to decide who will attend meetings – none outstanding.</p>	Clerk
PC/24-25/92	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meetings:-</b></p> <p><b>To receive</b> an update on the blocked ditches. A discussion took place including the member of the public. Cllr Oakey stated that a tree root was blocking the ditch in question and that he and Cllr Breach had the matter in hand. This should lead to improved water flow to mitigate the risk of flooding.</p>	Cllr Breach Cllr Oakey
PC/24-25/93.1 PC/24-25/93.2	<p><b>Planning Matters to discuss:</b></p> <p><b>To note</b> the BPC Planning Schedule as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Noted.</p> <p><b>To discuss</b> any other applications received before the meeting. None.</p>	
PC/24-25/94.1 PC/24-25/94.2	<p><b>Maintenance to include items as below:</b></p> <p><b>To discuss and agree</b> Parish Steward- Consideration of jobs for next visit. <b>It was agreed</b> Clerk to advise Parish Steward that the moss on the pavements was beginning to be an issue again.</p> <p><b>To discuss</b> and update ref 'Re-Elming Bulkington'. The Clerk confirmed that the application form had been sent to Wiltshire Council.</p>	Clerk
PC/24-25/95.1 PC/24-25/95.2 PC/24-25/95.2a PC/24-25/95.2b PC/24-25/95.2c	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>To agree and approve</b> the banking financial statements with accounts listed up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 along with financial summary sheet. Approved.</p> <p><b>To agree and approve invoices and payments:-</b></p> <p>Clerk's Salary – Approved.</p> <p>Clerk's expenses to 20<sup>th</sup> September 24 - £140.84 – Approved.</p> <p>ROSPA Invoice 84121 for playground inspection – Approved.</p>	Clerk to pay all
PC/24-25/96	<p><b>Playground</b></p> <p><b>To note</b> ROSPA's playground inspection report and agree items to be actioned.</p> <p>The report was noted. <b>It was agreed</b> Cllr Breach to work through the report and action maintenance as required. <b>It was agreed</b> to</p>	Cllr Breach

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	<p>carry forward should any larger remedial work to be organised by outside companies.</p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> to add the zipwire to a separate annual inspection.</p>	Clerk
PC/24-25/97.1	<b>Governance</b> To discuss suggested Emergency/Resilience Plan. <b>It was resolved</b> to adopt the plan and review in the spring.	
PC/24-25/97.2	To note the most up to date NALC Good Councillors' guide. Noted.	
PC/24-25/97.3	To discuss the Councillor vacancies and any updates on recruitment. No new applications. Carry forward.	
PC/24-25/98	<b>Budget</b> Members to begin the process of budget setting for 2025-26. The Clerk has prepared a first draft and members should review the relevant lines. <b>For discussion</b> . A second draft will be presented for the November meeting when baseline tax figures should be available. Consideration to be given to future projects and expenditure, ie, elections and play area equipment and to make an action plan. This matter was discussed and <b>it was agreed</b> to carry forward for further discussion	All
PC/24-25/99	<b>Remembrance</b> To decide which Councillors will be representing the Parish Council and the Village at the wreath laying ceremony. <b>It was agreed</b> that Cllr Breach would represent the BPC at the ceremony.	
PC/24-25/100.1	<b>Correspondence Received Since Last Meeting to note-noted</b> Wiltshire PCC Cllr Newsletter	
PC/24-25/100.2	Flood Warden Newsletter Autumn 2024	
PC/24-25/100.3	WCC Town & Parish Council update 4/10/24	
PC/24-25/100.4	Making Wiltshire Safer Police & Crime Plan 2024-29	
PC/24-25/100.5	Explanation of above	
PC/24-25/100.6	Wiltshire PCC Cllr Newsletter issue 5.1	
PC/24-25/100.7	Wiltshire PCC Annual Report	
PC/24-25/100.8	Wiltshire Independent Remuneration Panel survey	
PC/24-25/100.9	WCC Town & Parish Council update 11/10/24	
PC/24-25/101	<b>Confirmation of date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	
PC/24-25/102	<b>To close the meeting – 9.00pm</b>	

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