**Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting**

**PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday the 15th of December at 7pm Online via Microsoft Teams**

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

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| 161/21 |  **Apologies for absence:** Simon Downey, Andrew Grabham, Carla Haslam, PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay (Conservative Councillor for the Devizes Rural West Division) |  |
| 162/21 |  **To Record:** No changes to the Register of Interests declared No declaration of Interest in agenda items made  |  |
| 163/21 |  **To Receive a report** from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay:* PCSO Janet: No report received. Clerk to request more information on car thefts.
* Tamara Reay: Report will be circulated asap
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| 164/21 | **Open Forum:** None raised |  |
| 165/21 | **Local Planning Updates:** No new updates known |  |
| 166/21 | **Minute Approval:** Last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved |  |
| 167/21 | **Finance:** The below costs were approved:Clerk Pay December £221.60 Ideverde Works Date: 01/11/2021 - 30/11/2021 £103.59Newsletter Print £30.95 |  |
| 168/21 | **Land Registering:** No update |  |
| 169/21 | **Precept:** It was agreed that the precept will be set at £10,000, of which £4,000 will be ringfenced for the Recreational Ground. This means the cost per year for a Band D property will be £83.56 using a Tax base proposed by WCC at 119.67. This figure in based on the results of the Precept Consultation where the Parish Council gave three possible options for the upcoming setting of the precept. Option 1 – Do not use the Precept to fund the Recreational Ground = 18.75% Option 2 – Obtain £2000 from the Precept to half fund the Recreational Ground = 31.25% Option 3 – Obtain £4000 from the Precept to fully fund the Recreational Ground = 50% 28% of the residents took the time to respond to the consultation. Results above indicate that those who took the opportunity to respond would be comfortable with the increase in the Precept.  | Hannah and Amy to sign and submit paperwork in time for the deadline of the 18th of January.Clerk to add Precept spending plans to January Agenda |
| 170/21 | **Recreational Ground:** Any Playground updates |  |
| 171/21 | **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Steve will sadly no longer be our Parish Steward, we will have a new Steward soon but in the meantime contractors will be handling the role. If you see anything that needs the attention of the Steward please email our clerk Hannah on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk.Moss and weeds have been cleared (15.12.2021) from North Fields, Drains and Gullies have been cleared, street clean has been requested. | Clerk to add to Stewards list: Opposite pub, remove soil from next to houses – keeping to original tarmac to help widen road for when it is reduced to single file traffic when cars are parked on one side. |
| 172/21 | **Annual Community Event:** The village hall has been booked for the 26th of March and Sue has been notified about all the village groups being invited to attend to showcase their talents. More plans to follow in January’s PC meeting |  |
| 173/21 | **Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:** The Clerk has raised 2 MyWiltshire reports on the Council’s website requesting the kerbs to be dropped and will continue to investigate how best to get this actioned. |  |
| 174/21 | **Winter Newsletter:** The Newsletter has been printed and will distributed before Christmas. The Team would like to take the opportunity to thank Councillor Amy Powell for taking the time to create and edit the Newsletter content, organise and pay for the printing and tirelessly fold each copy. Going forward the printing will be covered by Parish Council Funds and we welcome anyone to contribute a poem, picture, article or similar to future Newsletters. |  |
|  | **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL TEAM.** **WE WISH YOU A HEALTHY, HAPPY 2022!** |  |
|  | **The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk on** **theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk** **for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.** |  |