**Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes**

**PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held Wednesday the 19th of October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Carla Haslam, Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Tamara Reay (our Conservative Representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division)

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|  **AGENDA ITEM** | **ACTION AGREED** |
| 1. **Apologies for absence:** Andrew Grabham, PCSO Janet

Councillor Simon Downey has resigned, the PC team are very grateful for his time on the Parish Council and the support he has given the village and team | Clerk to begin the recruitment process |
| 1. **To Record**:

 No changes to the Register of Interests received No declaration of Interest in agenda items received |  |
| 1. **To Receive a report** from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay
* PCSO Janet: No report received. Our PCSO contact details are no longer working
* Councillor Tamara Reay: was unable to attend but sent an update via email:

**Wiltshire Council continues to lead from the front on climate change**Wiltshire Council’s Cabinet received an update on its efforts to tackle the climate emergency locally, with a vast range of projects in place.  The Wiltshire Climate Strategy was approved in February 2022 and since then the council has published its delivery plans, which set out how it will become carbon neutral by 2030, and the actions it can take either on its own or in partnership with others, to lead the transition to a carbon neutral county. The highlights from the detailed report include:* 10,000 registrations across Wiltshire and Swindon for solar group buying scheme Solar Together Wiltshire with 1,000 of those (from Wiltshire) paying a deposit to confirm installation for solar pv and/or battery storage
* The council has carried out a tender process for provision and replacement of electric vehicle charging points at towns with a population of 10,000 or more.
* It will also be rolling out a grant to support town and parish councils to install electric vehicle charging points in their local area. A well-attended webinar was recently held to provide town and parishes more information.
* To encourage active travel, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are being developed to improve cycling and walking opportunities throughout the county – working closely with town councils.
* The council’s Housing Energy Efficiency Programme will retrofit 5,000 council homes by 2030, with assessment carried out on the first 800. The aim is to reduce the amount of CO2 by 15,000 tonnes which in the process will make the properties more energy efficient and help save residents money.
* The £27m Salisbury River Park transformational scheme aims to reduce flood risk to over 350 homes and businesses in Salisbury. It will also create 2 hectares of enhanced riverside habitat for the benefit of wildlife and more than 600 trees will be planted.
* The council diverted 80.9% of the waste it managed from landfill (2021/22).

**Further Funding and Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse**Wiltshire Council’s Cabinet has approved plans for allocating £832,000 to support victims of domestic abuse.  This government funding is the second of a three-year programme and Wiltshire’s delivery plans will build on the learnings and successes of the last year.  Domestic abuse is a key public health priority, which creates a substantial burden of harm that significantly impacts on health and wellbeing. Still referred to as a ‘hidden crime’, it has one of the highest under-reporting rates; using the crime survey for England and Wales – it is projected that over 19,000 Wiltshire residents will be living with the effects of domestic abuse.The plans include the provision of additional safe accommodation for victims, and programmes working with organisations such as Splitz, Turning Point, The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and the Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living.**Wiltshire Council commits to more Parish Stewards for Local Highways and Footpaths Maintenance**£700,000 additional funding will ensure that there are more Parish Stewards in the county over the next three years.  This is in addition to the £2m funding package previously agreed for extra white lining, fly tipping enforcement and flood prevention. Currently there are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, and they focus on delivering on the highways priorities of their local town or parish council. This includes jobs such as fixing minor road defects and filling potholes, to trimming bushes and hedges.  The new two-person support team will be able to build on the success of the Parish Stewards, improving safety and the visual impact of local highways, and providing a better service for local communities.  | Clerk to ask Tamara if she has alternative contacts for the local police representative Clerk to raise question of local charging point appetite on social media and ask where in the village would be bestCouncillors to consider whether the funds mentioned in Tamara’s update could help walking in Bulkington – both in the rec ground and from end to end of the village  |
| **Open Forum****Dog Fouling:** A number of complaints from the public were received. The PC have since placed some signage outside the Rec Ground near the path and the Clerk has requested additional signage from the Dog warden at Wiltshire Council. This topic has also been suggested to Spotlight as a topic for an article to bring this matter to attention, it has been covered in the November issue. **Styles and paths:** Multiple broken or run down styles were reported by the public. Two styles have been kindly cleared by councillor Alex Breach and the owner of the remaining unstable style has been informed. **CATG:** 3 CATG Requests have beenplaced on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the LHFIG on 17 January 2023. 1: lowering the pavement for easier access in Northfields, 2: lowering the pavement for easier access in Chestnut Drive3: adding white road paint to reduce speeds and make pedestrians safe at either end of the villageSomeone from the Parish Council will need to be present for the discussion to take place, and the agenda is usually sent out a week to ten days prior to the meeting.  | Clerk to chase dog warden Clerk to send round time of meeting to the councillors so someone can attend |
| 1. **Local Planning Updates:**

**Application No: PL/2022/07496****Householder planning permission****Proposed Single Storey Extension****Wickmere, 26 High Street, Bulkington, SN10 1SN**No concerns raised |  |
| 1. **Minute Approval:** Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in September
 | Clerk to post on Website and in the bus shelter |
| 1. **Finance:**

The below costs were approved by the Parish Council: Clerk October £221.60Clerk Expenses Printer Ink for leaflets £33.85Bin emptying contract Ideverde 18/10/2022 – 18.11.2022 £64Play Area Safety Inspection £113.40Bonfire event insurance £112 | Clerk to pay suppliers  |
| 1. **Precept:** Councillors had discussions ahead of the submissions deadline in

January 2023. Initial thoughts are that the PC will need to take into consideration the increase of costs for existing contracts like salaries, grass cutting, rubbish collection etc. but do not plan on a substantial increase.  |  |
| 1. **Recreational Ground:**
* Any Playground updates: The new football posts have now been installed, thanks to Brian and Andrew. The posts were installed professionally at a cost to the Rec Committee of £270.
* Grant opportunities: Carla and Amy to pursue opportunities
* Coronation May: The councillors discussed having a spring/summer event in Bulkington in May to commemorate the coronation of the king, following the success of this year’s Jubilee event. This event could count as the Annual Parish Meeting, which must be held each year**between March 1st and June 1st.**
* The price of the Ideverde bin emptying contract will be fixed for 1 year from the start date so 18/08/2022 end date 18/08/2023 Then it will be reviewed. The team discussed the updates from Wiltshire Council announcing that Ideverde will be maintaining the playground equipment and grass cutting and weather that includes Parishes as well as town and cities.
 | Amy to contact PlayForce for replacement of missing piece on the climbing frameHannah send Oak Bloke quote to Team.Hannah add annual event to agenda for next year. Clerk to ask Tamara about the nature of Ideverde contract and if we can have a copy of it. |
| 1. **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to the Clerk prior to next visit.

Area Highway Engineer, Matt Perrott and the new Highway Technician, Suzanne Hiscock, are due to meet with our Clerk to discuss Highway concerns for Bulkington Parish. |  |
| 1. **Bonfire Night:** The BulkingtonBonfire Night event will take place on the 5th of

November. There was a volunteers meeting on the 18th of October to arrange plans. Councillors agreed that Carla, Debbie, Simon and Julie will distribute Leaflet this weekend  |  |
| 1. **Remembrance Sunday:** Councillors discussed theinitial planning of the event.
 | Clerk to talk to Simon, Maureen and Daz and ensure grass has been cut.  |
| 1. **AOB Parish Council meet up**

Keevil and Steeple Ashton Parish Councils have accepted the invite for a cheese and wine evening at Bulkington village hall on Wednesday 16th of November from 8pm. Councillors will be meeting to share experiences and enable learning from each other.  | Clerk to prepare provisions for the event |
| **NEXT MEETING: 16th of November at 7.30pm. Councillors are requested from 7pm to help set up the Parish Council meeting with Steeple Ashton and Keevil.**  |  |