**Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes**

**PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held Wednesday the 16th of November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.**

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

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **ACTION AGREED** |
| 1. **Apologies for absence:** Carla Haslam | Clerk to add recruitment to the agenda for December |
| 1. **2) To Record**:   No changes to the Register of Interests received  No declaration of Interest in agenda items received |  |
| 1. **3) To Receive a report** **from Tamara Reay:**   Councillor Tamara Reay: was unable to attend but sent an update via email: EV Infrastructure Grants for Town & Parish Councils  [**Electric vehicles and charging points - Wiltshire Council**](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/green-economy/electric-vehicles) Wiltshire Council is offering grants of up to £2,500 to town & parish councils to support the installation of public EV charging infrastructure (EVCPI) in their communities. Local councils can also apply on behalf of others in their community, such as village halls.  **Parliamentary Boundary Review**  The Parliamentary Boundary Commission has reported its revised proposals following the extensive consultation in the Spring.  It is proposed that the all the polling districts which make up the Devizes Area Board (including Devizes Rural West) is included in a new Melksham & Devizes Constituency.  A further consultation is running until 5 December – comments can be made at the Boundary Commission website.  The report is here [Revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the South West region | Boundary Commission for England (independent.gov.uk)](https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/south-west/revised-proposals-for-new-parliamentary-constituency-boundaries-in-the-south-west-region/).  It is anticipated that the legislation for the changes will go before Parliament in Summer 2023 – a General Election after that date will be on the new Constituency boundaries, if one is called before then – it will be on the existing boundaries.  **Warm Spaces** [Wiltshire Council creates interactive directory to help people find local cost-of-living support - Wiltshire Council](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/wiltshire-council-creates-interactive-directory)  Wiltshire Council creates interactive directory to help people find local cost-of-living support.  The online interactive community directory will help people find out what warm spaces and community food providers there are in the county to support them through the cost of living challenges.  The directory has been created using information collected by the council to establish what support is already up and running in the county.  **Devizes Area Board** – 5 December at Needham House, Devizes  [Agenda for Devizes Area Board on Monday 5 December 2022, 6.30 pm | Wiltshire Council](https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&MId=14200) | Clerk to raise question of local charging point appetite on social media and ask where in the village would be best |
| **4) Police report or news:** Clerk to ask Tamara if she has alternative contacts for the local police representative |  |
| 1. **5) Open Forum**: The Parish Clerk has received messages from a few villagers requesting a bike rack by the village bus stop. Councillors agreed that it would offer an environmentally friendly option to replace and could encourage a healthier lifestyle for the village children that catch the bus to school. The clerk has been in touch with Tamara Reay and a representative from Cycle Friendly Devizes to look at funding options.   Dog Fouling: Clerk has chased Wiltshire Council Dog warden for additional signage to put up in village.  Styles and paths: Been reported to Wiltshire Council. | Clerk to look at funding options including Faresavers and the Pub |
| 1. **Local Planning Updates:** None known |  |
| 1. **Minute Approval:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in October were approved |  |
| 1. **Finance:**   **Costs approved in meeting:**  Clerk October £221.60  Clerk Expenses (Wine and Cheese Night) £40  Remembrance Sunday Wreath contribution to British Legion £25  Fireworks Expenses £103.10  Playquest zip line repair £1680  Approval for new pay band for the Clerk from SCP10 to SCP11 for the NALC issued Pay Agreement   * 1. New hourly salary to be £12.50 with a confirmed number of hours increased to 6 hours per week from 4.62 with effect from 1st April 2022   2. New monthly salary to be increased with effect from Novembers meeting to £325.00 from £221.60   Approval for total backdated pay for the Clerk £771.79   * 1. Salary owed from April 2022 to October 2022 £723.79   Missed 2021 salary increase from NALC totally £48.00 from Aril 2021 to March 2022.  **Village pot total: 10,916.45** | Clerk to thank Simon for wreath laying  This is to come from the ringfenced Rec Ground money in the PC account from 2021/2022 precept. |
| 1. **9) Newsletter –** Draft Newsletter written by Amy for approval by the Parish Council | Councillors to feed back in the next week before going to print |
| 1. **Parish Councillor roles:**   Following some changes to the PC Team, it has been agreed to formalise roles and responsibilities:  Hannah Becket – The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  Carla Haslam – Rec Ground Coordinator & Fund raising  Alex Breach – Emergency Planning & Hands on workforce  Alison Howard-Evans – Research & Planning matters and Emergency Planning  Julie Anderson-Hill – Council Liaison & Events Team and Defib  Andrew Grabham – Vice Chairperson, Hands on workforce, Accounting  Amy Powell – Chairperson, Rec Ground support, Newsletter, Financial Planning  Vacancy – TBC | Clerk to Send Alison Emergency planning invites  Clerk to send Julie defib info and to look into Defib training with Wiltshire Ambulance  Clerk to post about the Bus shelter book shelf on FB |
| **Precept:** Initial discussions ahead of the submissions deadline in January 2023. Proposed Precept for 2023/2024 tax base from Wiltshire Council has now been received. | To be agreed in December meeting, Councillors to look at Amy’s recommendations and feed back |
| **Recreational Ground:**   * The zip line has now been repaired * Grant opportunities were discussed * It was agreed to submit to the April Area Board for funding. Tamara Reay also suggested looking into Wiltshire Community Funding and the National Lottery. |  |
| **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit.  Whilst in the village on the 26th October, or Steward Emma cleared gully tops along Mill Lane, also dug one out along the lane, checked the gullies along the High Street and the lane past the rec. and strimmed the footpath alongside the sheep field/rec. The Parish Clerk and Emma our Parish Steward will be meeting a Wiltshire Council representative on the 23rd of November to discuss clearing the verges and other Street Scene related issues for Bulkington. |  |
| **LHFIG requests:** 3 Village requests for dropped curbs and white road markings have been accepted into the next LHFIG meeting on the 17 January 2023 at 10am. We will need a Councillor in attendance of the meeting to defend the requests. | Clerk to send Julie meeting details |
| **Ticketed Summer party:** The idea of a summer event with Live Music was discussed. It was agreed that before the summer holiday around the Kings coronation would be best timing wise. To make the event happen, we will need volunteers, please contact our Clerk if you would like to volunteer. | To be included in the next Newsletter |
| **Bonfire Night:** Washup session  Many thanks to all our volunteers for their hard work arranging the plans, sadly due to wet and windy forecast this year’s event was cancelled. Some items were purchased and can be used at future events:  50m of fencing £73.50  6 stakes. £27.60  2 x buckets £2  Total. £103.10 (these are covered under Agenda Item 7, Finance, but here for the breakdown)  Storage: Simon has kindly offered to store these items, the Parish Council grateful accept his offer | Clerk to let Simon know about storage |
| **Remembrance Sunday:** wash up session of the village event held 13th of November. The annual event was well attended, many thanks to Simon Downey for laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. |  |
| **NEXT MEETING: 14th December at 7.30pm**  **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND WEDESDAY IN THE MONTH, NOT THE THIRD, FOR DECEMBER ONLY** |  |