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

**PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday the 17th of November at 7pm in the Bulkington Village Hall**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Simon Downey, Alison Howard-Evans,

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| **Ref** | **Subject** | **Action and who by** |
| 143/21 | **Apologies for absence:** Julie Anderson-Hill, PCSO Janet and Councillor Tamara Reay |  |
| 144/21 | **To Record:**  No changes to the Register of Interests declared  Declaration of Interest in agenda items: Alex Breach in agenda item 147/21 |  |
| 145/21 | **To Receive a report** from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay:   * PCSO Janet was unable to attend the meeting but reported: There were no crime reports for Bulkington between 17.10.21 – 17.11.21  as of 08.25. * Tamara Reay was unable to attend the meeting but reported:  1. Flooding – you have heard that some properties in Potterne were flooded on 31 October.  As such I am working with Potterne PC and Wiltshire Council to agree interventions to reduce flooding risk.  I am not aware of any other flooding issues or concerns in Devizes Rural West, but as Winter is upon us, I would be grateful if there are any in Bulkington that you could let me know. 2. Accessibility in Bulkington – I note that Maureen Alchin’s report is on the agenda this evening.  May I suggest that some of the issues might be addressed through local comms (hedge cutting, parking etc.), others such as dropped kerbs will need to be taken to CATG.  As such Cllrs may wish to consider which are priorities 3. 30mph – I am still working on the CATG refusal and I will revert as soon as I have a way forward. | Clerk to ask for an update on what is being done to control the increase in car break-ins locally.  Clerk to report flooding risk to Councillor Tamara Reay |
| 146/21 | **Open Forum:** None raised |  |
| 147/21 | **Local Planning Updates:**  Lawn Farm, Bulkington, Devizes, SN10 1SL : Consultation - PL/2021/08569  **Roofing between existing buildings to create cattle feed passage. No comments raised in meeting**  Bulkington CP Application Ref PL/2021/09876 - Works to a Protected Tree Address: 22, Market View Junction With Bulkington Drove North And West To Pantry Bridge, Bulkington, SN10 1SN Proposal: T1 - Crown reduce Beech tree by approximately 2.5m (20%) to leave a natural shape and flowing branch line. Selected branches to East and South will be reduced by up to 4m where limbs \'creep\' from the crown and extend over corner of house and neighbouring property. Crown clean to remove deadwood, crossing and broken branches. Install a non-invasive Cobra bracing system into Beech tree due to co-dominant stem. Applicant Name Wyatt Case Officer: David Wyatt Respond By 15-11-2021 Application Link: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000016pFDQ>  **No comments raised**  **Application No: PL/2021/10168, Full planning permission, Proposed detached single garage. LEAZE FARM, MILL LANE, BULKINGTON, DEVIZES, SN10 1SP.**  **No comments raised** |  |
| 148/21 | **Minute Approval:** The latest Minutes were approved and signed. |  |
| 149/21 | **Finance:**  Clerk Pay November £221.60  Ideverde Works Date: 01/10/2021 - 29/10/2021 £103.59  ROSPA £115.80  Bonfire Night:  Simon expenses £194.10  Roses Fireworks £700 incl. VAT  British Legion: £25 | Amy to circulate ROSPA Report  Clerk to pay expenses and manage British Legion donation online |
| 150/21 | **Land Registering:** In last month’s meeting it was brought to the Parish Council’s attention that the Recreation Ground Field The Clerk has located the deeds to the Field Update | Clerk to follow up and check that the conditional requirements are carried over of no permanent structures being built on it and only being used as a Recreational Ground. |
| 151/21 | **Bonfire Night:** Wash up discussion  The Parish Council Team would like to thank all villagers that helped make the event such a success – especially the volunteers and donors of the raffle prizes. Over £1000 was made in profits which will be used by the Rec Ground Committee for future events and for Rec Ground Maintenance/Improvements.  Learnings:  Despite this year’s success – there are a few learnings to be taken from the event which will be considered when planning next year’s Bonfire night:   * Need more lights and torches, especially near the food stalls and the Gate * Areas not to be used need to be taped off * Catering queues need to be reduced by having additional stalls or duplicate stalls. * Large Rubbish Bins would help keep the space clean * New marquee would be useful * Music is allowed to be played providing it can be classed as background music and the event doesn’t exceed 500 visitors * Glowsticks, sweets and cakes would make good stalls   The Bonfire area and Firework debris was cleared on the night and an additional clear up operation by volunteers was also conducted the following morning. | Andrew to pay cash money into the Rec Ground account once it has been counted at the bank.  Clerk to submit the post Raffle documents |
| 152/21 | **Precept:** In the Spring Newsletter the PC opened a consultation about the 2022/2023 Precept. 28% of the residents took the time to respond:  Option1 – Do not use the Precept to fund the Recreational Ground = 18.75%  Option2 – Obtain £2000 from Precept to half fund the Recreational Ground = 31.25%  Option3 – Obtain £4000 from Precept to fully fund the Recreational Ground = 50%  Results above indicate that those who took the opportunity to respond would be comfortable with the increase in the Precept. Meaning funds required for the improvements and maintenance of the Recreational Ground being funded by the Precept. Wiltshire County Council issued the timeline to get the submissions for the Precept confirmed. We are proposing that the Precept is 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.The Precept will be discussed again at the December meeting ready for documents to be submitted by the deadline early January. |  |
| 153/21 | **Remembrance Day:** Wash up  The Bulkington Remembrance Day was held at the memorial, rather than in the church due to the Covid-19 numbers, the traffic was really quiet and the event ran successfully. |  |
| 154/21 | **Recreational Ground:** Any Playground updates:  It was agreed to replace benches with something more durable than standard wood.  Benches made of recycled materials are cost effective and more durable and can be sourced with accessibility gaps for wheelchair use in line with the other rec ground improvements in on accessibility.  There are plans to replace the wooden obstacle course near the entrance to the Rec Ground next spring, following the ROSPA report which suggested that they needed work. |  |
| 156/21 | **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit.  It was agreed that the cleaning of drains was a priority for the whole village. The Clerk also agreed to follow up with the steward about last month’s request for cleaning moss and weeds from Northfields. | Clerk to as Wessex water and the Parish Steward about cleaning drains to prevent local flooding. |
| 157/21 | **War Memorial Sign Replacement:** A member of the Parish has requested that the small white sign under the tree by the War Memorial is replaced. The order for this is being placed. | Carla to order new sign |
| 158/21 | **Annual Community Event:** As a Parish Council we need to have an Annual Community event that is not linked to any other celebration. Following clarifications from Wiltshire Council we now know we need to hold a  Annual Parish Meeting (or Annual Assembly as it is sometimes known) annually between 1st March and 1st June. This is a meeting of residents which is organised by the Parish Council and chaired by the Chair of the Council but it is separate from a Council meeting. It was agreed to hold this event on Saturday the 26th of March at 2.30 in the afternoon. The event will offer free refreshments, an opportunity for local groups to showcase their talents and incite new joiners and a suggestion box for the Parish Council Precept spending and Jubilee event suggestions and volunteers. |  |
| 159/21 | **Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:** further discussions and plans following Maureen Alchin’s report | Clerk to chase Tamara on progress with ideas  Funding for accessibility  Clerk to remind villagers on FB to keep hedges trimmed and stop parking on pavements on behalf of all with mobility issues |
| 160/21 | **Winter Newsletter:** Update: Final draft being finalised – aiming to be delivered pre Christmas. |  |
|  | **The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk on** [**theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk**](mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk) **for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.** |  |