**Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday the 19th of January at 7pm Online via Microsoft Teams**

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

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| 1/21 |  **Apologies for absence:** Simon Downey, Andrew Grabham, PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay (Conservative Councillor for the Devizes Rural West Division) |  |
| 2/21 |  **To Record:** No changes to the Register of Interests declared No declaration of Interest in agenda items made  |  |
| 3/21 |  **To Receive a report** from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay:PCSO Janet: Report received via email as PCSO Janet was not able to attend the meeting because she was on a Day Shift:* There were no reports of crime for the period 19.11.21 – 19.01.22.
* On 01.01.22 Police attended a hunt in response to a call from the Hunt Master re hunt saboteurs – there were no reports of offences from either the Hunt or the hunt saboteurs.

Tamara Reay: Report to follow | Clerk to follow up with TR |
| 4/22 | **Open Forum:** None raised |  |
| 5/22 | **Local Planning Updates:** **Purnells House, 2 Mill Lane, Bulkington, SN10 1SW: PL/2021/11854****Householder planning permission for construction of side extension to form Kitchen & Dining Area – Approved by Wiltshire Council with Conditions** |  |
| 6/22 | **Minute Approval:** Last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved |  |
| 7/22 | **Finance outgoings approved:** Clerk Pay January £221.60 Ideverde Works Date: 01/12/201 - 31/12/2021 £103.59 |  |
| 8/22 | **Finance Planning:** Following the increase of the Precept 2022/23 Councillors discussed future spending plans:* Accessibility and pathway – Councillors wish to make Bulkington more accessible for the elderly, parents with pushchairs and mobility scooters. This includes the village Recreation Ground. Wilshire Paving is coming to do a quote to aid initial planning and assist with requesting grants. Environmental and recycled options will be looked into and planning needs will be investigated.
* Electric car charging points or power sockets on site: with electric cars becoming more widespread councillors suggested plans for possible future charging stations to support villagers. Electricity for Recreation Ground Events for things like generators, flood lighting etc. was discussed.
* Maintenance of existing Recreation Ground facility – including the AstroTurf around the swing
* Grass cutting: Parish Councillors and the Rec Ground Committee have been looking for a more cost effective and reliable solution to managing the grass on the Recreation Ground.
 | Clerk to speak to Engagement Officer Andrew Jack to see if there are any volunteers through Wilshire Council that may be able to offer some expertise and help repair basic playground facilities.  |
| 9/22 | **Website:** After many years of supporting the village by running the village website, Sue Barratt would like to hand over the maintenance of the websiteto someone else this year. We are looking for any volunteers to take on this role. The Parish Council would like to thank Sue for her managing the website so well. The website is not a Parish Council managed site – so Bulkington will be reliant on a villager to volunteer. The Parish Clerk will continue to update the Parish Council section of the website with current agendas and minutes.  | Clerk to ask Sue to add 2022 area on website |
| 10/22 | **Recreation Ground:** Any Playground updates Following the payment for the Bonfire Night fireworks and new goal posts current finances are at £1790.44. The goal posts will be erected early spring, weather permitting.  |  |
| 11/22 | **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit | Clerk to chase Street Sweep Team and the progress on finding a new dedicated steward for Bulkington  |
| 12/22 | **Annual Community Event:** Councillors discussed the upcoming Community event where the Parish Council will be inviting villagers for refreshments and the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas so the Parish Council can serve the community in the best way possible. At the community event there will be information available on the following and feedback or other ideas are very welcome:* Electricity – do we need electric charging points near the Rec Ground? Electric Car charging points?
* Mobility – The Parish Council are working to improve accessibility within the village
* Sustainability and recycling
* Village signs – do we want a smart village sing at the entrance to our village?
* All the Committees in the village will be invited to attend and showcase what they do
* Best Kept Village Competition 2022:After the success of last year we are hoping to enter the competition again andwill be looking for volunteers and support to make this year even more successful than last year.
* Do you have anything you would like to offer the village?
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| 13/22 | **Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:** Councillors are still working on ways to fund improvements to the accessibility within the village.  | Clerk to follow up with Tamara Reay |
|  | **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.** |  |

**2022 Bulkington Parish Council Meeting Dates:**

16th February, 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th of July, 21st of September, 19th October, 16th November

14th December