**Annual Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes**

**PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held Wednesday the 15th of June 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Carla Haslam, Andrew Grabham

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **ACTION AGREED** |
| 1. **Apologies for absence:** Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Tamara Reay (Our Conservative Representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division) and PCSO Janet |  |
| 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  Councillor Tamara Reay: Nothing to report |  |
| **Open Forum:** None present |  |
| 1. **Local Planning Updates:**   **The Parish Councillors discussed planning Application No: PL/2022/04379**  **Application Type: Full planning permission**  **Proposal: Construct a timber stable block on a concrete base.**  **Site Address: 10 HIGH STREET, BULKINGTON, DEVIZES, SN10 1SJ**  **No concerns were raised, the Parish Council will respectfully coordinate with the landowner about future Bonfire Events taking ponies into consideration.** |  |
| 1. **Minute Approval:** Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved |  |
| 1. **Finance:**   As there will be no July or August meeting costs for the upcoming moths were discussed and approved in advance. The AGAR form was approved and signed by the Chair person.  Costs approved:  Clerk Pay June £221.60  Clerk Pay July £221.60  Clerk Pay August £221.60  Bulkington in Bloom Donation £75  Jubilee event electricity donation £20  Large surface Grass Cutting in the rec ground x 3 months (£70 plus vat x 3) £254  One off edging grass cutting on the rec ground and other public spaces £120  WALC Annual Subscription 2022/2023 £110.46  Community First Insurance £280.43  Church donation £125  **Total costs approved in meeting £ 1,649.69**  **Parish Council Bank balance 16.06.22 £ 15,334.68** | Amy and Andrew to coordinate the pension opt out form for the Clerk position. |
| 1. **Grant access:** Councillors willcontinue to search for funding opportunities. Benches made of recycled materials will be purchased using the latest lottery grant funding received – to commemorate this month’s Jubilee a plaque will be added to the benches. | Clerk to clarify Devizes area board funding opportunities |
| 1. **Recreational Ground:**  * Playground updates: A new circular tree seat has been installed and the sensory area has been tidied and planted out by volunteers and PC Members. Big thanks to Carla and Dave Haslam, Claire and Darren Jones and Hannah Becket for their hard work.   The Football posts are ready to be installed and Councillors are trying to coordinate volunteers to transport and install the goal posts. Volunteers help keep costs low and ensure that all funding can go on equipment and maintenance – please do contact our clerk if you would like to volunteer your time or skills at any time throughout the year.   * Rec Ground Current balance £11,54.49 * Grass cutting update: Our Clerk and the Rec Ground Committee have been sourcing companies to assist with the Grass Cutting needs of the village following our split with IdeVerde earlier in the year. We have 3 companies quoting for the work, we hope to establish a positive working relationship with a small local business who will be reliable and thorough to ensure best possible condition of the village facilities. | Andrew to transport the goals posts and install with Alex  Bridge posts holes to be re-filled and rope to be purchased/installed |
| 1. **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit  * Bulkington has been experiencing a lot of problems with the local Parish Steward in the past months. Our Clerk has been reaching out to the Council regularly for updates and chasing long term solution. We have now been told we have a new Steward in place who will be working in the village on a regular basis and meeting with our Clerk and a member of the council to discuss repairs needed. As our Clerk no longer lives in the village and doesn’t see the day to day – please do reach out to inform her of any areas in the village that that require attention. * Members of the public have complained about the footpath by the Rec Ground, as this is private land, we are reliant on the land owner to cut the hedge to allow the public to pass and can ask the Steward to cut the weeds and grass growing on the path. This has been added to the now rather extensive list for the Steward and our Clerk will be chasing this for us. |  |
| 1. **Jubilee Washup session:** Bulkington held the Big Jubilee Picnic on the 5th of June in the   Bulkington Rec Ground – the event was well attended and enjoyed by many. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the event possible, all events do rely on volunteers – future events will only be possible with the support from more volunteers from within the community.  There seemed to be an appetite for more village events – which would offer Bulkington appetite for more fundraising. Anyone wishing to organize any regular village events such as picnics, pub meets, card night etc. please do reach out the our Clerk as the Parish Council would be happy to support. |  |
| 1. **Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:** Councillors are working hard on plans for the improvement of accessibility in the village and finding further funds to support this.   **To help improve accessibility within the village – please park cars respecting pavement users and keep bins on the side to allow pedestrians, buggies and mobility scooters to pass.** | Clerk to chase Kerb dropping in CATG and Council/Steward on pavement maintenance |
| 1. **Best Kept Village Competition:**  * The judging for the first (District) round has now taken place, we will report any feedback and marks as soon as we hear from the judges |  |
| 1. **Village Hall forward planning:** on hold | Clerk to add to the September Agenda |
| **NEXT MEETING: 21st of September** |  |
| **The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm with the exception of July and August** |  |