



Bulkington Parish Council

Wiltshire

Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting

Held Wednesday 20th of January 2021 at 7pm online via Microsoft Teams

Councillors: Amy Powell (Acting Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Carla Haslam,
Simon Downey, Julie Anderson-Hill

Public: Sue Barratt, Calum Ogilvie, Cllr Seed, Cllr Reay, Rebecca Lockwood-Norris

1/21	Apologies for absence: PCSO Janet	All						
2/21	To Record: There were no changes to the Register of Interest. Declaration of Interest in agenda items: There were no Declarations	All						
3/21	Report received from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Seed: Introduced the community housing presentation and explained the value of community housing to the village, the value of a housing needs survey and that progress or otherwise was the choice of the Parish Council and village. - PCSO Janet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No crime reports from Bulkington in the last month - police signage about good practice in farmer's fields keep being removed. The dog fouling in fields has a terrible knock-on effect for the farmers so these signs are important. The signs will be replaced, and we appeal to the public to not remove them. The Parish Council will closely monitor this situation. - Wiltshire Police are patrolling the recreational area and public spaces to ensure that lockdown regulations are being adhered to - Councillor Reay: the prospective Conservative Candidate for the Devizes Rural West Division for the upcoming Wiltshire Council elections joined us for the meeting and introduced herself. Should she be elected; Tamara is keen to join our monthly meetings and to support us in our grant applications and local matters. 	All						
4/21	Presentation from Rebecca Lockwood Norris (Community Led Housing Project Manager at Homes of Our Own): We were approached by Homes of our Own about the possibility of building a maximum of 10 Community Led houses in Bulkington as part of Devizes bid to build 1000 new affordable homes. Rebecca's presentation was a great opportunity to learn about what Affordable Housing is and how it works and gave the councillors the opportunity to ask questions. The Council Team will hold a separate, extraordinary meeting about the prospect of housing in Bulkington in the coming weeks. The Team plan to discuss a potential survey for the village to determine if there is a community interest in pursuing this.	All						
5/21	Open Forum: Nothing to report	All						
6/21	Minute Approval: The December Minutes were approved.	All						
7/21	Matters Arising: All matters arising are dealt with as full Agenda items	All						
8/21	Finance: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Clerk Pay – January</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£221.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Defibrillator replacement parts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£126.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration charge for Notice of Exemption</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£48</td> </tr> </table> <p>Total Expenditure approved this month: £396.53</p>	Clerk Pay – January	£221.60	Defibrillator replacement parts	£126.93	Administration charge for Notice of Exemption	£48	Chair
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	<p>Balance after payments made: £2050.57</p> <p>To further streamline the PC finances and make them as transparent as possible, the two current accounts the PC holds have been rolled into one</p>	
9/20	<p>Playing Field Enhancement:</p> <p>Cantilever Swing timber replacement: Alex has been researching suppliers to help us replace the broken swing as cost effectively as possible. He has been struggling to source the correct spec wood at the right diameter and will continue to make inquiries. Amy has agreed to call the previous suppliers and see if they can supply just the wood to save us installation costs as they are the only supplier, we have found that provide the right diameter wood.</p> <p>Playground Committee: The newly formed team have applied for Area Board Funding grant to cover the removal of unsafe items and repair those that can be repaired within that figure. The application is for £1000 – this was the maximum they were able to bid for in this instance. The Area Board have invited the Playground Committee to present their case at the next Area Board on the 3rd of February.</p>	<p>AB, AP</p> <p>CH, J-AH AP</p>
10/20	<p>Parish Steward: Please continue to send any outstanding jobs to the Clerk so these can be passed on. The Clerk has struggled to contact the Steward in the last few months and has agreed to find out more information on future visits</p>	Clerk
11/20	<p>www.Bulkington.Org: Currently BT hosts www.bulkington.org.uk and so far it has been free - in May 2021 it would need to be paid for or moved to another host. Amy proposed moving the current website content to a new provider herself, modernising the layout and mobile compatibility and removing outdated documents and information. Amy's generous offer saves the village the cost of paying for BT to continue hosting the site or of hiring a third party to move the content to a new provider for us. This proposal was unanimously approved. Going forward, the new website will be updated by members of the PC and the Clerk along with Sue and Calum who currently run the website.</p>	All
12/21	<p>Rights of way access: A member of the public has requested that 5 stiles in the Bulkington area are repaired. These were each discussed, Alex has agreed to pass this concern on to the relevant landowners so these can be fixed and brought back in line with regulations.</p>	AB
13/21	<p>Precept paperwork: The Precept paperwork has been submitted</p>	Clerk
14/21	<p>Election Year: With the upcoming Election the team have requested information on any preparation required, the Clerk is due to receive an update shortly and will pass around the team when it arrives.</p>	Clerk
	<p>The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk (theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk) for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.</p> <p>We welcome villagers to attend our meetings or to contribute via email or talking to a Councillor or the Clerk directly before the meeting.</p>	