



Bulkington Parish Council

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Approved Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting

Held Wednesday 17th of March 2021 at 7pm online via Microsoft Teams

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

Public: Tamara Reay (prospective Conservative Candidate for the Devizes Rural West Division for the upcoming Wiltshire Council elections), Councillor Seed, Penelope Morgan-Elliott

29/21	Apologies for absence: PCSO Janet	All
30/21	To Record: Changes to the Register of Interests. Declaration of Interest in agenda items: Amy Powell declared interest in agenda item 33 – her own planning application	All
31/21	Report received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councilor Seed: This meeting was Councillor Seed’s last Bulkington PC meeting after 12 years of representing us. He would like to thank the current and past members of the PC for a good relationship and the PC wishes him the very best for the future. - PCSO Janet shared the below report via email: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog thefts – still ongoing and extra care should be taken when out dog walking and general security for pets around the home. Please report any suspicious activity. • Rogue Callers – unfortunately this type of crime still happens – please be careful of employing any trades person that calls uninvited at your home address. Legally you should be provided with a 14 day ‘cooling off’ period before any work is commenced, do not pay any monies upfront, and all quotes should be written in detail and include the name, address and contact details of the Tradesperson doing the work. 	All
32/21	Open Forum: Nothing to report	All
33/21	Local Planning Updates: 1) Barn conversion/ Holiday lets planning application at Tynings Farm, 24 Bulkington Drove Tim Taylor introduced the application and answered questions: The property was purchased in 2016 with planning permission for 4 garages – this was changed into an annex for their parents. They are now seeking planning permission for 3 x 1 bedroom holiday lets in place of the stables in the original planning permission. Tim and Sam hope this will help support the Pub as a business and provide accommodation for their customers and other visitors to the area such as walkers and sightseers. Tim highlighted that they are not looking to extend Tynings Farm in any other way and purely wish for these additional buildings to be holiday lets. The original stable blocks passed in planning would have meant frequent comings and goings of numerous different parties so Tim and Sam feel confident this option involves less traffic. In terms of access, the entrance and parking for the holiday lets is to be on the side of the property where the current gate is, this area would be widened and levelled and has been approved by Highways.	



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	<p>Planning includes 1 parking space for each holiday let, with overflow available on Tim and Sam's drive should it be needed. Additional hedging is planned for between the lets and the lane and any waste will be removed as either commercial waste or in extra bins as part of Tynings Farm at the front of the property.</p> <p>After the discussion there was a vote on which councillors supported the planning – All councillors bar Alex Breach voted in favor. Alex's main concern is the increase in traffic to the village and the lane.</p> <p>Should the planning for the Holiday lets not be granted, the stable blocks from the original plans will be built.</p> <p>2) Planning application 21/01260/FUL, Lanes Cottage 15 High Street Bulkington Devizes SN10 1SJ. Proposed development of single storey glazed extension. No comments raised</p>							
34/21	Minute Approval: The February Minutes were approved.	All						
35/21	Matters Arising: All matters arising are dealt with as full Agenda items	All						
36/21	<p>Finance - Costs approved:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerk Pay – March</td> <td>£221.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Holiday Pay 2019-2020 retrospective</td> <td>£194</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charge to connect Domain Name to website</td> <td>£72 upfront charge</td> </tr> </table> <p>Total Expenditure approved this month: £487 Balance after payments made: £1219.98</p>	Clerk Pay – March	£221.60	Clerk Holiday Pay 2019-2020 retrospective	£194	Charge to connect Domain Name to website	£72 upfront charge	Chair
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37/21	<p>William Breach Recreational Field – Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PC Team would like to thank Councillors Alex and Andrew for their work this month tidying up the Recreational Field. Rotting timber and other items that could pose a danger were removed and fixtures like the Playhouse were treated and mended - Councillor Andrew has been reviewing our grass cutting contracts, it was agreed to continue working with IdVerde – subject to the rubbish bin emptying being included in the contract as it is currently. Costs will be approved in April's PC Meeting. - The Committee Bank Account is now fully set up, there is currently £1600 in the account - Councillors Julie and Carla are looking at how the William Breach Recreational Ground can best appeal to the village as a whole 	CH AB + AG						
38/21	Parish Steward: Please continue to send any outstanding jobs to the Clerk so these can be passed on. The Clerk will be requesting the removal of moss at the top of the close and the repair of the raised tarmac near the manhole outside Chestnut Drive.	Clerk						
39/21	New Website: The new website is nearly complete - there has been great collaboration between Councillor Amy and Sue Barrat to bring the content over and streamline the site.	AP						
40/21	Newsletter update: The latest Newsletter has now been delivered to each house in the village – spares are in the bus shelter. Please do return the very brief survey – it would really help the PC Team tailor the next Precept to the villager's requirements rather than second guessing. It contains only one question and can be returned via the PC post box in the bus shelter.	AP						



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41/21	Election Year: Clerk to research the requirements for registering at the election and to circulate asap.	Clerk
42/21	Wiltshire Best Kept Village: We have been invited to participate, should we wish to – the competition entry does not need to be managed by the PC – any volunteers would be most gratefully received. The Competition would be a positive post Covid initiative to celebrate our beautiful village and community.	Clerk
43/21	Stiles: Councillor Alex is still chasing for an update on the final (of 5) unsafe stiles in the area as reported by a member of the Parish before January's meeting. The remaining styles have all been addressed.	AB
44/21	Dog Poo in the village and surrounding fields: It has been reported that full dog poo bags have been thrown into the sheep field by the William Breach Recreational Ground – both littering and endangering the wild stock. This is obviously not acceptable and it's location right next to a bin makes this worse. Councillor Julie has agreed to circulate signage to try and help prevent this in the future.	AB
	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. We welcome villagers to attend our meetings or to contribute via email or talking to a Councillor or the Clerk directly before the meeting.	