

ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th March 2021 via Zoom video conference

Present: Cllrs Budgen, Hatherell, Clogg, Cole, Edgley-Pyshorn, Hopkins, Jones, Merriman, Stephens and Thomson (WC)

Public: None present

138 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Briggs

139 NON-ATTENDANCE

Cllr Payne

140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

141 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME IN RESPECT OF ITEMS OF BUSINESS INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

A parishioner has raised concerns about a structure in the process of being erected behind the Cowbridge estate. The concern centres around the need or not for planning consent. Cllr Budgen considered the points were valid and obtained Council agreement to formally request Wiltshire Council Enforcement to investigate and action urgently. **Action: Cllr Budgen**

142 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 24th FEBRUARY 2021

The minutes of the meeting on the 24th February 2021 were adopted as a true record and signed accordingly.

143 TO RECEIVE REPORT #03.1 ON PLANNING UPDATES AND REVIEW NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Budgen presented Report #03.1. Subsequent to this report being circulated he had also received an objection to the latest call for comments on the application regarding land at Common Road raising a number of questions that do not seem to have been addressed and it was agreed the Council should strongly support these comments in its further objection to the proposal.

The Council considered the following planning applications. Full comments submitted by the Council can be viewed on-line at Wiltshire Council under the relevant application reference.

Site	Reference	Comments
Land at Burton Hill, Malmesbury	19/07095/REM	Comment
Hangar Farm, Lower Stanton St Quintin, SN14 6HG	21/01255/VAR	Objection
White Lodge Farm, Filands, Malmesbury, SN16 9JN	21/01395/FUL	No objection subject to operating hours remaining 'as is'
54 Anson Place, Stanton St Quintin, SN14 6BA	21/01928/TCA	No objection
Land at Filands/Jenner Lane, Malmesbury	21/01363/OUT	Objection
Land at Filands/Jenner Lane, Malmesbury	21/01641/OUT	Objection
Land Off Common Road, Corston, Wiltshire	19/12002/FUL	Objection
Manor Farm, Corston, Malmesbury, SN16 0HF	21/01898/LBC	Support

Cllr Hopkins presented the February budget performance, which showed overall that the Council is within budget. The bank statement dated 26th February showing balances of £7,824.01 and £35,728.21 was noted and the Vice Chair signed the reconciliations and the original bank statements as correct and as evidence of verification. Cllr Budgen signed the List of Payments for Authorisation as per supporting evidence; Cllr Clogg first authoriser, Cllr Stephens second authoriser.

Action: Cllrs Clogg and Stephens

Payment No.	Payee Details	Reason	Amount (£)
1	Roger Budgen	Zoom Subscription	14.39
2	R J & S H Mellows	Home working reimbursement 1.12.20-31.3.21	102.00
3	R J & S H Mellows	Memory stick for data backup of Clerk's pc	5.48
4	R J & S H Mellows	Agreed overtime (5 hours)	43.35
		Total	£165.22

145 TO REVIEW QUOTATIONS FOR THE VEGETATION CLEARANCE ALONG THE COWBRIDGE PERMISSIVE PATH

Council expressed an Initial preference for one of the quotations subject to further clarifications.

Action: Cllr Clogg and Clerk

146 TO REVIEW QUOTATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S 2021 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Cllr Hatherell presented 3 quotations based on the agreed specification. The Council voted to award the contract to Idverde, the current contractor, as the lower of the quotations. It was also agreed that the next tender exercise would cover a two-year period. Cllr Hatherell was asked to contact the successful contractor and the clerk to notify all contractors officially. **Action: Cllr Hatherell & Clerk**

147 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE MAB'S AUTOMATED SPEED WATCH PILOT PROGRAMME

Cllr Budgen reported that the Area Board had received an update on speeding concerns in the rural areas from Cllr Chuck Berry. Cllr Berry reported he had recently chaired a meeting with prospective candidates for the Police & Crime Commissioner role, each of who gave strong support and pledged to work tirelessly to stop speeding in the community. Numerous representatives from parish councils and CSW teams were also in attendance.

Currently the auto speed watch cameras are performing extremely well, however the police are not using the data being collected. The PPC candidates supported the use of this data in order to restart and reinvigorate letter sending in North Wiltshire. Some of the speeds being recorded by the cameras are totally unacceptable and if the police were to use just the top 5% of the data recorded, it would send an important message and potentially deliver a widespread impact upon speed reduction.

148 TO RECEIVE REPORT #03.2 ON THE CATG MEETING OF THE 9th MARCH 2021

Cllr Budgen presented Report #03.2 regarding the current status of the Council's outstanding Community Issues. Regarding speeding along the A429 at Burton Hill and the position of the 30/40mph speed limit (ref 4317 and 4786) Cllr Budgen confirmed that the Council and individuals would have the opportunity to make representations when the Reserved Matters application comes forward at the end of April.

It was queried whether the Council would have the opportunity to review costs before finally committing to the new pedestrian refuge island along Filands (ref 7-20-3), Cllr Budgen confirmed this was the case.

149 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE 2021 MALMESBURY-IN-BLOOM EVENT

The Council approved the sum of £100 to sponsor Malmesbury Town Council's Malmesbury-in-Bloom 2020 and asked that the display be sited on the boundary of the two parishes. The Clerk will inform the organisers and request an invoice. **Action: Clerk**

150 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE SERVICING OF WASTE BINS AT FOXLEY ROAD AND A429 UNDERPASS

Cllr Budgen reported that the contractors had alerted the Council to the fact that the waste bin at the underpass filled up extremely quickly and recommended a twice-weekly collection. Due to lockdown an unusually large number of coffee cups and plastic bottles are being disposed of in the bin and a notice has been displayed requesting walkers take this packaging home, or squash it to reduce its volume. The twice-weekly collection was agreed and will continue to be monitored. The Foxley Road bin will remain on a weekly collection.

151 TO RECEIVE REPORT #03.3 ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Budgen presented Report #03.3 for the Council to note the work to date of the Joint Neighbourhood Plan Working Party [JNPWP] on amending the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan [MNP] and input into the WC Local Plan consultation. The Council's JNP Committee has been kept informed of this activity.

152 TO RECEIVE REPORT #03.4 ON A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AT THE ENTRANCE TO SIR BERNARD LOVELL ROAD

Cllr Budgen presented Report #03.4 in response to the concerns raised by a parishioner from Cowbridge Mill following an incident with a HGV causing minor damage to a property and to consider the need for an additional sign at the entrance of Sir Bernard Lovell Road to warn HGVs that there is minimal turning available further into the estate. It was also queried whether the sign should include a length advisory. It was agreed to support the need for an additional sign and Cllr Budgen will take advice as to the best way forward. **Action: Cllr Budgen**

153 UPDATE ON PRIORITY COUNCIL PROJECTS

i. Additional Foxley Road lighting

Cllr Hopkins has sent a follow-up email to W S Atkins regarding an outline plan and will contact again in April if necessary. The Council is anticipating the first CIL payment will be made in April.

Action: Cllr Hopkins

ii. Cowbridge permissive path surfacing

Cllr Clogg reported that she had met Cllrs Budgen and Stephens on site and they agreed a 3 metre wide path would be the most suitable to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. Based on The Countryside Access Officer, Stephen Leonard's, previous advice, a stone dust surface would cost about £30,000 and a tarmac finish £81,000. It was agreed a stone dust surface should provide a proper surface for buggies and cyclists and they will consult further.

Action: Cllrs Budgen, Clogg and Stephens

154 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Hatherell reported the following:

Highways

The Parish Steward has cleared the Milbourne C67 road grips from Manor Farm to Tanners Bridge. The Sweeper and the Parish Steward swept the pavement from Truckle Bridge to Foxley/Common road Junction on Friday 26th Feb. It was agreed the pavement is safer for pedestrians to us and it is hoped to book the sweeper to catch leaves as they fall in November/December this year. Cllr Hatherell has resubmitted the request for the blocked gully at Milbourne near the noticeboard/seat as the Steward was unable to unblock it previously. The Parish Steward is due in the Parish on 25th March and Councillors were requested to contact Cllr Hatherell with any new tasks.

Playing Fields

Cllr Hatherell has inspected the Corston and Rodbourne playing fields and equipment, all fine. The Covid 19 notices are still in place and both fields remain officially closed. It was agreed to discuss the opening of the playing fields at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Footpaths

Cllr Clogg updated Council on the work of the Malmesbury Climate Action Network Transport Group. The planned joint session of parish and town council representatives to discuss cycle/walking networks linking the villages and town is now to take place after the May elections and possibly under the umbrella of the Malmesbury Area Board.

The meeting closed at 20:18

The date of the next virtual meeting is Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 19:00.

..... Chair Dated