

ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th December 2022 at 19:00 in Crudwell Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Budgen (Chair), Hatherell, Briggs, Hopkins, Ingham, Jones, Merriman, Payne and Smith (WC-Sherston Division)

Public: One present.

111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Clogg, Maslin and Stephens

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Hatherell declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2022/09383. Cllr Ingham declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2022/09436.

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

None.

114 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 23rd NOVEMBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting on the 23rd November were adopted as a true record and signed accordingly.

115 TO RECEIVE REPORT #12.1 ON PLANNING UPDATES AND REVIEW NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Budgen presented Report #12.1 and the Council considered the following planning applications. Full comments submitted by the Council can be viewed online at Wiltshire Council under the relevant application reference.

Site	Reference	Comments
Ridgemead. Common Road, SN16 0HN	PL/2022/08727	No objection
Olive Mead, Charlton Road, SN16 9JJ	PL/2022/08884	No objection
6 Southside Close, Corston, SN16 0FL	PL/2022/08464	No objection
Westbreeze, Milbourne, SN16 9JA	PL/2022/09049	Objection
Land off Cowbridge Crescent, SN16 9GG	PL/2022/09360	No objection
Nursells, Mill Lane, Corston, SN16 0HH	PL/2022/09383	No objection with condition
Land at Filands Road/Jenner Lane	PL/2022/02062	Coordinating with MTC
Milbourne House, Milbourne Lane, SN16 9JD	PL/2022/09400	No objection with condition

The Clerk will circulate draft submissions via email for approval regarding late applications for Firth House, Mill Lane, Corston ref PL/2022/09436 and Southfield Farm, Crab Mill Lane, Lea ref PL/2022/09199, received after publication of the agenda. It was noted that no green notices were displayed nor neighbours notified re applications PL/2022/09199 or PL/2022/09436. The Parish Council only learnt of application PL/2022/09436 from circulation of the weekly lists.

Action: Clerk

116 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The RFO presented the accounts for the year to date; receipts and payments are within budget. The bank statement dated 30th November 2022 showing balances of £58,496.36 and £43,739.63 was noted and matches the reconciliation statement. The direct credit on 1st November was interest earned on the United Trust Bank account. Cllr Hatherell signed the original bank statements as correct and evidence of verification.

The RFO presented the payments schedule. The vegetation clearance at Rodbourne Road playing field has been done however the stump of the goat willow was very large and another contractor was appointed and has finished grinding out the roots today. Cllr Budgen signed the list of payments for authorisation as per supporting evidence; Cllr Budgen first authoriser, Cllr Jones second authoriser.

Action: Cllrs Budgen and Jones

Payments Schedule			
Payment No.	Payee Details	Reason	Amount (£)
1	Still Green	Vegetation clearance: Rodbourne Rd play area	£560.00
2	C. A. Skinner	5 Yr Management Plan (2023-28) - Corston Pond	£300.00
3	RJ & SH Mellowes	Home working reimbursement Oct-Dec 22	£78.00
4	Busy Fingers Printing	2 signs for Foxley Road planter	£50.80
5	Jati Ltd	Installation kit for Cowbridge bench	£89.99
		Total	£1,078.79

117 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S 2023/24 BUDGET AND TO AGREE THE LOCAL PRECEPT FOR 2023/24

Cllr Briggs provided budget illustrations for various percentage reductions to the Precept. Cllr Hatherell proposed a significant budget reduction of 10% to help residents during this cost-of-living crisis, Cllr Budgen seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously. It was unanimously agreed to reduce the precept for 2023-24 to £16,043. The RFO will send a formal return to Wiltshire Council confirming this. **Action: RFO**

118 TO CONSIDER A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS IN SOUTHSIDE CLOSE, CORSTON

Cllr Budgen reported that a Highway Improvement Request had been received from residents in Southside Close, Corston highlighting concerns about children's safety crossing the road to and from the school bus as the flow of traffic through the village is very heavy and often exceeds the 30mph limit. There have been incidents when crossing the road and a recent road traffic accident. It was agreed to support this request and to work with Highways and LHFIFG to find a solution.

119 TO REVIEW THE CORSTON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-28

Cllr Budgen stated that Ann Skinner had comprehensively updated the Corston Nature Reserve management plan and it was agreed that it was a very good, detailed report. Cllr Budgen noted that 2 plans will follow shortly for incorporation and that maintenance work would be required during the life of the plan. The amended LNRMP was unanimously approved and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks.

Action: Cllr Budgen

120 TO CONSIDER THE TRAFFIC ORDER TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG A SECTION OF THE A429 IN BURTON HILL

Cllr Budgen reported that Wiltshire Council has finally issued a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 30mph speed restriction on the A429 at Burton Hill and seek comments from the public. The Parish Council has been campaigning for many years for the 30mph speed restriction extension in this part of Burton Hill. It is important that a good level of public support is received. Cllr Budgen produced a draft flyer, which has been given to residents in Storey Mews. Cllrs Budgen and Jones will also do a leaflet drop in Burton Hill and copies will be displayed on noticeboards and on the website. Once the speed restriction is approved, Cllr Smith said he would raise it with the police to ensure drivers get the message.

Action: Cllrs Budgen, Jones & noticeboard monitors

121 TO CONSIDER A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO INCREASE THE SPEED RESTRICTION ALONG A SECTION OF THE A429 AND C1 - SEE MAP

Cllr Budgen explained the proposed TRO will increase the speed restriction from 30mph to the National Speed limit on the new road layout near Hullavington airfield to meet statutory guidance. As this follows statutory guidance, Councillors raised no objection. **Action: Clerk**

122 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS ON HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE, PROJECTS WORKING PARTY & WEBSITE WORKING PARTY

Highways

Cllr Hatherell reported the Parish Steward has cleared the leaves from St John’s Bridge and from Truckle Bridge to Common Road. Cllr Briggs stated that a resident from Monks Park had requested a salt bin for Monks Park as the slopes have been a sheet of ice. Cllr Smith did not believe WC provided these bins but will follow it up. Cllr Merriman stated he had received a verbal request for dog and litter bins near the benches in Milbourne. Cllr Budgen advised this request should be put in writing to the Clerk. The vegetation on the bend in Milbourne has not been cut back by the owner, despite this being an issue for several months. Cllr Smith will follow this matter up with the local Highways engineer.

Action: Cllrs Smith and Merriman

Playing Fields

The monthly check of both playgrounds has taken place and found to be in good order. Cllr Hatherell will look at the tree clearance at Rodbourne Road playing field to ensure safety.

Footpaths – no report

Patient Participation Group

Cllr Ingham attended the recent PPG meeting and reported that the number of appointments has increased as doctors have carried out 9751 appointments up to September 22, and pre-covid in the same timescale (2019) they carried out 6972 appointments. There will be a doctor, nurse, and paramedic available on Saturdays, pre-appointment will be required. The reception staff have all undergone Care Navigation Training to help them to signpost patients to the correct area of expertise. A new telephone system will be up and running by the end of January 2023. All covid boosters have now been completed by the surgery. It is not possible to alter the car parking system as the car park does not belong to the surgery, it is just rented. No warm room will be provided at the PCC as this facility is already offered at the Abbey, library and leisure centre. The reception staff are receiving a lot more abuse both over the phone and face to face. Cllr Briggs suggested an internal phone to enable the public to phone for an appointment whilst at the centre.

Action: Clerk to upload minutes

Personnel Committee – no report

Finance Committee – no report

Projects Working Party

Cllr Briggs reported that the PWP was considering requests for bus shelters in Burton Hill and Milbourne. It also hoped to bring forward a proposal for the production of a Parish newsletter circulated by email.

Website Working Party

The Clerk detailed recent updates to the website. The website providers are investigating an issue with the filter in the Reports & Audits section and have given various options for a counter of hits to the website.

The meeting closed at 20:33

The next meeting will be held at 19:00 on 25th January 2023 at Crudwell Village Hall.

..... Chair Dated