

ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd March 2023 at 19:00 in Crudwell Village Hall

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

Public: None present.

150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Clogg.

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

Cllr Ingham declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2023/01309.

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

None.

153 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 22nd FEBRUARY 2023

The minutes of the meeting on the 22nd February were adopted as a true record and signed accordingly.

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

Cllr Budgen presented Report #03.1 noting that application PL/2022/04275, a proposed agricultural building on land off the A429, had been withdrawn. 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
Frith House, Mill Lane, Corston, SN16 0HH	PL/2023/01309	Objection
Old Coach House, Rodbourne, SN16 0ES	PL/2023/01429	No objection subject to observations
Land at Filands Road/Jenner's Lane, SN16 9GT	PL/2023/00958	Comment
The Bungalow, Milbourne Lane West, SN16 9JA	PL/2023/01579	No objection

155 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The RFO presented the accounts for the year to date. The bank statement dated 28th February 2023 showing balances of £22,791.67 and £43,747.72 was noted and matches the reconciliation statement. Cllr Hatherell signed the original bank statements as correct and evidence of verification.

The RFO presented the payments schedule explaining that Corston & Rodbourne PCC had requested to draw down on the £250 agreed by the Parish Council at its meeting on 24th July 2019 towards batteries/electrodes for the Rodbourne defibrillator. The RFO also confirmed that the transfer of £1000 from the s106 footpath contribution tied to the Manor Farm development had been received, therefore the Council was in a position to pay the agreed contribution towards the pollarding of the trees at the start of the river walk. Cllr Hopkins queried whether the £200 contribution from Milbourne residents towards the purchase of the pear trees had been received, the RFO confirmed this was the case. Cllr Budgen signed the list of payments for authorisation as per supporting evidence; Cllr Jones first authoriser, Cllr Stephens second authoriser.

Payments Schedule			
Payment No.	Payee Details	Reason	Amount (£)
1	D F & K J Briggs	Reimbursement for purchase of Toad Crossing signs, sand bags & pear trees	£654.76
2	PCC Corston & Rodbourne - Church funds	Contribution towards Rodbourne defibrillator batteries/electrodes	£250.00
3	Idverde Limited	Twice weekly waste collection of 3 bins - March 23	£99.10
4	Walker Landscaping Services	Compost, tree ties & planting of 6 pear trees	£331.20
5	Mr R S & Mrs M K Webb	Contribution towards tree pollarding along River Walk	£1,000.00
6	RJ & SH Mellowes	Home working reimbursement Jan-Mar 2023	£78.00
		Total	£2,413.06

Action: Cllrs Jones & Stephens

- 156 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON A REVIEW OF THE SCOPE OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT
Cllr Briggs reported that the Finance Committee and RFO were happy to do as last year and all agreed for him to contact the internal auditor to act on the Council's behalf again this year. **Action: Cllr Briggs**
- 157 TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS/DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at Crudwell Village Hall on Wednesday 26th April at 18:30, prior to the Parish Council Meeting at the slightly later time of 19:15. Cllrs Hatherell and Ingham will invite possible guest speakers. **Action: Cllrs Hatherell & Ingham**
- 158 TO CONSIDER A £50 DONATION TOWARDS EVENTS IN THE PARISH TO CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION
Cllr Briggs stated that as the Parish Council was fortunate to have CIL monies available and events were being planned at Corston and Milbourne it would be good to support them. Cllr Budgen proposed a £50 donation for each community event in the parish, this was seconded by Cllr Ingham and agreed.
- 159 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE 2023 MALMESBURY-IN-BLOOM EVENT
The Council approved a donation to the sum of £100 to sponsor Malmesbury Town Council's Malmesbury-in-Bloom 2023. The Clerk will inform the organisers and request an invoice. **Action: Clerk**
- 160 TO RECEIVE REPORT #033.2 ON A PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE SIGNBOARD AT THE CORSTON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE
Cllr Ingham presented Report #03.2 and explained the existing sign was over 17 years old, with much of the information out of date and the text illegible. With the assistance of the Manager of the LNR the text on the proposed new sign has been revised and shortened, providing an opportunity for more visual images. Cllr Stephens queried whether the delivery charge included fitting. It was explained that the new sign should just slide into the existing frame. Cllr Hatherell requested a QR code be added, which could be linked to the Management Plan on the website. All agreed to accept Quote A at a total cost of £805 plus VAT. It was also agreed to purchase 2 separate signs to remind owners exercising their dogs of the need to act responsibly by picking up, bagging and disposing of the waste appropriately and not to allow their dogs to enter the pond.

161 TO RECEIVE REPORT #03.3 ON A PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL GRIT BINS ALONG FOXLEY ROAD

Cllr Hopkins presented Report #03.2 requesting the purchase and installation of 3 grit bins on the Foxley Road as neither this or Common Road are gritted in snowy and icy conditions with consequent difficulties for motorists and cyclists. It was agreed to contact Wiltshire Council/Highways regarding the proposed siting of the bins; whether this section of Foxley Road could be added to the gritting schedule and whether the 2 legacy grit bins at Hollybush Lane could be relocated. This will be a future agenda item when these points have been answered.

162 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSED STEAM FACILITY AT MALMESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr Budgen reported that he had attended a Malmesbury Town Council meeting where Governors from Malmesbury Primary School had given a presentation regarding an offer of £6m by the James Dyson Foundation to build a new state of the art science, technology, engineering arts and maths (aka STEAM) facility along with additional classrooms for the children of Malmesbury. The proposal will include the creation of seven new classrooms (expanding the School from 420 to 630 places over 7 years). The classrooms will be added incrementally starting in 2026 and reaching a full 3 form school in 2033. The school will be built on 0.6 hectares (1.48 acres) of land next to the Primary School which has been allocated to school expansion as part of the Backbridge Farm housing development. This has been provided by Persimmon Homes, under a Section 106 agreement, as part of their planning consent from Wiltshire Council. This agreement is in place until November 2031 and, if the school has not been expanded by then, the land will return to Persimmon Homes. The STEAM facility will be designed by Dyson's preferred architect Wilkinson Eyre. The DfE will need to give its permission for the proposal to go ahead. It is likely that Wiltshire Council will not support the proposal over concerns about the future viability of the nearby village primary schools - Crudwell, Seagry. A community consultation is underway now with a closing date of the 31st March. Councillors agreed to respond in support and welcome of the offer but to be aware of the bigger picture and the viability of other local primary schools.

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

Highways

Cllr Hatherell reported that Milestone Infrastructure will replace Ringway from April to deliver highways maintenance over the next five years for Wiltshire Council. All current Ringway staff including the local Parish Steward will be TUPEd over to the new company. A resident had requested the pavements in Burton Hill near the Primary Care Centre, the Malmesbury sign and central bollard be cleaned. The sweeper came and cleared the pavements and kerbs as best it could. The Parish Steward will follow up re the sign and bollard as traffic management may be required. This month the Parish Steward cleared the kerbs at Cowbridge, the leaves off the pavement by Truckle Bridge and dug out 3 main grips in Milbourne. His next visit is on 6th April. Cllr Merriman requested the drains by the bus stop in Milbourne Lane be cleared.

Playing Fields

The monthly check of both playgrounds had taken place and found to be in good order. Wessex Water replaced the broken padlock on the main road gate. The two Ornamental Pear trees have been planted near the entrance to the wood at the Chippenham Road playground.

Footpaths – Cllr Stephens reported that the manufacturers had acknowledged there were design faults on the Cowbridge end gate to the Cowbridge permissive path and were sending a new gate free of charge. There are also problems with the town end gate, but not the same type of failure. The post for the central gate has moved and requires a longer bolt, which hopefully can be made by a local blacksmith.

Patients Participation Group – no report

Personnel Committee – no report

Finance Committee – no report

Projects Working Party

Cllr Briggs displayed photos of the new Toad Crossing signs and Jubilee trees. He is in the process of registering the Ornamental Pear trees on the Queen's Green Canopy website so they are mapped. Cllr

Clogg and Stephen Leonard, WC Open Space Officer, are researching possible solutions to the poor condition of the path leading from the weir to the Cowbridge permissive path. Cllr Stephens queried whether there could be a bench between the town bridge and the permissive path. Cllr Hatherell will investigate the possibility with the landowner. It is hoped to bring a proposal to the April meeting regarding the upgrading of the Rodbourne Road playing field.

Website Working Party – no report

The meeting closed at 20:15

The next meeting will be held at 19:15 on 26th April 2023 at Crudwell Village Hall.

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