

# ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Crudwell Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Budgen, Hatherell, Briggs, Clogg, Hopkins, Ingham, Merriman, Stephens and Smith (WC).

**Public:** Four present.

115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllrs Jones, Maslin and Payne.

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT  
Cllr Budgen declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding planning application PL/2021/09745, so abstained from voting. Cllrs Hatherell and Ingham declared non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 122.

117 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME IN RESPECT OF ITEMS OF BUSINESS INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA  
None.

118 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
The minutes of the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were adopted as a true record and signed accordingly.

119 TO RECEIVE REPORT #12.1 ON PLANNING UPDATES AND REVIEW NEW APPLICATIONS  
Cllr Budgen presented Report #12.1, noting that the second Park Road application had been refused. 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
Land to the East of Waitrose, A429, Burton Hill	PL/2021/09852	Objection
Arches Farm, Arches Lane, SN16 0EJ	PL/2021/09745	No objection

120 FINANCIAL REPORT  
The RFO presented the accounts for the year to date. Receipts and payments are within budget and overall there is a surplus for the year to date. The bank statement dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 showing balances of £34,281.47 and £60,728.21 was noted and matches the reconciliation. The original bank statements as evidence of verification were signed as correct by the Vice Chair. The RFO presented the payments schedule and 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**

121 TO NOTE REPORT #12.2 FROM THE INITIAL MALMESBURY COMMUNITY AREA ALLIANCE MEETING

Cllr Budgen presented report #12.2 informing the Council about the initial meeting of the Malmesbury Community Area Alliance, that aims to bring together the parishes in the Community Area. Cllr Clogg asked how the sustainable walking/cycling routes link in with the Malmesbury Climate Network plan. Cllr Smith felt that the Malmesbury Climate Network is the way forward and he and Cllr Clogg will discuss this prior to the planned February meeting. Clerk to keep Cllr Clogg updated re details of the meeting.

**Action: Cllrs Clogg, Smith & Clerk**

122 TO CONSIDER REPORT #12.3 TO ESTABLISH A CAR PARK ON THE CHIPPENHAM ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Hatherell presented report 12.3 and invited Maureen Inwards, the Chairman of the Trustees of the Corston & Rodbourne Reading Room, to provide further information. She explained that as parking is no longer permitted at the Radnor Arms' car park, this has deterred regular users of the Reading Room and parking provision is essential to keep it viable. It is thought 8-10 spaces would be sufficient for the events held. There would be fencing and a gate to provide a physical barrier to ensure the safety of playground users. It was considered too soon to address whether the Open Space s106 contribution from the Manor Farm development could be used for the purpose of contributing to the cost of the car park. Cllr Budgen proposed that the Council agree in principle that the front of the Chippenham Road playing field could be used as a car park, seconded by Cllr Hopkins and all agreed.

123 TO CONSIDER A HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FOR THE B4014 AT FILANDS

The Council agreed to support another request to Wiltshire Highways for a change in the speed restriction from 40mph to 30 mph on the B4014 between the two roundabouts along Filands. Cllr Budgen reported that the Malmesbury Area Board was pressing the new Police and Crime Commissioner to give speeding issues a higher priority, including the use of automated speed watch equipment to enable police to direct their resources to the right places at the right time of day.

**Action: Cllr Budgen and Clerk**

124 TO CONSIDER A HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FOR POUND HILL, RODBOURNE

Cllr Budgen reported that a parishioner had been advised to submit the MHIR following initial receipt of a letter signed by several residents in Rodbourne regarding the speed and size of transport vehicles on Pound Hill and surrounding lanes. Cllr Hatherell agreed this was a problem and stated that a previous request to impose HGV restrictions had not been supported by the CATG. The form stated residents had already taken steps to resolve the issue by contacting the owner of a livestock transporter with a view to getting vehicles to reduce speed. Councillors agreed that if this doesn't alleviate the concerns then the MHIR form needs to be revised and resubmitted in January with full details of the issues and the size of the HGVs.

125 TO CONSIDER CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING THE ISSUE OF DOG WASTE AT CORSTON PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Hatherell reported that he will explore the legality of additional signage eg, dogs on leads, dogs not allowed, and the Dog Warden will visit the playing field when in the area. Cllr Stephens will replace the existing damaged waste bin identified in the recent RoSPA report. It was agreed to purchase an additional 50L general purpose bin to be sited at the top end of the field near an unofficial path which is well used by dog walkers. It was also agreed to arrange and pay for a fortnightly collection of this new bin by Idverde.

**Action: Cllr Stephens and Clerk**

126 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE WORKING PARTY REGARDING THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF MALMESBURY AND ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT

Cllr Budgen thanked parishioners and Councillors for their positive contribution to the online meeting on 14 December 2021. It was agreed the online survey was very important and parishioners should be encouraged to complete this. Some Malmesbury Councillors aired several factually incorrect statements about St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council during the online meeting and it was agreed to ask the Chair of the Wiltshire Council Community Governance Review Committee if a response to these would be helpful.

**Action: Cllr Clogg**

127 UPDATE ON PRIORITY COUNCIL PROJECTS:

i. Cowbridge permissive path surfacing

Cllr Hatherell reported that three Councillors had held a Zoom meeting and gone through the paperwork provided by the identified preferred contractor. Cllr Clogg will contact the company and request a Zoom meeting with the group to clarify points in the contract. Cllr Hopkins raised concerns about the notice period of the existing licence and felt the Council needed more certainty about this,

in addition to obtaining permission for cycling, before spending public money. Cllr Clogg to initiate contact.  
**Action: Cllr Clogg**

ii. Extension of the Milbourne Pedestrian Safety Refuge

Cllr Budgen reported that plans had been received from Wiltshire Highways and these will be discussed with Milbourne Councillors prior to bringing the matter before the full Council.

**Action: Cllr Budgen**

128 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Hatherell reported the following:

**Highways**

This month the Parish Steward has cleared the leaves by the Silk Mills, Burton Hill bus shelter, Cowbridge Hill, Corston bus shelter, the pavement by Truckle Bridge and cleaned the seat at Burton Hill. He has cleared the grip at Truckle Bridge, the gulleys by the Council houses between Rodbourne and Corston and checked the drain at Kingway Bridge. Cllr Hatherell will raise a MyWilts issue for 4 drains at Truckle Bridge. Councillors were asked to inform Cllr Hatherell of any issues in readiness for the next visit on 12 January 2022.

**Playing Fields**

The monthly check of both playgrounds has taken place and all equipment was found to be in good order. The Covid 19 notices advising that the playing fields are now open and to follow the necessary Covid safety precautions are still in place. The grass looks very tidy after its last cut.

**Patients' Participation Group**

Cllr Ingham attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December and stated car parking would be reviewed at the next annual rent review. It was agreed Cllr Ingham should forward minutes of the meeting to the Clerk to upload on the website.

**Action: Cllr Ingham and Clerk**

The meeting closed at 20:35.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Crudwell Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 1900.

..... Chair ..... Dated