

ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th July 2021 at Crudwell Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Budgen, Hatherell, Clogg, Ingham, Jones, Maslin, Merriman, Payne, Stephens and Smith (WC)

Public: 4 members present.

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Briggs and Hopkins.

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

None.

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

None.

49 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 24th JUNE 2021

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

50 TO RECEIVE REPORT #07.1 ON PLANNING UPDATES AND REVIEW NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Budgen presented Report #07.1. 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.

Two additional planning applications were received subsequent to this agenda being finalised: 17 Haddons Close, Malmesbury PL/2021/06731 and land opposite Cowbridge Crescent PL/2021/06888. As the date for submissions is before the August meeting it was agreed Councillors would circulate any comments by email to permit Cllr Budgen to prepare a suitable submission.

Site	Reference	Comments
Land to the east of Storey Mews, SN16 0FH	PL/2021/04960	Support, subject to the highway issues detailed below are addressed satisfactorily
1 Common Road, SN16 0HN	PL/2021/05511	No objection
Lawn Farm, Grange Lane, SN16 0EP	PL/2021/05644	No objection
River Barn, Cowbridge, SN16 9FZ	PL/2021/05669	No objection
Land south of Malmesbury	PL/2021/05209	Objection
West Park House, Mill Lane, Corston, SN16 OHH	PL/2021/05744	No objection
High Gables Rodbourne, SN16 0EZ	PL/2021/06080	No objection
Aldi, Crudwell Road, SN16 9JL	PL/2021/06009	No objection
Land at Noah's Ark, Garsdon, SN16 9NJ	PL/2021/00237	Objection

Three parishioners were invited to speak during the discussion on planning application PL/2021/04960, land to the east of Storey Mews. They expressed a number of concerns with the application to the Council, these are the salient issues they raised:

1. Traffic management at Burton Hill. Traffic flow has considerably increased over the last 10 years.
2. To have impermeable boundaries around the site
3. Safety exiting Storey Mews, especially turning right. The 30 mph limit finishes before Storey Mews; it is dangerous now with 11 houses, 29 new houses could mean 60 additional cars. The 30 mph limit needs to be moved south past Storey Mews, perhaps to the national speed limit point.
4. The grass verge along the side of Storey Mews needs to be turned into a footpath before major construction starts otherwise residents will not have a safe path to follow.
5. The footway opposite Storey Mews is very narrow in places and it is difficult to walk into town.
6. It was pointed out that speeding along the A429 at Burton Hill has been a community issue on the CATG list since 2015.

It was agreed Cllr Budgen would draft a submission and circulate to Councillors for comment.

To meet the date for submissions, application 21/00237, land at Noah's Ark, was discussed via email. Cllr Budgen thanked Councillors for their comments and confirmed a strong objection had been submitted, supporting Lea & Garsdon Parish Council.

Cllr Budgen reported that Loxon Land had asked for advice as the postal consultation for the proposed Rodbourne Road development had proved inconclusive. Councillors were happy to support a response that, in line with other developments, it was best practice to hold a physical community consultation.

Action: Cllr Budgen

51 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year to date. The bank statement dated 30th June showing balances of £14,016.59 and £60,728.21 was noted and the reconciliations and the original bank statements as evidence of verification were signed as correct by the Vice Chair. Cllr Budgen signed the list of payments for authorisation as per supporting evidence; Cllr Clogg first authoriser, Cllr Stephens second authoriser. The 2021-22 Quarter 1 Transparency Code was presented.

Payment No.	Payee Details	Reason	Amount (£)
1	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	Training course - 'Clerks: The Knowledge'	84.00
		Total	£84.00

Action: Cllrs Clogg & Stephens

52 TO RECEIVE REPORT #07.2 ON THE RECENT CATG MEETING AND TO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Cllr Budgen presented report #07.2 regarding the Council's outstanding community issues. Reference item 1, speeding along the A429 at Burton Hill, he encouraged Cllr Jones to attend the next CATG meeting to reinforce the issue.

Regarding the lack of a safe pedestrian route from Southside Cottage into Radnor Close, he reported that the cost had escalated to £20,000, as consequence the CATG agreed to contributing £5,000 and this Council the remainder. He will try and talk to the freeholder to see if they will contribute to the cost of the footpath. Cllr Hatherell suggested a possible redesign of the plan. He will talk to the person requesting the footpath and explain the outcome of the meeting.

Regarding item 4, Cllr Budgen said the need for a crossing was also supported by a charity for the blind. It was pointed out that the crossing will benefit all the residents living on the Northside of the B4014, particularly with the new Aldi store soon to open. Cllr Budgen proposed to go back to CATG and agree

funding of £12,000 for this element to be disengaged from the larger project of remodelling of the south side of the footpath.
Action: Cllr Budgen

53 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT REGARDING THE PROVISION OF A DOG BIN IN ARCHES LANE

Cllr Budgen visited the residents who raised the need for a dog waste bin along Arches Lane. He reported that it had been agreed that there were only infrequent periods when dog walkers deposited dog waste inappropriately leaving residents to clear it up. On balance the residents accepted that the cost and servicing costs of a new bin was not justified. Councillors were of the opinion that dog walkers should take the waste bags home with them and the Council should not set precedents, as this was a widespread problem. The Clerk was instructed to email the parishioners accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

54 TO CONSIDER REPORT #07.3 TO AGREE A FURTHER REVISION TO THE MNP

Cllr Budgen presented Report #07.3 and the further amended Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan with the number of additional houses in Burton Hill increased from 50 to 56. Councillors agreed to the amendments and Malmesbury Town Council will be advised. **Action: Cllr Budgen**

55 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT REGARDING OPTIONS TO PROGRESS THE MILBOURNE SAFETY REFUGE PROJECT

Covered in item 58.

56 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Clogg reported that following the July meeting, the Clerk had checked Wiltshire Council's Code of Conduct and this also omits the wording given in the LGA's model code. She proposed the Council adopt the current NALC template, geared for Parish Councils. This was seconded by Cllr Budgen, all agreed. The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils confirm the NALC template will be updated in the next few months.

Cllr Clogg reported WALC had also confirmed it was sufficient to have a link on the new parish website to the Wiltshire Council Register of Interests. It was agreed that listing phone numbers rather than emails was better from a GDPR point of view and that it was a Councillor's choice if they wished their phone number to be displayed on the new website.

57 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TOWARDS FUNDS TO START A NEW AND UPDATED SCHOOL LIBRARY AT STANTON ST QUINTIN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL.

The Chair of the PTA has requested this item be deferred to the August meeting.

58 UPDATE ON PRIORITY COUNCIL PROJECTS

i. Cowbridge permissive path surfacing

Cllr Clogg met with Stephen Leonard, Countryside Access Officer, earlier this week to discuss resurfacing options and is now in the process of following these up. One possible option is soil stabilisation, which is ecologically sound and a reasonable cost. Quotes and specifications will be brought to Council in due course. **Action: Cllr Clogg**

ii. Additional Foxley Road lighting

Cllr Budgen confirmed he had written to the Director of Highways and Economic Development detailing the situation to date and to ask if he might be willing to investigate the lack of progress in this matter. He is awaiting a response. It has been suggested that a private project does not carry any priority and that it should have gone through CATG. If this is the case, then it was queried whether the Milbourne Safety Refuge extension project should go through CATG.

Action: Cllrs Budgen

59 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Hatherell reported the following:

Highways

This month the Parish Steward has completed the weed kill along pavements and kerbs through Corston; cut back the vegetation overhanging the pavement between St John's Bridge and the water meadows. He has also cut back the vegetation from Truckle Bridge up the hill towards Foxley, about 170 metres up

to the animal farm; Highways are notifying the farmer to cut and maintain the rest. The bench by Burton Hill bus shelter has been cleared of the bird droppings.

Also on the list but not yet completed is the Monks Park weed kill; this will hopefully be done this week, weather permitting. The weed kill at Rodbourne Council Houses. To tidy up the earth/leaf material at the Burton Hill Bus Stop opposite the Police Station; the Parish Steward will check on the amount of material to be removed and whether it is on the pavement or part of the verge.

Councillors were asked to inform Cllr Hatherell of any issues as soon as possible so they can be added to the Parish Steward's request sheet.

The Parish Council extended its thanks to John Wicks for keeping the verge cut along the side of Milbourne Safety Refuge.

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.

Footpaths

Cllr Clogg said the Malmesbury Climate Action Network will be sending invites to all local parishes for a joint meeting in September to discuss a cycling and walking network, as part of a sustainable transport initiative.

Patients' Participation Group

Cllr Ingham is due to attend the AGM in August. She has received an email from the new Practice Manager for thoughts/suggestions to aid those struggling to get to the Primary Health Centre in a timely fashion.

The meeting closed at 20.27

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Crudwell Village Hall on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 19:00.

..... Chair Dated