

MINUTES OF THE BULFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2024

Present: Councillors: D, Morrison (Vice Chairman), M Verbinnen, T, Turner, Maj J Ware, B Alsop
In attendance: Mrs N Grove (Parish Clerk)
Absent without apology: None

Council in Informal Session

The Vice Chairman presided over the meeting in the absence of the Chairman

i	The Vice Chairman announced, with deep sadness and a heavy heart, the passing of our friend, colleague, and Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Graham Jenkins. Graham passed away on Friday, 11 October 2024. A minute silence was held to in respect of our friend Graham Jenkins.	
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Council in Formal Session

1.	Apologies for absence: None	
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the Bulford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9 September 2024. The minutes were approved as a true record.	
3.	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Bulford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9 September 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Council in Informal Session. Item i - Invasion of Motorbikes travelling through Nine Mile River and damage caused to the riverbank. This matter is ongoing. Cllr M Verbinnen undertook to liaise with Wiltshire Council to identify a suitable point of contact. ii. Village Hall Procedures and Administration. Item 8.b.i - Recover costs for a broken window. This matter is ongoing. 	Cllr Verbinnen Parish Clerk
4.	To receive Member's Declaration of Interest - None	
5.	Co-option of a new Councillor - None	
6.	Chairman's Report: No report currently	
7.	Clerk's Report on Finance and Correspondence <p>a. The Clerk reported a bank reconciliation figure of £67,732.66 on 30, September 2024 and confirmed that Council is operating within budget. Council authorised the following payments in October 2024:</p> <p>Gavin Jones Ltd Grounds maintenance - £832.99</p> <p>EDF Gas - £16.40</p> <p>British Gas Lite Electricity - £92.89</p> <p>Wiltshire Council Allotment rent at Clayton Road - £52.00</p> <p>Parish Clerk Monthly expenses Incl. replacement defib battery- £188.26</p> <p>Water2Business Village Hall & Cemetery - £211.02</p> <p>Direct365 Legionella Testing - £402.00</p> <p>Standby Caretaker Additional hours - £85.47</p>	

	<p>September Receipts and Refunds Village Hall Income - £890.00 Wiltshire Council Precept (Payment 2 of 2) - £29,839.57</p> <p>b. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Email received from Richard Marsh, Chair of Governors, Bulford St Leonard's CofE Primary School, seeking to build links with other village organisations with the aim of deepening connections with the local community, with the help of volunteers. Cllr Verbinnen undertook to volunteer for the role. ii. Winter Preparations Notice for 2024-25 received from Wiltshire Council with a request to undertake an audit of the salt bins within the parish and let them know which bins require filling or replacing. 	<p>Cllr Verbinnen</p> <p>Cllr Morrison</p>
8.	<p>Standing Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning applications that have been called in by a member of Council – None ii. Village Hall Procedures and Administration - No report currently 	
9.	<p>Other Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Replacement of Tennis Court Chain Link Fence - Council reviewed 3 quotes received and agreed to proceed with the quote received from EJ Pointer Fencing. ii. Bench repairs - Council approved the quotation received from M.A.T Landscaping for the repair of 3 benches on Parish Council land. iii. Hedge Reduction Bulford Parish Church - Council approved the quote received from Gavin Jones Ltd. The work will take place sometime during the winter months. 	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
10.	<p>Reports by Councillors having Special Responsibilities including Representation on 'Other bodies'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parks Cemetery and Allotments - Cllr Morrison reported a broken sign at the cemetery parking area. Cllr Morrison undertook to seek an estimate for the repair. b. Highways - No report currently c. Town & Country Planning - No report currently d. Parish Steward Liaison - No report currently e. Rights of Way - Cllr Alsop reported that the stile, where Right of Way 2 & 3 meet, has all but disintegrated. The Clerk will add a note to the existing report on 'Mywilts'. f. Village Maintenance Contract - No report currently g. Village Hall Committee - No report currently h. Area Board - Cllr Verbinnen reported that he will attend a site visit with Kate Davey (Wiltshire Council Highways) to discuss the outcome of the safety review for the double mini roundabout, as well as the concerns raised over the recently installed cycle signing at Double Hedges. i. Young people's Recreational Facilities – No Report currently j. Military Liaison - Cllr, Maj Ware reported that Operation Lazurite are working with a new Youth Network Group for young people, to include the Afghan community. k. Police Liaison - Cllr Turner provided an update on the Wiltshire PCC draft consultation: <i>Making Wiltshire Safer</i> which will be used to 	<p>Cllr Morrison</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

inform a new Police and Crime Plan.

I. Supervision of Parish Accounts - No report currently

Nichola Grove

Clerk to the Council

25 October 2025

Date of the next meeting

11 November 2024

Approved by Council as a true record



Chairman of Bulford Parish Council

Date...11...November 2024...