

**MINUTES OF THE BULFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023**

Present: Cllrs D Morrison (Chairman), S Turner, M Ibbotson

Apologies: Cllrs: G Jenkins, S Cannon

In attendance: Wiltshire Councillor M Verbinnen, Mr Tony Turner

Absence without apology: Cllr B Alsop

Council in Informal Session

1.	<p>a. Cllr Verbinnen gave an update on the Wiltshire Council Local Plan - Part 19 Consultation. For more information, please see heading Town & Country Planning, Item 9.</p> <p>b. The Chairman introduced Mr Tony Turner to the meeting. Mr Turner expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and was invited to speak about himself.</p>	
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Council in Formal Session

2.	<p>a. Approval of the Minutes of the Bulford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023</p> <p>1. The Minutes were approved as a true record.</p> <p>b. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Bulford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023</p> <p>1. In response to the report of the railings on Water Street in need of painting, and Wiltshire Councils reply saying 'This issue does not meet the intervention levels for repair set out by Wiltshire Council's Safety Inspection Manual. We will continue to monitor the issue through our routine Highway Safety Inspections'. Cllr Turner asked the Parish Steward if he would paint the railings but was advised that he is unable to paint railings near a river.</p>	
3.	To receive Members' Declarations of Interest - None	
4.	Co-option of a new Councillor - None	
5.	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>The Chairman reported that Cllr Micheal Tunnacliffe has resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Cllr Tunnacliffe for his work and contribution during his time with Bulford Parish Council.</p> <p>A resident reported overgrown hedging covering a 'Cycling Prohibited' sign on Water Street. In addition, a request to Council to increase efforts to stop cyclists and scooter users using the footpath. The overgrowth covering the no cycling sign has been actioned.</p> <p>Use of mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs is allowed on footpaths.</p> <p>There are no plans to install anti-cycle bars on the footpath.</p>	

6.	<p>Clerk's Report on Finance The Clerk reported a bank reconciliation figure of £48,515.33 on 30th September 2023, and confirmed that Council is operating within budget. Council authorised the following payments in October 2023</p> <p>Gavin Jones Ltd Monthly Grounds Maintenance - £832.99</p> <p>Parish Clerk Expenses Broadband, mobile phones, cleaning materials - £126.54</p> <p>Playsafety Ltd Annual inspection of the Recreation Ground and BMX Track - £184.20</p> <p>EDF Gas - £14.11</p> <p>British Gas lite Electricity) - TBC</p> <p>Standby Caretaker Additional hours - £41.02</p> <p>Receipts and Refunds Precept (2nd payment) - £28,693.45 Village Hall Income - £1,259.00 Village Hall Refunds - £0.00</p>	
7.	<p>Standing Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning applications that have been called in by a member of Council - None. • Village Hall - Procedures and Administration - The Caretaker reported issues with the rendering to an external wall at the village hall and some of the internal lights. This matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. 	Cllr G Jenkins
8.	<p>Other Agenda Items</p> <p>a. <u>Council to review Councillor Responsibilities including Representation on other bodies</u> After discussion Council unanimously agreed to continue working under the current Roles and Responsibilities, with no change.</p> <p>b. <u>Approval of the Parish Clerks Annual Home Office Expenses</u> Council approved a payment of £665.30 to the Parish Clerk for Annual Home Office Expenses.</p> <p>c. <u>Review of Annual RoSPA Report</u> This item was deferred to the next meeting scheduled for 13th November 2023</p>	
9.	<p>Reports by Councillors having Special Responsibilities including Representation on other bodies</p>	
	<p>Parks, Cemeteries and Allotments - No report currently</p>	
	<p>Highways</p> <p>a. The SID will be moved to Milston Road. The SID Data Group have recently met and the number of organisations providing their data is gradually increasing.</p> <p>b. The Kiwi School location has been added to the data list.</p>	
	<p>Town & Country Planning</p> <p>No planning applications were received this month.</p> <p>a. Cllr Jenkins attended a presentation on the Wiltshire Unitary Council Local Plan given by Councillor Graham Wright. The Plan sets out the new house build expectations for the County, and the infrastructure changes required to support</p>	

the increased housing. The expectation for Bulford is for 61 additional houses to be built buy 2038, but as Bulford has little or no land suitable for building it would seem to be a pipedream on their behalf. It was agreed at the meeting that a joint response would go back to the consultation asking for the rationale behind the numbers. Cllr Jenkins said he could see no point in responding as a Council to the consultation.	
Parish Steward Liaison a. The Parish Steward has repaired a pothole on Milston Road and cleared drains.	
Rights of Way – No report currently	
Village Maintenance Contract – No report currently	
Village Hall Committee - No report currently	
Area Boards (representation on "Other Body") - No report currently	
Young People's Recreational Facilities (Caretaker to report through the Clerk) – No report currently	
Police Liaison – No report currently	
Supervision of Parish Accounts Cllr Ibbotson confirmed that he had reviewed the account from April to June 2023 and confirmed they are in order.	

Date of the next meeting,


Monday, 13th November 2023

N. A. Grove

Date: 23rd October 2023

Clerk to the Council

Approved by Council as a true record


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Date: 13 Nov 2023

Chairman of Bulford Parish Council

