

**MINUTES OF THE BULFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 8 APRIL 2024**

Present: Cllrs: D Morrison (Chairman), G Jenkins (Vice Chairman), T Turner, M Verbinnen, B Alsop

Apologies: Cllr M Ibbotson

In attendance: Wiltshire Councillor M Verbinnen

Absence without apology: None

Council in Informal Session

1.	Cllr Verbinnen provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wiltshire Council has allocated extra funding over the next two years to spend on filling potholes and road resurfacing.</li> <li>b. Wiltshire Council is considering a plan for heavy plant parking adjacent to Double Hedges. This matter is ongoing. See item 9, c.</li> </ul>	
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Council in Formal Session

2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval of the Minutes of the Bulford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Minutes were approved as a true record.</li> <li>b. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Bulford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – None.</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>To receive Members' Declarations</b> – Cllr Verbinnen, as the owner of Stonebury Functions, declared a Pecuniary Interest for a payment made to Stonebury Functions, for the sum of £199.87, in March 2024, for Annual Email Account Subscription.	
4.	<b>Co-option of a new Councillor</b> – None	
5.	<b>Chairman's report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Children's Air Ambulance donation bank has been emptied with all items now collected.</li> <li>b. The War Graves Commission have cleaned the cenotaph at the cemetery.</li> <li>c. Council has agreed a location for the requested memorial bench to be installed at the cemetery.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Clerk's Report on Finance</b> The Clerk reported a bank reconciliation figure of £30,797.96 on 31 March 2024, and confirmed that Council is operating within budget. Council authorised the following payments in February 2024. <b>Gavin Jones Ltd</b> Monthly Grounds Maintenance - £832.99 <b>Parish Clerk Expenses</b> Mileage - £74.80 <b>EDF</b> Gas - £174.95 <b>Standby Caretaker additional hours</b> - £17.58 <b>February 2024 Receipts and Refunds</b> Village Hall Income - £1,724.50 Village Hall Refunds - £85.00	
7.	<b>Standing Agenda Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Planning applications that have been called in by a member of Council</b> - None.</li> <li>b. <b>Village Hall - Procedures and Administration</b> – No report currently</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Other Agenda Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Council agreed to hold the Annual Public Meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 6.00 pm.</li> </ul>	

	b. Council approved a 25% (£150.00) contribution towards the LHFIG project for signage to alert drivers to the potential conflict with pedestrians on Bulford Old Coach Road.	
9.	<b>Reports by Councillors having Special Responsibilities including Representation on other bodies</b>	
	<b>Parks, Cemeteries and Allotments</b> - No report currently	
	<b>Highways</b> - Cllr Jenkins reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The SID remains opposite The Beeches.</li> <li>b. Wiltshire Council have said that there has been an increase in the number of potholes this year due to the climate and will endeavour to deal with these as quickly as possible.</li> <li>c. Wiltshire Council is considering a plan for a heavy plant park immediately adjacent to Double Hedges to service The Stonehenge Tunnel project. This appears to be the preferred option with their view that it is unlikely that heavy plant would transit through the village.</li> <li>d. Cllr Jenkins will attend the next LHFIG and will be chasing up the independent safety survey for Junction 16. It was noted that the road markings there are wearing badly.</li> <li>e. A new gulley cleaning system is now in place.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Town &amp; Country Planning</b> - None currently	
	<b>Parish Steward Liaison</b> - No report currently	
	<b>Rights of Way</b> - No report currently	
	<b>Village Maintenance Contract</b> - Cllr Turner reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The stone memorial wall at the cemetery needs to be cleaned. This matter is ongoing.</li> <li>✓ b. The basketball court will need regular brushing to remove debris, leaves and litter. This matter is ongoing.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Village Hall Committee</b> - Cllr Verbinnen was appointed as a member of the Village Hall Committee.	
	<b>Area Boards (representation on "Other Body")</b> - No report currently	
	<b>Young People's Recreational Facilities (Caretaker to report through the Clerk)</b> - None	
	<b>Police Liaison</b> - The Amesbury & Tidworth neighbourhood policing team has a new Police Constable, PC Mike Handscombe who will be covering Larkhill, Durrington, Bulford and Figheldean. PCSO Will House continues to provide support.	
	<b>Supervision of Parish Accounts</b> - No report currently	

Date of the next meeting

Monday, 13 May 2024

N. A. Grove

Date: 18 April 2024

Clerk to the Council

Approved by Council as a true record

  
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Chairman of Bulford Parish Council

Date 13 May 2024