

## **BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont Devizes SN10 4RT

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
Wednesday 19 July 2017

Present: Cllr Mrs A Read in the Chair

Cllrs P Bowen, P Bennett, Mrs K Lock, and M Westmacott

No member of the public present so no **OPEN FORUM**,

and at 7.30 the Chairman went at once to the **Agenda**

1. 1. **Acceptance of Office** – signed by Cllr Bennett, who had been absent from the Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May.
1. 2. **Apologies for Absence** : Received and accepted from Cllr Pendlebery, PCSO Partington
1. 3. **Declarations of Interest, Dispersations:** Cllr Mrs Read for Village Hall
1. 4. **Minutes of 17 May – First Meeting of newly-elected Council, and 24 May - Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, plus Special Finance Meeting to Approve Annual Return -**  
Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman
1. 5. [a] 1918 Centenary Memorial Stone: to be installed when convenient – Olly Coles is willing to store it  
after delivery – and unveiled on Remembrance Sunday 2017 rather than waiting until 2018.  
Clerk to check with Rev Maureen Allchin and/or her successor
- [b] Police : PCSO Partington has emailed to say that he is unable to attend Meetings on Wednesdays; and he has forwarded the current Community Policing Team Report from Inspector Andy Fee.  
This includes Police contact details for Twitter: <https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>  
and Community Messaging: <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/> - Inspector Fee recommends using this for Police information about local incidents and advice about crime prevention etc.
- [c] Cllr Bennett reported
  - [i] Footpath 10 cleared by the farmers (Breach and Elliott) whose land it crosses, White Horse Way also cleared, and Mr Kerslake has cleared the path near his house.
  - [ii] Footpath 8 at bottom of Mill Lane still blocked by a standing crop – report made.
  - [iii] Parish Steward came last week, ready to do requested tasks, but called away on an emergency;  
next scheduled visit in September.  
Will deal with kerbside weeds soon, fix damaged sign behind the pub, and clear overgrown stiles.
- Nb – work that needs doing should be reported to Cllr Bennett – Notice to this effect on Website?
- [d] Cllr Bennett wants PC Minutes in Spotlight –  
the Chairman will put in a brief report, but there have in the past been problems with publication dates.
- [e] Emergency Plan – discussion deferred to September Meeting.
- [f] WALC June circular includes download details for

The Good Councillor's Guide to Neighbourhood Planning - <http://bit.ly/2sOwJiN> - hard copy available from office – and  
The Good Councillor's Guide to Finance and Transparency – <http://bit.ly/2sYUUT>  
[g] Consultation on pre-submission draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan – 9am Friday 14 July  
to 5pm Friday 22 September – draft Plan and supporting documents available to view/download on  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshsgsiteallocationsplan>

**6. Standing Orders:** Copies distributed, for Review in at September Meeting –  
Clerk to send copy to Cllr Pendlebery

**7. Section 137 LGA 1972 - 1** Application received from the Secretary to the PCCof Christ Church Bulkington for a grant towards the cost of Churchyard grasscutting, £120 given in recent years.

After the Clerk had explained the reasons for the grant under this power, the PC voted :

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Lock

Seconded: Cllr Bowen

**All in Favour**

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**8. Finance:**

The Clerk reported that the Year End Accounts were sent to the External Auditor on 26 May, and should be returned in time for the September Meeting.  
She suggested that the balance of the cost of the Memorial Stone – a deposit of £300 was paid by former Cllr Simon Barratt when ordering it – be paid on delivery if before the September Meeting.

The cost to the PC will be reduced by the £281.25 Melksham Area Grant.

The Parish Council

agreed.

The Clerk went on to give her summary Report:

<b>Received since last Meeting</b>		
Date	From	£
25 May 17	HMRC – 2016-17 VAT repayment	349.28
9 Jun 17	Interest on Deposit Account	0.47
26 Jun 17	Donation – PF reimbursement 2016 Fireworks ex-VAT	416.65
4 Jul 17	MELK 2433 – Melksham Area Grant towards Memorial Stone	281.25
7 Jul 17	Interest on Deposit Account	0.46

<b>Paid since last Meeting</b>				
Date	Payee	Amount £	[inc VAT]	Chq 000
6 Jul 17	Simon Barratt – reimbursement Deposit on Memorial Stone paid on PC's behalf	300.00	[-]	180

	WALC – WALC and NALC 2017-18 subs	109.00	[18.17]	181
	Community First – 2017-18 membership	40.00	[-]	182

The PC should have over £600 in its Current Account.

Authorised at this Meeting				
Date	Payee	Amount £	[inc VAT]	Chq 000
19 Jul 17	PCC of Christ Church Bulkington - towards Churchyard Maintenance costs	120.00	[-]	183

When billed – balance of cost of Memorial Stone

#### 9. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Bowen reported:

- The party on the Field on July 1<sup>st</sup> went well, and the grass was cut in time, *but*
- grass-cutting arrangements must be discussed at the September Meeting – he suggests that either Robert Breach or Olly Coles might be approached to take on the contract
- meanwhile he will keep an eye on the situation, while Cllr Westmacott and Mr and Mrs Crawford are also able to help

The Chairman said he should draw up a formal and detailed contract for discussion, to come into force for the 2018 season.

Cllr Bennett then said that in his opinion the November Fireworks display is *not* a Parish Council event, and is therefore not covered by the Insurance policy.

The Chairman said that it is surely clear to all that people use the Field at their own risk -

there is a notice to this effect on the gate.

Cllr Bowen will draw up a checklist of what is needed to submit to WALC for them to inform the Insurers – he hopes to get clarity by September.

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#### 10. Planning:

Application 17/03751/FUL  
Extension (for one year) of temporary consent for mobile home  
granted under Application 15/05282/FUL  
at Seendbridge Piggeries, Bulkington SN10 1SN

Assigned Officer : Verity Giles

After the Clerk had outlined the lengthy history of Applications for this site – the mobile home appears to be needed for use until work on the farmhouse is

completed –

the Parish Council decided to **SUPPORT** this Application,  
but instructed the Clerk to add a comment that the whole process has gone on far too long  
and the PC suggests some pressure be put on the applicant to complete within the one-year  
extension.

11. Any Other Business:

- The Chairman passed on a warning of a new scam/hack on Facebook – *be wary* of any suggestion of setting up a second or further accounts.
- Cllr Westmacott reported that a resident has complained to Wiltshire Council about a neighbour's hedge overhanging the footpath.  
Wiltshire Council have agreed to write to the offender(s), Cllr Westmacott will check on progress.
- Cllr Bennett gave his Apologies for the Meeting on 20 September.

There being no further business for discussion

the Meeting ended at 9.10pm

Next Meeting 20 September