

## **BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 March 2013

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair;  
Cllrs R N Boulton, Mrs H C Breach, R G Elliott, C Ogilvie, Mrs C Parkyn and Mrs A Read

Cllr J Seed – Wiltshire Council

No member of the Public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.35pm and as there was no OPEN FORUM asked Cllr Seed to speak before he went on to another Meeting.

- He is standing for re-election as Unitary Councillor for Summerham and Seend.
- Information on roads – closures/repairs – can be found on the Bulkington section of his website
- Redstocks-Seend road will be closed while a bridge is repaired.
- Wiltshire Council is putting £2.4M more money into roads

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Police – all either on leave or engaged at another Meeting

2. **Declarations of Interest and/or Dispensations:**

Cllr Mrs Read and Cllr Boulton for Village Hall;  
Cllr Mrs Oliphant and Cllr Ogilvie for Playing Field;  
Cllr Mrs Breach and Cllr Elliott for Footpaths;  
Cllr Mrs Breach for Hedging work, and for Playing Field.

3. **War Memorial – Progress Report**

Cllr Boulton said when he called a meeting to discuss the way forward he put a notice in Spotlight and personally invited ex-service people in the village but only Mrs Boulton and Mr Liam Quinn came - this means he cannot form a 6-member committee as required by the Heritage Lottery Fund. At least 6 letters of support from the community are also needed – no response here either. Consequently, he has withdrawn the Application to the Fund.

The Chairman said something clearly had to be done, but discussion was pointless until the extent of the work needed is known.

She has established that re-cutting the list of names would cost £1K, of which £500 is already promised – by Deborah Baillie, see **November Minutes**.  
A survey should show whether major work is actually needed.

Cllr Mrs Read suggested that in many ways 1918, the *end* of the War, is a more suitable anniversary for celebration; this would give 4 more years, until 2018, to drum up support.  
The PC could draw up a 5-year plan, and announce it on Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Ogilvie said the survey should be done before 11th November.

Cllr Elliott asked about Mr Stirling's fee for a survey.

The Chairman said Mr Stirling had been willing to do a survey without charge initially, in hope that his fees would be covered by the Heritage Fund grant – she will check with him and report.

Cllr Boulton will hand on as much paperwork as possible;  
he will fill Cllr Ogilvie in on all his contacts;  
Cllr Ogilvie and/or the Chairman will make copies of documents;  
War Memorial will be a regular Agenda item from now on.

**4. Emergency Planning:**

A new Committee needs to be formed – both Cllr Mrs Parkyn and the Chairman thought they could find one or two members, and the group could be set up at the next PC Meeting – the first of the new Parish Council after the Elections.

Cllr Mrs Breach volunteered that her farm has a tractor suitable for pulling vehicles out of ditches, a tow-rope, and a generator for emergency power supply.

**5. Minutes of Meeting on 9 January:**

Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**6. Reports on Matters in the Minutes:**

- a Elections: the Clerk has received Nomination Packs – she can make more copies as needed - and a Timetable of Nomination Dates etc, which she distributed.  
Those standing for election must be proposed and seconded by local voters;  
the Clerk can supply the numbers on the Electoral Roll of all 3 persons in each case.  
NB Clerk will be away first half of April, but can pick up answerphone messages on 840294, or could be reached on 01373 452136.
- b There is no definite news about Keevil Airfield.

**7. Correspondence:** relevant emails already forwarded to Cllr[s] concerned.

- i Wiltshire Council Parish Newsletter available on –  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/parishnewsletter.home.htm> – has Election information
- ii Keevil Minutes 11 March: considering adding equipment to Playing Field – a member of the public wanted “cycling facility” but PC not keen because of cost.  
No news on proposed wind farm at West Ashton  
Keen to be included in super-fast broadband – writing to John Thompson, Deputy Leader of Wiltshire Council, who is in charge of the project.
- iii WALC March newsletter : Core Skills Training for Councillors, especially newly-elected, in North Wiltshire – probably Chippenham - 6.30-830pm on 18 June. **Clerk to book 3 places**
- iv Tasty Marketing – invitation to a free conference Councils: a Changing Future in Bournemouth on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am – 12.30pm. No Cllr wished to attend.
- v Ms Bedrock-Carlson of 30 Bulkington asked about Allotments – referred to Seend Clerk.

**8. Planning:** No Application for consideration at this Meeting

W/13/00119/FUL, W/13/00123/LBC  
Alterations and Extension to existing Farmhouse (Tynings Farm)  
24 Bulkington Drove Bulkington SN10 1SN

Mr J Laughton Case Officer: Mr Russell Brown

PC considered this Application at a Planning Meeting on 20 February, decided to SUPPORT

No Decision received from Wiltshire Council on this Application

or

W/12/02304/FUL – garage at Nimrod Cottage, SUPPORTED at 9 January PC Meeting and since revised in some respects.

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

The Chairman said the next PF Cttee meeting is scheduled for 21 March, but meanwhile she reported

- PF has a healthy Bank balance of around £1K, which covers estimated Fireworks costs of £650
- Events planned for 7 April, and then June or July
- Play Equipment for the smallest children needs replacing
- Sustainability Grant still hanging fire
- Whether the PF should again make a contribution to the PC's Insurance costs - to be decided
- Suggestion that P C could use the £350 underspent on the Jubilee to pay for bench on the Field - invoices for the timber required to be sent to the PC for payment.

That £350 be made available to the Playing Field Committee for this purpose

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Parkyn

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Breach  
**All in Favour**

- Possibility that winter fund-raising events could be held indoors - in the Well Inn
- Playing Field Cttee Minutes to go on village website.

## 10. Section 137 LGA 1972: No Application received.

## 11. Finance:

### Received since last Meeting:

date	from	amount £
9 Jan	Interest on Deposit Account	00.24
11 Feb	Interest on Deposit Account	00.25
11 Mar	interest on Deposit Account	00.22

### Payments since last Meeting:

date	payee	amount £	[inc VAT]	chq no
20 Feb	WALC – Elections Training	42.00	[7.00]	59

### Authorised at this Meeting:

date	payee	amount £	[inc VAT]	chq no
20 Mar	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's half-year salary	650.00	-	60
	- half-year expenses	203.32	-	61
	Bulkington VH – Hall Hire	80.00	-	62
	Protect Fire Equipment Ltd – extinguisher service and safety check	57.96	[9.66]	63

When billed – timber for PF Bench – up to £350

Bank Balances [after payments above]	£
Lloyds TSB – Treasurer's [Current] A/c	170.67
Lloyds TSB – BUS Instant Access [Deposit] A/c	5,949.95

HSBC Current A/c 11.97  
[remains open for PF “sustainability” Grant, no activity this year]

The Clerk presented her **Report on Progress against Budget** to March 2013, showing that the PC is still just “in the black” and should not have to draw on its Reserves to any significant extent. She distributed copies of this Report and **Summary Receipts & Payments** for 2011/12 and 2012/13, plus detailed **Receipts** and **Payments** sheets, all for PC's accounts with Lloyds TSB, but not final. Cllrs had no queries.

The Clerk warned that the effects of Localisation of Council Tax will not really be clear until the PC sets the Precept request for 2014/15 - in January 2014.

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**12: Any Other Business:**

- The Clerk suggested that as the May 15 Meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting - including 2012/13 Chairman's Report and Clerk's brief Financial Report – and must include the election of a Chairman for 2013/14 and setting Meeting Dates for the year in addition to normal business, an earlier start would be advisable – say 7 o'clock. **All agreed**
- The Chairman said she had written to Cllr Seed asking for some clarification about the proposed new runway at Keevil Airfield, and he had spoken to the Member of Parliament, whose response was “there is nothing to tell”.  
The Steeple Ashton Chairman has told Cllr Mrs Oliphant that some people in that village have had considerable briefing on the matter, and she has promised to write to Cllr Seed about this.  
Cllr Mrs Oliphant will then write to the MP.
- A car parked near the bus shelter is causing problems for farm traffic – the Chairman will contact Mr Laughton, asking him to approach his tenant about this.
- Cllr Ogilvie agreed to be one of the signatories for cheques after the Elections – two of the current signatories are standing down, but remain Cllrs until 2 May.
- Thanks were offered to Mr Boulton and Mrs Breach for their years of service as Councillors.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Next Meeting 15 May**

**This will be the First Meeting of the newly-elected Council  
and  
will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting**