

## BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm  
10 September 2014

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair

Cllr Mrs C Crawford, Cllr R G Elliott

No member of the public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

### Open Forum

The Chairman reported that Charles Bartholomew has completed work on clearing the surface of Fullwood Lane, for which she will thank him.

She then moved immediately to the normal Agenda.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received and accepted from Cllr J Seed [Wiltshire Council] and Police; Cllrs Barratt, Flynn and Ogilvie – away from Bulkington, Cllr Mrs Read – health problem.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Oliphant – Playing Field
3. **Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> July Meeting:** Accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman
4. **Reports:**
  - Housing Needs Survey – Cllr Seed to possibly co-ordinate responses from all the Parishes in his Summerham “constituency”
  - Stile on footpath – the Chairman said that as the owners of the land beyond have sheep in the field they are unlikely to make the stile easier for dogs.
  - She suggested that she and Cllr Elliott should write an article for Spotlight pointing out the need to control dogs on farmland – *and pick up after them*.
  - Cllr Elliott added that according to the Country Code dogs on farmland should be on a 2 metre lead through the summer months, and can be excluded altogether from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> July.
  - The Chairman said there was no progress to report on the new Notice Board.
5. **Solar Energy – cable under Fullwood Lane:**

The Chairman reported the latest situation: Stokes Marsh Solar Ltd and SSE need to lay a cable linking the Edington solar farm with the National Grid; they have reached agreement with the landowners involved ( R Breach, P Coles and RG Elliott) but need permission to lay cable under Fullwood Lane; the SSE legal team want documentary evidence of ownership of the Lane. Wiltshire Council has confirmed it does *not* own the Lane, which implies the Parish Council can grant access as far as it is able.

The Clerk has been unable to find any useful documents; the Lane was classified as a Bridleway in 1982, and the OS map modified in 2000 shows it as a “Track”.

Solicitors Trethowans have been appointed to go through all documents, the developers to cover costs – the Chairman and Cllr Elliott signed the appointment of the solicitors.

The suggested arrangements are that the cable will go *under* the Lane, with all disturbance of the surface and hedges to be made good, and appropriate notice of the work will be given.

£500 is suggested as payment for an “easement”.

The Chairman suggested putting this money towards a new outside Noticeboard – all agreed - she will ask Cllr Mrs Read.( who looks after the current board) to approve and organise the work.

**6. Correspondence:** relevant emails circulated to Cllrs concerned.

- i Wiltshire Council:  
Open Spaces Study - Cllrs decided on responses to questions relevant to Bulkington, which the Chairman will return by email to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Wiltsparishes> from Parish Newsletter – Reporting and Recording PC and TC Mtgs, admission of Press, etc Bulkington's Standing Orders comply;  
Green Bin Waste Collection – consultation on changes – deadline extended to 1 October;  
Bus Pass consultation – valid after 9am *or* after 9.30am Mon-Fri? Deadline 26 September.  
Changes to Bus Services – mostly near Bath
- ii Melksham: Extended Services – Fundraising Big Walk Melksham to Bath – Sat 16 September
- iii Keevil Minutes: Cllr Seed's report on Runway – construction unlikely to start before 2016; information about flights can be got from <http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton>
- iv Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation - Cllrs decided on responses, and the Chairman will submit the completed document.
- v Community First: AGM Wed 24 September in Devizes Town Hall from 5.30pm – no Cllr to attend.
- vi SWAN Advocacy Org. UK – launching event for new Dementia Advocacy Service in Wiltshire - Wednesday 24 September, Antrobus House, Amesbury, 3-5pm – no Cllr to attend.
- vii Woodland Trust – offer of trees to plant in open spaces – contact for full information at <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

**7. Planning:** No Applications or Decisions received.

**8. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:**

Cllr Mrs Oliphant reported that the Playing Field Cttee has more than £1,000 in the Bank, but possible expenditure on new equipment and so-on may amount to over £8,000 – grants will have to be applied for, which is a lengthy process.  
The Fun Day on Sunday 21 September, not primarily a fundraising event, will include new items eg Photographic, Flower Arranging and Baking Competitions as well as the popular Tug of War.

The Clerk added that the Goal Post invoice, paid in error by David Whiteley on his personal account, was correctly addressed to the Parish Council, so the VAT can be reclaimed.  
The PC will pass it on to the PF Cttee as a donation and Mr Whiteley can be reimbursed in full.

**9. S.137 LGA 1972:** No application received.

Cost of Remembrance day wreath plus Donation to Royal British Legion - £50.  
Authorised without a vote.

**10. Finance:**

The Clerk presented her Report on Progress against Budget for the first half-year – copies will be distributed with the Minutes to those Cllrs not at the meeting.  
Summary (including payments made and/or authorised in September):  
approximately £3,250 spent, against £5,440 received in first half-year – so £2,190 left.  
VAT paid, to be reclaimed at end of month, £200+.  
The muddle over PF Grasscutting charges – BBLP's bill for June 2013 to May 2014 was presented and paid at the May Mtg – meant an *underspend* in 2013-14 and so an unusually large sum brought forward - £6,900. This should mean that even after paying the new contractor for grasscutting from June 2014 the Parish Council will not actually go into the red.  
Cllrs had no queries, and went on to the Report for this Meeting:

<b>Received since last Meeting:</b>		
Date	From	£
9 Jul 14	Interest A/c 27214460 [net]	£0.32
11 Aug 14	Interest A/c 27214460 [net]	£0.36

**10. Finance contd**

**No payments since last Meeting**

<b>Authorised at this Meeting:</b>				
Date	Payee	£	[inc VAT]	Chq no 000
10 Sep 14	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's ½ year salary	700.00	-	100
	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's ½ year expenses	132.00	-	101
	PCC of Seend – <u>Spotlight</u> production expenses	50.00	-	102

When billed: Playsafety Limited [RoSPA] PF Safety check – approx £120 inc VAT  
Royal British Legion – wreath and Donation - £50  
Fireworks for November Display – PF to reimburse ex-VAT – approx £450 inc VAT

**11. Any Other Business:**

- Cllr Mrs Crawford asked about progress on the Bus Shelter roof – all repairs have been done. The PC thanked Cllr Elliott for organising this.
- Cllr Mrs Crawford said she had heard complaints that tractors were speeding through the village, at over 30mph. Others felt this was not the case – in narrow roads speeds can appear greater than they really are. Cllr Elliott added that the legal limit for tractors and the like is actually 20mph.
- The Chairman has been informed that Philip Coles will soon apply for Change of Use of some redundant chicken sheds to Storage of caravans/camper-vans etc; another shed to be turned over to Light Industrial use – both possibilities likely to cause increased traffic, especially in Mill Lane.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Next Meeting 12 November**