

Next regular Meeting 14 September
BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 September 2016

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair
Cllrs S Barratt, Mrs C Crawford, G Elliott, Mrs A Read

No member of the public

Clerk: Mrs F A Price in attendance

The Meeting started at 7.40 and as no member of the public was present there was no

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman went on immediately to the Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence:** none received
2. **Declarations of Interest/ Dispensations:**

Cllr Mrs Read for the Village Hall, Cllr Elliott for Footpaths and related matters;
Cllr Mrs Oliphant for the Playing Field; Cllr Mrs Crawford for Housing and related matters.

1. **3. Minutes of Meeting on 18 July:** Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

1. **4. Reports:**

[a] Training : WALC - One-day Councillor Training Course -10am-3pm Rushall Village Hall,
Saturday 12 November -fee £90 +VAT for WALC members.

No Cllrs able to attend.

The Chairman suggested that it would be best to refer to Wiltshire Council's website after the May 2017 Elections, when a largely new PC will be in place.

[b] Wiltshire Council Training on Planning - in Devizes. Cllrs Mrs Read, Mrs Crawford expressed interest - Chairman will get details from Steeple Ashton Clerk.

[c] Casual Vacancy arising from resignation – no request for an Election received, so PC can proceed to co-opt – Chairman will speak to a possible candidate for the November Meeting.

[d] The Chairman urged all Cllrs to think carefully about standing in the May Elections, and suggested a series of articles in Spotlight on what a Parish Councillor does.

In a brief discussion of what to look for in prospective Cllrs it was agreed that some business experience would be useful, and in a village like Bulkington farmers must be represented;

someone with a young family would also be welcome.

Chairman to consult Steeple Ashton, Clerk to look for pamphlets etc published by WALC.

[e] Footpaths: Cllr Mrs Crawford will make copies of a larger-scale map provided by the Chairman

Bulkington 5 – section by the playing Field – is badly overgrown; mowing is impossible until the hedge is trimmed. Robert Breach will cut the hedge, Chairman to inform Mr Gray and put up a notice explaining the situation.

Up-to-date Footpath Report :- paths shared out for regular walking and reporting:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant – Paths 9,10,11. 12 and 14; Cllr Coles – 6, 8 and 8A plus 13

(Byway);

Cllr Elliott – 5 and 5A; Cllr Barratt 1, 1A, 2,3 and 4; Cllr Mrs Crawford – 4.

[f] Byway : Chairman will contact Wiltshire Highways about scalpings to improve the surface -

Cllr Elliott will find out about supplies of hardcore, and Chairman will ask Robert Breach.

[g] Speeding on C20: the Chairman reported nothing further from Worton PC.

After a decidedly heated meeting at which Seend PC was very eager to demand quick action,

but Cllr Whitehead (Highways) could promise no speed limits, she has told Worton that Bulkington will only attend future meetings if better discipline is promised.

[f] Poulshot T-junction – Cllr Coles to contact the farmer about moving the hedge, but Cllr Elliott thinks that some trimming back should be enough to improve sightlines.

[g] Parish Steward – Cllrs to inform Chairman of their Priorities (PC to cut Path Bulkington 6).

Chairman will find out about Briefing, and when and how to contact the Parish Steward.

Cllr Barratt said Footpath signs need replacing.

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4. Reports contd

[h] Marking 2018: Cllr Mrs Crawford has found strong support for a pathway for children to get from the Pond play area to the Bus Stop without stepping on the road.

Chairman will canvass opinion about seats around the trees on the Pond, and laying stones - engraved with names/battles and/or dates - in the grass, possibly in a Hopscotch pattern.

The PC might apply for a Grant from the Area Board, or set up a “Bulkington Remembers” group which could raise funds.

Cllr Barratt said something must go at the South corner of the Triangle – best would be a heavy stone set where the rotten stump is now – he will get quotations for grubbing it out.

The Chairman will ask the Parish Steward, and Cllr Elliott will also make enquiries. Some use might be made of the remains of the original Market Cross - lying at Market View.

[i] Grass-cutting – the current contractor is clearly having problems and may have to be replaced.

Clerk to look up the contact details of others who tendered for the work

5. S.137 LGA 1972 – No Requests received

6. Finance:

The Clerk presented her half-year Report – September 2016

Progress against Budget Precept: £4,650.00 [plus £14.65 Wilts Council grant]

All ex-VAT bold		Overspends in			
		Budget	Paid	Date	Left
Administrati on					
Clerk	Salary	1,400	700.00	14 Sep 16	700
	Travel	120	70.98	14 Sep 16	49.02
	Post/ Telephone/ Stationery/ copying	100	69.14	14 Sep 16	30.86

	SLCC/ALCC subscription	65			65
	VH Heating + Clerk's Broadband	270			270
Audit Fees	Internal	30	30.00	14 Sep 16	nil
Insurance	General, Premium Tax, Admin Fee (Fireworks included if needed)	700	605.11	26 May 16	94.89
Village Hall Hire	At £9 – 6 PC, 4 Planning	90			90
Playing Field	Grass-Cutting, inc Pond and Cross	840			840
	Safety Inspection	100			100
	(Fireworks £500 – ex-VAT reimbursed)				
Maintenance	Service Check VH fire extinguishers	50			50
	Hedge-Cutting	70			70
Training	Clerk and/or Councillors	50			50
Subscriptions	WALC and NALC	120	104.06	13 Jul 16	15.94
	Community First	36	36.00	14 Sep 16	nil
Publications	Local Council Review	17	17.00	26 May 16	nil
	Other	20			20
S.137, Donations - Impossible to budget for	Royal British Legion – wreath	50			
	PCC – Churchyard upkeep	150	150.00	13 Jul 16	
	<u>Spotlight – production costs</u>	50	50.00	14 Sep 16	

£1,832.29 Spent to date, within Budget

Not included : £42.53 VAT to be reclaimed

Cllrs had no questions, and went on to the Report for this Meeting

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6. Finance contd

Received since last Meeting		
Date	From	£
9 Aug 16	Lloyds Bank – interest on Deposit A/c	0.42
5 Sep 16	Lloyds Bank – interest on Deposit A/c - <i>est</i>	0.40

Paid since last Meeting				
Date	Payee	Amount	[inc VAT]	Chq no
10 Aug 16	Mrs S Oliphant-reimbursement for purchase of weedkiller for verges	57.00	-	159

Authorised at this Meeting				
Date	Payee	Amount	[inc VAT]	Chq no
14 Sept 16	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's ½ year salary	700.00	-	160
	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's ½ year expenses	125.93	-	161
	PCC of Seend – donation towards <u>Spotlight</u> production costs	50.00	-	162
	Mrs M Kimber – Internal Audit 2015-16 Accounts	30.00	-	163
	Community First – 2016 Subscription	36.00	-	164

When Billed – RoSPA Playing Field Safety Inspection – approx £100

External Audit of 2015-16 Accounts –
Completed 19 August 2016 by Grant Thornton LLP, no queries.

7. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

1.
 - Cllr Mrs Crawford has started planning for the November Bonfire and Fireworks – she is looking for volunteer helpers.

She reminded the PC that November 5th falls on a Saturday this year, which may affect attendance, especially from other villages.

However, she hopes that some proceeds will be available to go towards other projects.

 - The RoSPA Safety Inspection is due this month and will show what maintenance is needed, meanwhile, Cllrs Barratt and Elliott will fix loose bolts on swings etc.

8. Planning:

Since last Meeting :

(1) **Application 16/06644/FUL** –
Replacement Poultry Building and Associated Facilities at Leaze Farm
on 10 August: PC decided to SUPPORT with 2 suggested conditions:

- [a] Planting of trees/hedging on S and W boundaries of site
- [b] Lorries leaving site to turn RIGHT at top of Mill Lane, not Left through village

(2) **Application 16/07103/FUL**
Proposed new dwelling at Leaze Farm – in grounds of Barnfield House (O Coles)
for retired farmer P Coles and his wife
on 17 August PC decided to SUPPORT

At this Meeting: **Application 16/07103/FUL - Amended Plans**

the Parish Council considered the changes and agreed to SUPPORT the revised Application, without further comment

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9. Any Other Business:

- ◆ Cllr Mrs Read reported trouble with the catches/hinges on the public Notice Board – the Chairman will check.
- ◆ Cllr Mrs Read requested Speed Limit Sticker(s) for bins – Cllr Elliott or Chairman to supply
- ◆ Cllr Elliott has heard complaints about mud on the road by John Breach's farm – Cllr Barratt will remind the farmer to put up warning signs.
- ◆ The Chairman has had an email from a villager complaining about the nuisance caused by smoke from a bonfire on a neighbour's land - she will put an article in Spotlight asking people to be considerate.
- ◆ The Chairman reminded everyone that contributions to the Guy Fawkes bonfire should be put on the Playing Field in good time.
- ◆ The Chairman asked if there was any further information about the recent burglary in the High Street – at the Tudor Cottage detached dwelling. Cllr Elliott said there was some CCTV footage – from cameras across the road – but he did not think it was clear enough to be helpful.

There being no further business requiring discussion
the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.28pm

Next Meeting 9 November

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 25 November 2015

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair
Cllrs S Barratt, O Coles, Mrs C Crawford, G Elliott and C Ogilvie
Cllr J Seed (Wiltshire Council)

1 member of the public – Mr Bennett

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

The Meeting started at 7.30 with

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Cllr Seed spoke

[?] Fracking Wiltshire Council's response to consultation on its way to central Government, which now has power to grant or refuse licences. The Chairman said Wiltshire Council Website would not accept her objection – Cllr Seed to check. She went on to say that if a licence is granted, the local Council must give planning permission: to stop access to the drilling site the PC must get local people to band together, and she will try to arrange a Parish Meeting to get the village interested.

[?] Area Board grants Melksham gives more than most - put requests in while funds still available.

The Chairman is in consultation with Keevil PC about sharing costs of a Speed Indicator Unit "SID" with Keevil and other villages. Wiltshire Council will no longer operate SIDs in villages. The costs will be to support batteries and training and we may seek help from the Area Board.

[?] Highways replying to Cllr Ogilvie, Cllr Seed said the Council is now doing more than recently, but would be glad if Towns/Parishes could take on some local tasks.
[7.45 - Cllr Seed left to go on to another meeting.]

The Chairman distributed copies of Mr Bennett's letter to the Clerk, dated 19th November; she reminded Cllrs of their duty to be objective, especially in regard to his view that the PC has failed to follow due process.

Cllr Barratt asked Mr Bennett if such feelings were shared in the village – Mr Bennett replied that some feel that certain individuals are favoured.

The Chairman expressed disappointment that no-one comes to Parish Council Meetings to voice concerns or ask questions.

She then quickly went through the Clerk's reply to Mr Bennett's letter – he acknowledged the Clerk's apology for any confusion over the change of date – and went on to his points about walkers, footpaths, stiles etc

There followed a long discussion of blocking of footpaths, especially by standing crops when a path does not follow the edge of a field – Cllrs Coles and Elliott remarked that when a path is well-used walkers follow its line immediately after cultivation, so preventing seedlings growing up to block it, however acknowledged that whilst this may be a local custom, it is against the law and landowners must not ignore their responsibilities regarding footpaths, access and stiles. The Chairman agreed with Mr Bennett's suggestion to write to all landowners to remind them of their responsibilities.

Chairman to write to individual farmers on the details

Mr Bennett raised the question of the correct design of stiles – the Chairman gave Cllr Elliott some information on access regulations including stiles 'kissing gates' etc On the problem of paths getting churned and rutted in wet weather the Chairman noted that Mr and Mrs Gray refused to allow the PC to put scalplings on the footpath from the Pumping Station where it crosses their land, but said she would make further enquiries of the Parish Steward

Mr Bennett requested that the matter be referred to Wiltshire Council. if the Chairman's letters to farmers do not produce the desired effect

Mr Bennett clarified his view about the PC's failures in integrity and clarity: he feels that the PC is not objective because it does not always insist that non-financial interests be declared .

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He suggested that land ownership in relation to footpaths be clearly stated : he will inform the Chairman of the exact details.

At 8.30 the Chairman went on to the Agenda:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Read who is unwell; and Police – Chairman has Report see **4. Reports**
2. **Declarations of Interest :** Cllr Mrs Oliphant for Playing Field; Cllr Mrs Crawford for Housing; Cllrs Elliott and Coles for Footpaths and related matters.
3. **Minutes of 16 September Meeting:** Accepted as a true record, with 1 correction – the Date of the November Meeting was later changed to 25th because the Chairman and Cllr Ogilvie were unable to attend on the 18th.
4. **Reports, Correspondence:**
 - Police Report: No problems in Bulkington, but general watchfulness advised, especially in the run-up to Christmas.
 - Vehicle Speed: to establish whether speeding is a reality the Chairman has applied to Melksham Area Board for a “Metro Count” speed check in Bulkington. This will be discussed on 14th January at the next Community Area Transport Group Meeting. Issue 4330 on Wiltshire Council website.
Keovil PC would like to take over management of a “SID” to share with Bulkington, Steeple Ashton and Bratton – costs would be roughly £200 each for training and replacement batteries.
Speed limit stickers for domestic refuse bins have arrived and will need to be distributed to individual houses – Cllrs Mrs Oliphant for Wickleaze Lane, Coles for Mill Lane, Ogilvie and Barratt for High Street volunteered to do this.
 - C20 Worton has made no further contact; however, the hedges that block sightlines at junctions are now being cut back.
 - Lack of refuse bins near footpaths etc :Stuart Renfrew has confirmed that there is no budget for more bins, and that if one is damaged it will not be replaced. If the PC purchases a bin it will have also have to fund the refuse collection. The Chairman suggested asking the pub owners to take the waste in their contract skip, however Cllr Coles volunteered his skip for Mill Lane.
Cllr Coles volunteered to deal with the damaged bin mount near the Playing Field. Cllr Mrs Crawford suggested the PC should wait until spring/summer to see if an additional bin is still required.
 - PC Minutes in Spotlight – a summary of the draft Minutes will appear in Spotlight.
 - LINK Scheme: Seend scheme covers Bulkington. Only 1 volunteer driver lives in Bulkington – David Raby-Cox. The scheme has no requests from Bulkington. The Chairman suggested that Bulkington villagers may not be aware of the scheme. Cllr Ogilvie will put details including the coordinator's telephone number on the website.
 - Fracking : Chairman and Cllrs Mrs Crawford, Ogilvie and Barratt will get all available information before calling a Village Meeting.
 - Highways changes – Newsletter expected in December, Cllr Ogilvie will put information and the “App” for reporting problems on the website.

5. **S.137 Local Government Act 1972:** No new Application received.

6. **Finance:**

The Clerk reported no problems with Progress against Budget, and went on to state that for the 2016-17 Precept – to be considered in January - Wiltshire Council's "top-up grant" in its final year, is only £14.65 and to be ignored.

Bulkington's Taxbase – the equivalent number of Band D properties, is 120.96, up 3.95,

which means that the Parish share of the Band D rate will *fall* by £1.26 to £37.20 – if the Precept is unchanged.

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6. **Finance: contd**

Each £100 rise in Precept would add about 87p and a £150 rise would bring the Band D rate almost exactly to the 2015-16 figure. She circulated a summary set of figures to make this clear.

Clerk's Report for this Meeting

Received since last Meeting:		
Date	From	£
9 Oct 15	Lloyds Bank – Interest on Deposit A/c	0.30
23 Oct 15	Village Hall – ex-VAT fire extinguisher service	98.41
9 Nov 15	Lloyds Bank – Interest on Deposit A/c	0.31

Paid since last Meeting:				
Date	Payee	Amount £	[inc VAT]	Chq no.
23 Oct 15	Playsafety Ltd – P F safety check	117.60	[19.60]	135
	Bulkington in Bloom – spirals & canes for saplings from Woodlands Trust	35.00	-	136
	Protect Fire Equipment Ltd – Village Hall fire extinguisher service	118.09	[19.68]	138

Note – cheque no 137 cancelled

Authorised at this Meeting:				
Date	Payee	Amount £	[inc VAT]	Chq no.
25 Nov 15	Bulkington Playing Field – for Fireworks bought from Roses, ex-VAT to be reimbursed	500.00	[83.35]	139
	Royal British Legion - Wreath + donation	50.00	S.137	140

	SLCC – Clerk's 2016 subscription	65.00	-	141
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When billed: Grasscutting contract - £840

When new Cheque signatories finalised: Speed stickers for domestic bins - £87.90,
(reimbursement to Cllr Mrs Oliphant)

[Estimated] Bank Balances after these payments:

Treasurer's [Current]	2721 3368	£99.68
Bus Bank Instant [Deposit]	2721 4460	£8,463.82

Cheque signatories: the Chairman has downloaded the Bank's forms for changes -
Cllrs O Coles and G Elliott to replace retired Cllrs - Cllr Ogilvie offered to help with
any problems.

7. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant reported that the Cttee (PFC) is reduced to 2 members – herself and
Mr Crawford. PFC has relied on Volunteers to undertake maintenance and deal
with issues raised in the RoSPA report. The alternatives are to rope off any
equipment reported as unsafe or employ someone to undertake maintenance like other
villages – eg Steeple Ashton.

Cllr Mrs Crawford suggested that any such cost should be paid out of PF funds,
currently £1,500. The PC debated the sustainability of this idea and
discussed whether the Parish Council should take over, and concluded that if this
were the case, the PFC would never

be willing to take responsibility for maintenance.

Cllr Mrs Crawford suggested a real effort to revive the Cttee in the spring.

Cllr Mrs Oliphant agreed, pointing out that the Field is less used during the winter,
and none of the problems is really dangerous.

Cllr Barratt volunteered to do minor jobs himself and to ask around for someone for
bigger repairs – Cllr Mrs Crawford said that any repair requiring a
professional could be paid for out of PF funds.

Cllr Ogilvie wondered if the Area Board would give grants for improvements.

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7. William Breach Centenary Playing Field: contd

Cllr Mrs Crawford reported a successful Fireworks evening – 392 attended, and there
was a profit of £570, with some money put aside for a summer event.

There was no shortage of volunteers for the event, which is promising for the future.

8. Planning: No Application or Wiltshire Council decision received.

9. Any Other Business:

Cllr Mrs Crawford reported complaints about low-flying helicopters on the previous
Tuesday. Sorties are published on the Brize Norton website and any concerns should
be noted here.

Cllr Ogilvie will attend a Melksham Emergency Planning Workshop

on Thursday 3rd December, 5.30-7.30pm.

There being no other business requiring discussion,
the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25pm

Next Meeting, to include 2016-17 Precept Setting,
scheduled for 20th January 2016

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
20 January 2016

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair

Cllrs S Barratt, O Coles, Mrs C Crawford, G Elliott, C Ogilvie and Mrs A Read

2 members of the public – Mr Bennett and Mr Difford

Clerk Mrs FA Price in attendance

The Meeting started at 7.40 – (Clerk and Cllr Mrs Read delayed by weather) with

OPEN FORUM

? Mr Bennett gave the Chairman photographs showing footpath problems – damaged stiles etc – as he had promised.

? He also raised some points in his earlier letter, Chairman to clarify **see 4.**

Reports

? Mr Difford said he only wanted to change the conservatory in his garden in order to keep in with the general appearance of the house -

see 8. Planning

- ☐ Cllr Mrs Crawford reported 2 instances of damage to the stone markers, chains and grass surrounding the War memorial: first by a BOC lorry making a delivery – she contacted the company and got the insurance report number, no news as yet; second by the School Bus.

The Chairman went on to the Agenda:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Received and accepted from Cllr Seed – another meeting and Police – Chairman has report. **See 4.**

Reports

1. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Oliphant for Playing Field; Cllr Mrs Crawford for Housing; Cllrs Elliott and Coles for Footpaths and related matters; Cllrs Ogilvie and Mrs Read for **8. Planning** – as neighbouring householders; All Cllrs except Mrs Oliphant (Council Tax payer in Keevil) for **6. Finance**
Precept Setting

1. **Minutes of 25 November Meeting:** Accepted as a true record, with the note that the date of the January Meeting was later changed to 20th because of delays to Village Hall decoration.

1. **Reports, Correspondence:**

- ☐ Co-option of Councillors – Chairman summarised her letter to Mr Bennett, who had said that the reporting in the Minutes was confusing and gave the impression in the Village that the PC favours certain individuals over others.

- ☐ Footpaths – the Chairman summarised her letter to landowners about their responsibilities, which asked for a reply by the end of the month.

- ☐ Cllrs Barratt and Ogilvie and Mr John Scott are walking all the paths, checking their condition including the state of repair of stiles, gates etc

The Chairman will collect all responses and communicate to Cllr Seed.

Cllr Mrs Read said that in the past the footpaths were checked regularly, and from the floor

Mr Difford said that one person who used to do this had moved away.

- ☐ Police Reoprt: no problems in Bulkington.

Police are visiting local Schools to warn about “Cyber Crime”.

- ☐ Speeding: Speed limit stickers not yet distributed except by Cllr Barratt – he remarked that only *one* has actually gone on a bin – and the houses to be covered were clarified:

Cllrs Mrs Oliphant for Wickleaze Lane and North side High Street from Lawn Farm to the pub;

Mrs Crawford S side High St from Wickleaze Lane to The Close; Coles for Mill Lane and S side High St to Wickleaze Lane; Elliott for N side High St from pub to no1 Bulkington.

All to be done by Monday 25th.

- ☐ No report so far on Community Speed Action Group or Metro Count.

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4. **Reports contd**

- ☐ Mobile Speed Indicator – cost shared by 5 villages, contributing £105 each

- ☐ C20: referred to Community Action Group. Cllr Coles will speak to the landowner about trimming hedges at junctions.

- ☐ Bulkington Minutes in Spotlight – Chairman has arranged for a summary, about 750 words, but publication dates mean that November's report will go in the february issue, January's in March. In future, summary to go on the Website along with Draft Minutes.

❓ Fracking: Cllr Ogilvie reported that the Meeting he attended was really a recruitment exercise, but he has visited various websites and found plenty of information available – however Cllr Mrs Crawford said that it is hard to separate the wheat from the chaff in all this - Cllr Ogilvie agreed that there are substantial *anti*-fracking campaigns, but some fairly balanced films etc are available. The main point is to be sure of your ground before taking the first step. Cllr Mrs Read stressed the importance of getting a balanced view.

The Chairman said all should watch the films etc and then decide what to do.

❓ Emergency Plan: Cllr Ogilvie is close to a final version for 2016 and has called a meeting for 3rd February to agree details. He will apply to SSE for funds for printing costs – the idea is to tell everyone there is a plan and how to find it.

The Chairman stressed the importance of getting information out to the whole village.

❓ Flooding and Drainage: the Chairman reported some recent flooding in Wickleaze Lane, but Cllr Ogilvie said there had been none elsewhere in the village – water seems to be better managed this year, although Highways are doing less and less.

5. Section 137 LGA 1972: No Application for the current financial year received, but PCC requests the PC raise the 2016-17 Grant towards Churchyard maintenance see **6. Finance**

6. Finance: The Clerk reported normal Progress against the 2015-16 Budget.

She then presented draft Estimates for 2016-17, drawn up in consultation with the Chairman.

Administration		£
Clerk	Salary	1,400
	Travel	180
	Post, Telephone, Stationery, Copying	250
	SLCC Subscription	70
	Village Hall Heating, Clerk's Broadband costs	124
Audit Fees	Internal only (External no charge)	30
Insurance	General, inc Premium Tax and Admin Fee (Fireworks included)	
Village Hall Hire	6 PC Meetings + estimated 4 Planning @ £9 a session	90
Playing Field	Grasscutting, inc Pond and Cross	1,000
	RoSPA Safety Inspection	100
	[Fireworks, immediately reimbursed by PF Cttee - £450]	
Maintenance	Hedgecutting	100
Training	Clerk, 2 new Cllrs for WALC course when available	75
Subscriptions	WALC & NALC £100, Community First £36	136
Publications	Local Council Review £17, Other £20	37
S137, Donations est max £600	Regularly inc British Legion wreath + donation, contributions to PCC – Churchyard upkeep, <u>Spotlight</u> – production costs	250

Contingency		100
Estimated Total		4,642

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6. Finance contd

Using these figures, which allow for a rise in Grasscutting costs if AW Services' move to Bristol forces a change of contractor, **Chairman will** contact AW Services and the change in Taxbase reported in November, the Clerk recommended Precept request of £4,650 [+ £14.65 Wiltshire Council Grant], leaving Band D tax rate almost identical to 2015-16.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Oliphant **Seconded:** Cllr Ogilvie **All in Favour**

(Clerk to deliver Precept form directly to County Hall to beat Friday deadline)

Clerk's Report for this Meeting:

Received since last Meeting		
Date	From	£
9 Dec 15	Lloyds Bank – Interest on Deposit A/c	0.29
11 Jan 16	Lloyds Bank – Interest on Deposit A/c - estimated	0.28

Paid since last Meeting				
Date	Payee	Amount £	[inc VAT]	Chq no
21 Dec 15	AW Services - Grasscutting	840.00	-	142

Authorised at this Meeting - none

[Estimated] Bank Balances after thes Payments:

Treasurer's [Current]	2721 3368	£759.68
Bus Bank Instant [Deposit]	2721 4460	£7,464.39

Cllr Mrs Crawford has the Playing Field Cttee's cheque for £416.65 - ex-VAT Fireworks reimbursement – and will pass it on to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Cheque signatories: the Chairman hopes to conclude change soon – Cllr G Elliott and Cllr Mrs Crawford will provide specimen signatures etc – Cllr Coles has withdrawn..

7. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant