

# ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 19:00 in Crudwell Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Budgen (Chair) Hatherell (Vice Chair), Briggs, Clogg, Hopkins, Jones, Maslin, Merriman, and Stephens

**Public:** None present

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Ingham, Payne and Smith (WC-Sherston Division)

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

None

40 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME IN RESPECT OF ITEMS OF BUSINESS INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Hatherell had spoken to the editor of the Signpost magazine about the display of the council's minutes in the magazine. It was agreed the council's preference would be for a link to its minutes being displayed in the magazine rather than a copy of the minutes. The council's contact details were also updated.

41 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

The minutes of the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> June were adopted as a true record and signed accordingly.

42 TO RECEIVE REPORT #07.1 ON PLANNING UPDATES AND REVIEW NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Budgen presented Report #07.1 and gave a brief update on the points raised at the MTC Planning & Environment meeting on Tuesday regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report submitted by the developers of Lime Down Solar Park to the Planning Inspectorate on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. The council were keen to ensure apposite comments were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 14<sup>th</sup> August and agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to prepare a response.

**Action: Clerk**

43 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The RFO presented the accounts for the year to date. The bank statement dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was noted and showed balances of £31,402.63 and £94,974.58 and matched the reconciliation statement. Cllr Hatherell signed the original bank statements as correct and evidence of verification.

The RFO presented the payments schedule. The schedule was approved and Cllr Budgen signed the list of payments for authorisation as per supporting evidence; Cllr Clogg first authoriser, Cllr Stephens second authoriser.

The 2024-25 Quarter 1 Transparency Code was presented and approved; Clerk to upload to the website.

Payment No.	Payee Details	Reason	Amount (£)
1	Crudwell Village Hall	Hall hire July-Sept 2024	£60.00
2	Hathaway Landscapes Ltd	Grass cutting July 2024	£180.00
3	Hathaway Landscapes Ltd	Waste collection July 2024	£302.40
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£542.40</b>

**Action: Cllrs Clogg, Stephens & Clerk**

- 44 TO RECEIVE REPORT #07.2 TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UP TO £5K TO PURCHASE A SOLAR POWERED SID AND SOCKETED POST FOR DEPLOYMENT ON THE A429

Cllr Budgen presented the report to invite the council to approve the purchase of an additional SID for deployment along the A429. Cllr Budgen proposed option 3.2 to support the purchase of an Evolis solar powered SID and the erection of a socketed post by a suitably qualified company be accepted for an amount up to £5K excluding VAT. The council resolved to support the proposal.

- 45 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS REGARDING THE OVERHANGING VEGETATION ON THE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM ST JOHN'S BRIDGE TO THE WATER MEADOWS

Cllr Budgen reported that vegetation routinely overhangs this footpath and Wiltshire Highways consider this a danger. As this is the landowners' responsibility, Cllr Budgen proposed to speak with them requesting action after the bird nesting season. This approach was supported. Cllr Hatherell has also reported this issue on MyWilts.

**Action: Cllr Budgen**

- 46 TO CONSIDER A DONATION REQUEST FROM THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

It was agreed this was a good cause and Cllr Briggs proposed a £500 donation, to be taken from general reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Merriman and so resolved by the council.

**Action: Clerk**

- 47 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS ON HIGHWAYS, PLAYING FIELDS, FOOTPATHS, PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE, PROJECTS WORKING PARTY & WEBSITE WORKING PARTY

**Highways**

Cllr Hatherell reported that the Parish Steward had cut back vegetation from St John's bridge to the Water Meadows, the footpath from Charlton Road to the garage, from signs along Charlton Road to South Lodge and the splays at Townleaze. Cllr Briggs reported that the vegetation had been cut back by Milbourne House and has also spoken to the owner of Firs Farm about cutting back vegetation after the bird nesting season.

**Playing Fields**

Cllr Ingham has put more grass seed on the patches at Rodbourne Road playing field and the rain and warm weather has helped with germination. The edges around the hard standing were not cut this week. He reported the grass at the Chippenham Road playing field looked very tidy and the extra cuts are working well. The council has received notification of the next RoSPA inspection due September/October.

**Footpaths** – no report

**Patients Participation Group** – no report

**Personnel Committee** – no report

**Finance Committee** – no report

**Projects Working Party**

Cllr Clogg reported that the fencing contractor is due to move the fence by the 41m path at Cowbridge next week. Cllr Hatherell reported Wiltshire Highways is considering 'no cost to the council' improvement options for the Burton Hill zebra crossing which include refreshing the paint on the posts, installing improved lighting in the existing globes and ultimately installing new high visibility globes. The Warden & Freeman have stated they have no plans to sell the land adjacent to the Corston LNR. Proposed locations for the siting of 2 grit bins along Foxley Road are awaiting a Wiltshire Highways response.

**Website Working Party** – no report

The meeting closed at 19:44

The next meeting will be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Crudwell Village Hall

..... Chair ..... Dated