

ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th June 2024 at 19:00 in Crudwell Village Hall

Present: Cllr Hatherell (Chair), Briggs, Clogg, Hopkins, Ingham, Maslin, Merriman, Payne, Stephens and Smith (WC-Sherston Division)

Public: One present

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Budgen and Jones.

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

None

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

A councillor from Kington St Michael raised serious concerns regarding a solar farm planning application and requested that if the council supported the issues to please send an objection. This was agreed.

32 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THE 22nd MAY 2024

The minutes of the meeting on the 24nd May were slightly amended for #24 and adopted as a true record and signed accordingly.

33 TO RECEIVE REPORT #06.1 ON PLANNING UPDATES AND REVIEW NEW APPLICATIONS

Cllr Hatherell presented Report #06.1 and the council considered the following planning applications. Full comments submitted by the council can be viewed online at Wiltshire Council under the relevant application reference.

Site	Reference	Comments
The Grange, Grange Lane, SN16 0EP	PL/2024/04444	No comment
Rodbourne Rail Solar Farm, Grange Lane, Corston, SN16 0ES	PL/2024/05301	No objection

34 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The RFO presented the accounts for the year to date. The bank statement dated 31st May 2024 was noted and showed balances of £36,336.80 and £94,620.72 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 Hatherell signed the list of payments for authorisation as per supporting evidence; Cllr Clogg first authoriser, Cllr Stephens second authoriser.

Payment No.	Payee Details	Reason	Amount (£)
1	R J & S H Mellows	Overtime payment - April (12 hours)	£164.76
2	R J & S H Mellows	Overtime payment - May (5 hours)	£68.65
3	TEEC Limited	Annual website hosting and domain purchase	£194.39
4	R J & S H Mellows	Reimburse for Microsoft 365 on clerk's laptop	£59.99
5	R J & S H Mellows	Home working allowance Qtr 1 2024-25	£78.00
6	Valley View Fencing and Landscaping Ltd	Level/reseed Rodbourne Rd playing field	£1,897.20

7	Franklin's Garden Supplies	Vegetation clearance Cowbridge permissive path	£580.00
8	Hathaway Landscapes Ltd	Grass cutting - June 2024	£180.00
9	Hathaway Landscapes Ltd	Waste collection - June 2024	£302.40
10	Elan City Ltd	SID with longer cable & battery for Corston	£2,554.79
		TOTAL	£16,080.18

Action: Cllrs Clogg, Stephens & Clerk

35 TO APPROVE MATCH FUNDING OF UP TO £500 TO SUPPORT A PROPOSED AREA BOARD GRANT APPLICATION FOR A MOWER FOR USE AT THE CORSTON LNR

Cllr Hatherell reported that Corston LNR management committee wished to purchase a dedicated mower to tackle abundant grass growth. A person nearby has agreed to store it. Cllr Hatherell proposed match funding of up to £500 to support the LNR's proposed Area Board grant application. This was unanimously agreed.

36 TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SAFETY OF LITHIUM ION BATTERIES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

Information regarding a campaign to improve the safety of lithium-ion batteries and their disposal was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Hopkins proposed that the council resolve to support any moves approved by parliament to increase the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal. This was agreed.

37 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 has cut back vegetation by Truckle Bridge and the animal sanctuary, the Corston footpath to Buildbase and by Cowbridge Crescent. Cllr Hatherell has raised issues on MyWilts for the rest of the Corston path to be cleared, the vegetation near signs on the bypass to be cut back and trees by Town Bridge. Cllr Briggs reported he would ask the owners of Milbourne House to cut back vegetation by the boundary wall and branches overhanging the boundary. **Action: Cllr Briggs**

Playing Fields

Cllr Hatherell has checked the play equipment at Chippenham Road playing field. The grass has been well cut, although some strimming is required around the boundaries. Some of the grass seed at Rodbourne Road playing field has germinated and needs watering. The grass contractor has been asked to tidy the remaining grass around the basketball court.

Footpaths

Cllr Hopkins reported that a resident had been in contact about stiles in need of repair, but the grid reference placed the issue well outside our parish.

Patients Participation Group

Cllr Ingham reported there had been 2 new members at the recent meeting. The POD has now closed but the surgery has a dedicated phone line from 2-3pm for those unable to access the NHS app. The PATCHs system is going very well, enabling patients to book appointments 2 weeks in advance with their preferred practitioner. GPs are now doing 15 minute appointments. The AGM is on 6th August.

Personnel Committee

Cllr Clogg reported the committee's Terms of Reference have been reviewed and remain unchanged.

Finance Committee – no report

Projects Working Party

At the recent meeting Cllr Hatherell took over as Chair. He reported that the playing field at Rodbourne Road had been levelled and reseeded. Locations for the siting of SIDs at Burton Hill and on the Swindon Road had been agreed with Wiltshire Council (WC) and a report is due to come to council soon. A couple of suggestions had been made regarding the next newsletter and this was now ready for distribution.

Website Working Party – no report

The meeting closed at 19:44

The next meeting will be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at Crudwell Village Hall

..... Chair

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