

Christian Malford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 7.45pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair), M Cox, M Johnson, I Kirkpatrick, I Patterson, C Read, K Assinder and B Kimber. Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

102⁽²²⁾ Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hines (work).

103⁽²²⁾ Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda

No declarations of interests were received.

104⁽²²⁾ Public Forum Session

No matters raised.

105⁽²²⁾ Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 2 August 2022 and they were duly signed.

106⁽²²⁾ Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £3,094.81 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** awarding A Crotty the contract for the Memorial Garden Fence and Seat works at the Burial Ground at a cost of £2,150 + VAT.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** a quote for £558.91 from N Wardall to rebuild the circular bench and re-stake several trees on the Malford Meadow.

107⁽²²⁾ Planning

It was **resolved to respond** to one new planning application received as follows:

	Planning Ref	Details	Decision
a	PL/2022/06158	Mermaid Farm, Main Road, SN15 4BD – Retrospective change of use for twelve stables and static vehicle storage within existing buildings.	No Comment

108⁽²²⁾ Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review

Cllr Depla invited the Chair of the NDP Review Team to give an update and it was noted that the team had agreed to put the review on hold until such time as they have received the publication of the indicative housing figures from Wiltshire Council, due at the end of October 2022. NW is to contact the Spatial Planning Team for clarification on the parameters for evidence/requirements that they need for a full review and he will cc in MP James Gray and Cllr Howard Greenman.

109⁽²²⁾ Highways, Parish Steward, CSW and Speed Indicator Device

Cllr I Patterson gave an update on highways matters including the lack of progress on the works at the car park by the Guinness Trust, flooding under Lye Common bridge, the lack of an update or date for the dropped kerbs works at Roundwood View and the owner of the hedge at the junction between The Green and Station Road. He had no update from the Parish Steward as he was on holiday in August. He gave an update on the stats from the SID which show that speeds still remain high and advised that Wiltshire Traffic will be installing speed review equipment on Station Road to determine our request for a temporary speed limit whilst the B4069 remains closed at Lyneham Banks.

110⁽²²⁾ Recreation Ground

Cllr K Assinder reported on the play area inspection carried out by Wicksteed last month and gave a brief outline of the maintenance that will be required going forward. He will be placing an 'advert' in the Parish News and on Shout Out asking for volunteers to help put together a proposal for improving/replacing the play equipment.

111⁽²²⁾ Malford Meadow/Allotments

Cllr S Depla gave Cllr Hines's report in his absence and it was noted that the maintenance contractors have done a good job with the strimming and mowing. There was no further update on the compost area requested by the Allotmenters but it was noted that some waste from the allotments had been dumped in various areas. It was also noted that the area where the bonfire was sited needs some attention and Cllr Assinder advised that they were planning to remove the ash much earlier in 2022.

112⁽²²⁾ Burial Ground

Cllr M Johnson reported on the tree works and noted that the whitebeam had been removed and the logs left. Cllrs K Assinder and M Cox offered to chainsaw the remaining stump and roots.

113⁽²²⁾ Rights of Way & Village Assets

Cllr I Kirkpatrick reported on the works needed on the CMAL1 bridge including the pollarding of a tree and repairs to a stile. Cllr M Cox reported that the brickwork repairs carried out at the bus shelter appeared to be sub-standard and would need to be re-done – Cllr I Kirkpatrick to speak to N Wardall.

114⁽²²⁾ Village Hall

Cllr S Depla reported that he had been contacted by the Chair of the VHMC about the lack of representation by the Parish Council on their committee meetings. It was noted that Cllr Hines had recent commitments that have prevented him from attending the meetings. Cllr I Kirkpatrick said he had previously agreed to sit on the re-build sub-committee and was happy to continue to do so.

115⁽²²⁾ Flooding/Emergency Plan

Cllr M Cox reported on the excellent work carried out by the Pug Brook Working Group that cleared rubbish and under/overgrowth from the downstream section of Pug Brook. Upstream still needs clearing but access is not possible without permission and help from the riparian landowners along that section and he will be contacting them to request this.

116⁽²²⁾ Environmental/Sustainability Matters

Cllr B Kimber had no further matters to report.

117⁽²²⁾ Wiltshire Council

No matters raised.

118⁽²²⁾ Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was given, forms part of these minutes and is available on request.

119⁽²²⁾ Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as Tuesday 4 October 2022 in the Village Hall.

120⁽²²⁾ Personnel - CONFIDENTIAL

The Clerk was asked to leave the meeting (LGA 1972 Sch 12a) to allow the discussion of confidential matters pertaining to the Parish Clerk.

a) Cllr M Johnson presented the Clerk's Annual Appraisal.

b) It was **resolved to approve** a contribution to the Clerk's personal pension scheme commencing on 1 October 2022.

Meeting ended at 21:15

Chair.....

Date.....