

Christian Malford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 7.45pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair), M Johnson, I Kirkpatrick, C Read, K Assinder, B Kimber, P Hines and M Cox (arrived 20.05). Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk, and Cllr H Greenman (arrived 20.10).

121⁽²²⁾ **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr I Patterson (Covid).

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

No declarations of interests were received.

123⁽²²⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters raised.

124⁽²²⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6 September 2022 and they were duly signed.

125⁽²²⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £1,796.29 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** expenditure up to £300 to plant tulip bulbs in the grass triangle at The Green.

126⁽²²⁾ **Planning**

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

	Planning Ref	Details	Decision
a	PL/2022/01313	Land Adjoining The Mermaid Inn, Main Road, SN15 4BE - Erection of two dwellings and associated works	Object – and HG to Call-in
b	PL/2022/06771	Barn House, Main Road, SN15 4BS - Confirmation of use of land as garden land	No Comment

127⁽²²⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review**

Cllr B Kimber and the Council wished Nigel well following his recent operation. The NDP Review Team will resume once they have received clarification from Wiltshire Council on procedures and housing figures.

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

Cllr I Patterson's reports were noted in his absence. The Clerk agreed to contact the Police to enquire about them carrying out speed checks on the Main Road.

129⁽²²⁾ **Recreation Ground**

Cllr K Assinder asked if the Maintenance Officer (MO) could weedkill the car park at the Rec and fix a broken fence rail – Cllr I Kirkpatrick is to liaise with NW to arrange. KA further reported on the recent Anti Social Behaviour where someone lifted one of the wooden posts out of the ground so that they could drive onto the grass, causing some damage – the post has now been replaced. He has also had an initial meeting with a resident on the play area improvements.

130⁽²²⁾ **Malford Meadow/Allotments**

Cllr Hines gave a brief update and details on the broken seat around the oak tree to be repaired by the MO.

131⁽²²⁾ **Burial Ground**

Cllr M Johnson reported that the whitebeam logs had now been removed. The Clerk agreed to chase-up A Crotty on the fence and seat works approved at the Memorial Garden.

132⁽²²⁾ **Rights of Way & Village Assets**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick advised that the MO had been unwell and would be catching up with repairs w/b 10 October. The MO has picked up the dog poo bags from him for the dispensers.

133⁽²²⁾ **Village Hall**

No report received. Cllr I Kirkpatrick is to attend the future VHMC meetings, although he is unavailable for the next one.

134⁽²²⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr M Cox reported on the excellent work carried out by the Pug Brook Working Group both downstream and upstream and that they will be meeting again on 8 October. He has spoken to the landowner at Lye Common and they have agreed to help clear some of their section of the Brook.

135⁽²²⁾ **Environmental/Sustainability Matters**

Cllr B Kimber reported on the Government's domestic tree seed production initiative to encourage people to plant more native trees.

136⁽²²⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr H Greenman reported on the revival of the Rural Parishes Forum and the resurrection of the Fly-tipping Hotspots list and CCTV grants. He further reported on funding from Wiltshire Council for cost of living assistance, more care in the community and homes for vulnerable people and to tackle illicit drug use in the County.

137⁽²²⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

138⁽²²⁾ **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as Tuesday 1 November 2022 in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 20:35

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