

# Christian Malford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 7.45pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair), I Kirkpatrick, C Read, B Kimber and M Cox. Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk, and Ward Cllr H Greenman (arrived 20.03).

### 139<sup>(22)</sup> Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Assinder (holiday), I Patterson (personal), M Johnson (unwell) and P Hines (work).

### 140<sup>(22)</sup> Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda

No declarations of interests were received.

### 141<sup>(22)</sup> Public Forum Session

No matters raised.

### 142<sup>(22)</sup> Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4 October 2022 and they were duly signed.

### 143<sup>(22)</sup> Standing Orders (v3.1)

It was **resolved to approve** proposals to change the Council's Standing Orders and to adopt v3.1, with effect from 1 January 2023, in respect of Section 2. Ordinary Council Meetings, as follows:

- i. **2.s** ".... annual meeting .... shall be held on the first **Wednesday** in May."
- ii. **2.t** ".... meetings be held on the first **Wednesday** of every month."
- iii. **2.u** ".... meetings will start at **7.15pm**."

### 144<sup>(22)</sup> Finance

It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £2,464.70 for online payment.

### 145<sup>(22)</sup> Planning

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

	Planning Ref	Details	Decision
a	<a href="#">PL/2022/07556</a>	Brook Farm, Foxham Road, SN15 4NE - First floor extension	<b>No Comment</b>

### 146<sup>(22)</sup> Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review

Cllr B Kimber reported that Louise Tilsed from Wiltshire Council has said that the housing allocation figures, that are needed for the review, had been delayed now until early 2023.

### 147<sup>(22)</sup> Highways, Parish Steward, CSW and Speed Indicator Device

Cllr I Patterson's reports were noted in his absence. The Clerk agreed to chase-up LHFIF for the speed survey results from The Green.

### 148<sup>(22)</sup> Recreation Ground

Cllr K Assinder's report was noted in his absence.

### 149<sup>(22)</sup> Malford Meadow/Allotments

Cllr Hines's report was noted in his absence.

150<sup>(22)</sup> **Burial Ground**

Cllr M Johnson's report was noted in her absence. The Clerk advised that she had been unable to contact A Crotty regarding the contract for works at the Memorial Garden and several Cllrs said they would talk to him after the Bonfire event.

151<sup>(22)</sup> **Rights of Way & Village Assets**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick reported that one of the dog bag dispensers at the Meadow had been damaged by the Bonfire Committee and a new one had been ordered. The Clerk will invoice the Bonfire Committee to cover the cost. Following a brief discussion, he agreed to carry out a full audit of the various benches at the Meadow to try and determine ownership and ongoing maintenance responsibilities.

152<sup>(22)</sup> **Village Hall**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick reported that the VHMC has had a very expensive quote for the bat survey needed as part of the planning requirements for the new hall.

153<sup>(22)</sup> **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr M Cox reported that Pug Brook was now clear both down and upstream, that the Clerk has contacted Network Rail to request they clear the culverts under the railway embankment and that he is still chasing the issues at the Lye Common development.

154<sup>(22)</sup> **Environmental/Sustainability Matters**

Cllr B Kimber noted that 30 free trees are to be planted on the Meadow.

155<sup>(22)</sup> **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr H Greenman advised on the conversations he'd had with the VHMC on the bat survey and reported that the Wiltshire Climate Strategy had been approved, which includes provision for more EVCPs (electric vehicle charging points), and that they were also making extra funds available to tackle domestic abuse in the County.

156<sup>(22)</sup> **Clerk's Report**

No Clerk's report was received – she advised that she was busy putting the Draft Budget together.

157<sup>(22)</sup> **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as Tuesday 6 December 2022 in the Village Hall.

*Meeting ended at 20:37*

Chair.....

Date.....