

Christian Malford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 4 January 2023 at 7.15pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair*), I Kirkpatrick, C Read, B Kimber, K Assinder, I Patterson, M Johnson, P Hines and M Cox. Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk, 2 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman. (*Cllr Hines opened the meeting and Cllr Depla took the Chair when he arrived at 19:19).

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

No apologies were received.

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

No declarations of interests were received.

178⁽²²⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters raised.

179⁽²²⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

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

180⁽²²⁾ **Village Hall – Planning Application**

Cllr S Depla invited the Paul McPherson, Chair of the VHMC, to present details of the planning application for the new Village Hall that they were seeking support for from the Parish Council. It was **resolved to support** the application and the Clerk agreed to send the appropriate letter

181⁽²²⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £770.75 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the 2023-2024 Budget (v2.0) and Precept at £27,838.75, which represents a 2.95% increase on 2022-2023.

182⁽²²⁾ **Planning**

It was **noted** that all Councillors **agreed** to a No Comment response on PL/2022/09653 – Barn House and on the Pre Planning Consultation Cornerstone 127200 for a telecoms tower.

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

Cllr B Kimber reported that they were still waiting for confirmation from Wiltshire Council on the housing figures.

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

Cllr I Patterson gave an update on the yearly stats from the SID and there was a discussion on how to try and encourage more CSW volunteers. Cllr Hines said he would chase-up our request for speed checks from the police. IP further reported on matters to be dealt with by the Parish Steward and it was noted that there was still no further update from Wiltshire Council on the dropped kerbs at Roundwood View – the Clerk said the LHFIC team were meeting on 24-Jan-2023 and she was hoping for an update soon.

185⁽²²⁾ **Recreation Ground**

Cllr K Assinder had nothing to report.

186⁽²²⁾ **Malford Meadow/Allotments**

Cllr Hines reported that they were hoping to plant the 30 trees soon but he was still waiting for a quote from the Maintenance Office to install the tree stakes.

He also reported that, as the bonfire is still smouldering, they haven't managed to clear the ashes yet.

187⁽²²⁾ Burial Ground

Cllr M Johnson reported that she had made no progress with A Crotty regarding the contract for the fencing and bench at the Memorial Garden and it was agreed that the Clerk would find another contractor.

188⁽²²⁾ Rights of Way & Village Assets

Cllr I Kirkpatrick had nothing to report. Cllr Assinder was still waiting to hear from the Maintenance Officer on the installation of the goal posts but said he was hoping to have them in by the end of February.

189⁽²²⁾ Village Hall

There was nothing further to report.

190⁽²²⁾ Flooding/Emergency Plan

Cllr M Cox reported that, despite the amount of snow and rain we had had recently, he was really amazed at the lack of flooding – which he attributed to the clearance work that had been done at Pug Brook. He raised some concerns over the stability of a gabion wall that had been installed at one of the gardens in Lye Common with regard to it potentially collapsing into Pug Brook.

191⁽²²⁾ Environmental/Sustainability Matters

Cllr B Kimber asked if she could purchase an extra long litter picking tool to help with the removal of rubbish from deep ditches – this was agreed.

192⁽²²⁾ Wiltshire Council

Cllr H Greenman reported on the proposed planning developments to the South and East of Chippenham and the potential traffic issues they might cause, especially the one to the South.

193⁽²²⁾ Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received and forms part of these minutes (available on request to the Clerk).

194⁽²²⁾ Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 1 February 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 20:30

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