

Christian Malford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 7.15pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: P Hines (Chair), I Patterson, I Kirkpatrick, M Johnson, C Read, M Cox and K Assinder. Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk.

042⁽²³⁾ Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Depla (work) and B Kimber (work).

043⁽²³⁾ Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda

No declarations of interests were received.

044⁽²³⁾ Public Forum Session

No matters raised.

045⁽²³⁾ Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 3 May 2023 and they were duly signed.

046⁽²³⁾ Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement for June 2023 and new invoices totalling £1,114.08 for online payment.
- b) **Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022-2023 -**
 - i. It was **resolved to receive and note** the completed Annual Internal Audit Report.
 - ii. It was **resolved to approve** the Annual Governance Statement and it was duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.
 - iii. It was **resolved to approve** the Accounting Statements and they were duly signed by the Chair.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the Clerk attending the SLCC Planning Summit on 5 July 2023 at a cost of £60 and 2 hours of overtime at £33.28.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** a grant of £66.00 for the PCC's green waste collection bin from Wiltshire Council for 2023-2024.

047⁽²³⁾ Planning

Cllr C Read reported on one new planning application and it was **resolved to agree** to respond:

a	PL/2023/03944	Paradise Farm, Main Road, SN15 4BY - Application for Prior Approval for Change of Use from Agricultural to Flexible Commercial Use under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of GDPO.	Support
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048⁽²³⁾ Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review

Cllr B Kimber's update was given in her absence and it was agreed to contact Ward Cllr Howard Greenman to see if he had been able to get clarification from Louise Tilsed, Senior Planning Officer, Spatial Planning Team on the actual process for completing the review. The Clerk agreed to try and find the original NDP questionnaire sent to residents. Several Councillors expressed concern that there seemed to be a lack of communication or understanding in what had been discussed and the actions agreed at Council meetings and felt that the whole Council should help move the review forward.

049⁽²³⁾ Highways, Parish Steward, CSW and Speed Indicator Device

Cllr I Patterson reported that Adrian had now retired and had arranged for a thank you card to be sent on behalf of the Council. Our new Parish Steward, Mark Hawkins, will be with us on 14 June. He gave

an update on the stats from the SID and the Clerk agreed to make arrangements to try and get it moved to Station Road, subject to a suitable post being available.

050⁽²³⁾ **Recreation Ground**

Cllr K Assinder reported that the moss needs to be cleared from the MUGA and would get a price for some industrial strength moss killer. He'd also had a meeting with a couple of residents on the refurb project for the Junior Play Area to help move it forward.

051⁽²³⁾ **Malford Meadow/Allotments**

Cllr Hines reported that some of the grass had been cut by local residents, there was a planned delivery of compost for the Allotmenters and sunflowers had been planted on the bonfire patch. It was agreed that the guards around the saplings needed expanding and weeds need clearing to help them thrive.

052⁽²³⁾ **Burial Ground**

Cllr M Johnson reported on the current situation with the grounds maintenance, following problems with the new Idverde Contract Manager and the works not being done. She has received 1 quote for the paths and gravelled area at the Memorial Garden and it was agreed that a spec needed to be drawn up for the work and a further 2 quotes obtained.

053⁽²³⁾ **Rights of Way & Village Assets**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick reported that he was waiting for dry weather to finish the asset labels and that the works at the Drunge had been completed. He would like to pursue having some new information boards (like they have in Sutton Benger) for the Rights of Way and he agreed to look into it. Cllr K Assinder also said a resident was looking into new notice boards for the village.

054⁽²³⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick reported that they now had new Chairs for the VHMC and the Fundraising Committee.

055⁽²³⁾ **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr M Cox had nothing to report.

056⁽²³⁾ **Environmental/Sustainability Matters**

No update report was received.

057⁽²³⁾ **Wiltshire Council**

No update report was received.

058⁽²³⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

059⁽²³⁾ **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as Wednesday 5 July 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 20:18

Chair.....

Date.....