

# Christian Malford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 5 July 2023 at 7.15pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair), I Patterson, I Kirkpatrick, M Johnson, C Read, M Cox, K Assinder, B Kimber and P Hines. Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk, 2 members of the NDP Team, 3 representatives from Exagen and Ward Cllr H Greenman.

### 060<sup>(23)</sup> Apologies and Reasons for Absence

No apologies were received.

### 061<sup>(23)</sup> Declarations of interests from members regarding matters on the agenda

Cllr S Depla declared a pecuniary interest in item 066<sup>(23)</sup>(a) – as the planning applicant for PL/2023/04107. No further declarations of interests were received.

### 062<sup>(23)</sup> Swallett Solar Farm

The Chair invited 3 representatives from Exagen to give a presentation on their proposals for the Swallett Solar Farm. Various questions were asked by the Councillors and Clerk for clarification during the presentation.

### 063<sup>(23)</sup> Public Forum Session

No matters raised.

### 064<sup>(23)</sup> Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 7 June 2023 and they were duly signed.

### 065<sup>(23)</sup> Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement for July 2023 and new invoices totalling £1,668.57 for online payment.
- b) It was **agreed** to postpone discussions on the proposals for new village noticeboards until the next Parish Council Meeting when more information would be available.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** expenditure of £240.00 plus materials for the urgent repair of stiles on CMAL8.

### 066<sup>(23)</sup> Planning

Cllr C Read reported on one new planning application and it was **resolved to agree** to respond (Cllr S Depla refrained from commenting or voting):

a	<a href="#">PL/2023/04107</a>	Avonweir, Avonweir Lane, SN15 4AY - Conversion of existing building into ancillary residential use with associated extension and raising roof.	<b>No Comment</b>
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### 067<sup>(23)</sup> Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review

The Chair of the NDP Review Team presented their draft questionnaire which was approved by the Councillors, and it was agreed that it would be printed on coloured paper and distributed to all households in the village via a flyer in the Parish News and posted on the website, notice boards and Shout Out. Cllr H Greenman advised that the housing figures for Wiltshire should be available at the end of the month.

### 068<sup>(23)</sup> Highways, Parish Steward, CSW and Speed Indicator Device

Cllr I Patterson's reports were received, and a brief discussion took place on the location of a post on Station Road so that the SID can be moved.

069<sup>(23)</sup> **Recreation Ground**

Cllr K Assinder's report was received, and it was noted that they would be having a meeting next week on the play area refurb project.

070<sup>(23)</sup> **Malford Meadow/Allotments**

Cllr Hines's report was received, and it was noted that the grounds maintenance works by Idverde had still not been carried out according to the contract and that it had been too wet for C Candy to cut the whole meadow. It was also noted that the meadow is to be used for parking for the Fake That music event on 15 July 2023.

071<sup>(23)</sup> **Burial Ground**

Cllr M Johnson's was received, and it was noted that Idverde had carried out some more grounds maintenance works but had not cut the wildflower areas. It was agreed that Cllrs S Depla, M Johnson and the Clerk would meet during the summer to move forward with the extension to the burial ground.

072<sup>(23)</sup> **Rights of Way & Village Assets**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick's report was received and issues raised by the landowner behind the Rec apparently caused during the repairs to a damaged stile were noted.

073<sup>(23)</sup> **Village Hall**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.

074<sup>(23)</sup> **Flooding/Emergency Plan**

Cllr M Cox had nothing to report.

075<sup>(23)</sup> **Environmental/Sustainability Matters**

Cllr S Depla raised a request to plant more wildflowers in the village, following the success of the tulips in the 'pink triangle' – it was agreed to have a meeting in the summer to discuss.

076<sup>(23)</sup> **Wiltshire Council**

Cllr H Greenman reported that he was looking into the removal of the Take That advertising banners.

077<sup>(23)</sup> **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received but it was noted that no written report had been circulated.

078<sup>(23)</sup> **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

It was resolved to agree to cancel the meeting on 2 August 2023 and noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be on Wednesday 6 September 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 20:55

Chair.....

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