

# Christian Malford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

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

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair), I Patterson, P Hines, K Assinder, C Read and B Kimber. Also present: L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Johnson (holiday), I Kirkpatrick (holiday) and M Cox (unwell).

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

Cllr S Depla declared a pecuniary interest in item 103<sup>(23)</sup>(a) – as the planning applicant for PL/2023/08027. No further declarations of interests were received.

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

A member of the Episcopal Church from Chippenham was interested in the proposed development on Station Road and possibly purchasing some land in the village to build a small church. He was advised that the Village Hall was not being re-located and that the Council could not comment on the proposed development at this stage. The Clerk agreed to email them the contact details for the Hills Homes representative so that they could contact them directly.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6 September 2023, and they were duly signed.

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

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement for October 2023 and new invoices totalling £2,400.06 were authorised for online payment.
- b) **Grounds Maintenance Contracts**
- i. It was **resolved to agree not** to renew the contract with Idverde for grounds maintenance at the Burial Ground and Churchyard.
  - ii. It was **resolved to approve** cancelling the contract with Idverde for grounds maintenance at the Malford Meadow, agreed to 2025.
  - iii. It was **resolved to approve** appointing Cllr Martyn Cox to have responsibility for the grounds maintenance contracts for Parish Council owned land in the village, to include Tender/Contract creation, liaising with contractors and monitoring works carried out.
- c) **Weed Killing** – It was **resolved to approve** expenditure for Cllr K Assinder to attend courses for the Safe use of Pesticides at £91 (Excl. VAT) + £79.99 for assessment and for Pesticides Safe use of handheld applicator and near watercourses £195.00 (Excl. VAT) + £79.99 for the assessment – total of £445.98.
- d) **Play Area Refurbishment** - It was **resolved to approve** expenditure of £1,950 (Excl. VAT) from CIL funds for an independent consultation on a design for improvements to the Play Area at the Recreation Ground (KA).

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

**New planning application** – It was **resolved to respond** as follows:

i	<a href="#">PL/2023/08027</a>	Avonweir, Avonweir Lane, SN15 4AY - Change of use of land to garden along with the reconstruction and extension of former potting shed for ancillary residential use.	<b>No Comment</b>
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104<sup>(23)</sup> **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review**

Cllr B Kimber reported that there had been 40 responses so far on the review and Cllr P Hines agreed to put a reminder on Shout Out to encourage more people to complete it before 13 October 2023. She said the NDP Team would compile the responses into a report to be circulated to the PC and presented at the PC Meeting on 1-Nov-2023.

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

Cllr I Patterson reported on matters raised with the Parish Steward, including the hedge at Lye Common junction which can be cut back now the bird nesting season has finished. The CSW team had received an email asking that, as they hadn't met for over 6 months, they share/give the Speed Gun to a new team in Seagry. Cllr Patterson was keen not to lose the CSW team and Cllr K Assinder agreed to put a call out for more volunteers on Shout Out. It was noted that Cllr I Kirkpatrick would be attending the Parish Forum meeting on 18 October 2023, and he would be raising the speeding issues.

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

Cllr K Assinder reported that he had asked M Biggins to flail the hedges and that the Cricket Club would be re-doing their square soon. He also reported that moss on the surfaces at the MUGA and Play Area needed to be jet-washed and then a moss killer applied.

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

Cllr Hines asked if he could arrange for M Biggins to carry out the hedge and bramble maintenance if it was not done by Idverde – this was agreed. He agreed to liaise with Cllr I Kirkpatrick on installing concrete bases under the benches at the Meadow. He further reported that the trees we planted were doing well but the ones in the orchard needed pruning – he agreed to liaise with a local tree man.

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

Cllr M Johnson's report was noted.

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

Cllr I Kirkpatrick's report was noted.

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

Cllr I Kirkpatrick's report was noted.

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

a) Cllr M Cox's report was noted.

b) It was resolved to appoint Cllr S Depla to take over the role of Flood/Emergency Plan co-ordinator.

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

Cllr S Depla reported on the meetings about the new bulbs, etc., to be planted throughout the village.

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

No report was received.

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

The Clerk's Report was received and forms part of these Minutes.

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

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be on Wednesday 1 November 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 20:11

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