

Christian Malford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 7.15pm at the Christian Malford Village Hall

Those present were noted as Councillors: S Depla (Chair), I Kirkpatrick, M Johnson, M Cox, K Assinder and C Read. Also present: 2 members of the public and Ward Cllr H Greenman.

079⁽²³⁾ **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Kimber (work), P Hines (work), I Patterson (holiday) and from the Clerk (Covid).

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

No declarations of interests were received.

081⁽²³⁾ **Public Forum Session**

2 residents on Main Road raised the issue of two small trees that have grown in the ditch causing visibility problems when leaving their driveway – and wanted to know who were responsible for maintaining them. They were advised that it was probably Wiltshire Highways and advised to report it via the MyWilts App.

082⁽²³⁾ **Minutes for Approval**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12 July 2023 and they were duly signed.

083⁽²³⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to ratify** the August monthly accounts statement emailed to all Councillors for approval with new invoices totalling £667.22 and authorised for payment on 10-Aug-2023
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement for September 2023 and new invoices totalling £721.76 for online payment.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** expenditure of up to £4,000 from CIL funds to purchase 4 new notice boards for the village - at the Shop, Recreation Ground and Village Hall.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** expenditure of up to £400 from CIL funds to purchase flowers and bulbs for areas around the village:.

084⁽²³⁾ **Planning**

- a) It was **resolved to ratify** the decisions submitted on planning applications considered in August 2023:

i	PL/2023/05860	72 The Green, SN15 4BQ - Proposed two storey rear extension to form living room at ground floor and master bedroom on first floor, single storey side extension to replace existing and internal alterations	No Comment
ii	PL/2023/05846	19 Lime Trees, SN15 4BN - Single storey rear extension with new rear and front dormer windows	No Comment
iii	PL/2023/05537	Barn House, Main Road, SN15 4BS - Extension to annex for indoor exercise area, remove ex shed and outbuilding	No Comment
iv	PL/2023/04878	Frogwell House, Station Road, SN15 4BL - Retrospective permission for erection of fence	No Objection Subject to Condition

- b) **New planning applications** - To receive an update from Cllr C Read in respect of new planning applications received and to agree the responses to:

i	PL/2023/06223	10 Woodlands Close, SN15 4AU - Solar panels are proposed to be installed on South facing elevations to the house and garage. Battery storage at low level to the rear of the property	No Objection
ii	PL/2023/06767	Fordlands, Main Road, SN15 4BB - Proposed orangery to rear & external/ internal alterations & associated works.	Mixed

A brief discussion took place on the application in Sutton Benger for 60 houses ([PL/2023/06204](#)) on the east side of the village that will impact on the gap between our 2 villages. Cllr H Greenman gave an update on the Regulation 19 consultation on the draft Local Plan which recommends a nil residual requirement for housing for both Sutton Benger and Christian Malford till 2036 and he urged everyone to submit their comments on this application – the date to respond by having been extended to 14 September 2023.

- c) **Notification of Planning Appeal for PL/2021/11163 – Christian Farm** – It was resolved that no further comments needed to be submit to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of this Appeal.

085⁽²³⁾ **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review**

Cllr B Kimber's update was noted in her absence. Cllrs gave their appreciation of the work carried out so far, particularly re the village questionnaire. To keep momentum going, it was requested that the results were compiled and circulated to the PC by 27 Oct to be presented at the following Nov PC Meeting on 1-Nov-2023.

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

Cllr I Patterson's updates were noted in his absence. Discussion was had re the extraordinary speeds that some are hitting in/near the village. The next Rural Parishes Forum on 18 October will have the police presenting, one/some of the PC members will be attending to raise our concerns along with the data.

087⁽²³⁾ **Recreation Ground**

Cllr K Assinder's report was received, and it was noted that they would be having a meeting in a few weeks with a consultant to have a professional proposal for the play area refurb project.

088⁽²³⁾ **Malford Meadow/Allotments**

Cllr Hines's update was noted in his absence, and it was noted that the grounds maintenance works by Idverde had still not been carried out according to the contract. It was resolved to approve the expenditure of £200 for new stakes and guards to protect the trees we planted. It was also agreed that Cllr Hines would arrange for the hedge and bramble maintenance to be carried out.

089⁽²³⁾ **Burial Ground**

Cllr M Johnson's was received, and it was noted that Idverde had not carried out the grounds maintenance works as promised and the wildflower area had still not been cut. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to put together a new tender for the grounds maintenance contracts for 2024.

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

Cllr I Kirkpatrick's report was noted.

091⁽²³⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr I Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.

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092⁽²³⁾ Flooding/Emergency Plan

Cllr M Cox's report was noted. Following his attendance at the Community Resilience Day on 31 August he felt that our flood/emergency plan was more than adequate. He proposed a 'Shout Out' to arrange a working party to do a walk through of the water courses in October.

093⁽²³⁾ Environmental/Sustainability Matters

Cllr S Depla had nothing further to report.

094⁽²³⁾ Wiltshire Council

Cllr H Greenman had nothing further to report.

095⁽²³⁾ Clerk's Report

No Clerk's Report was received.

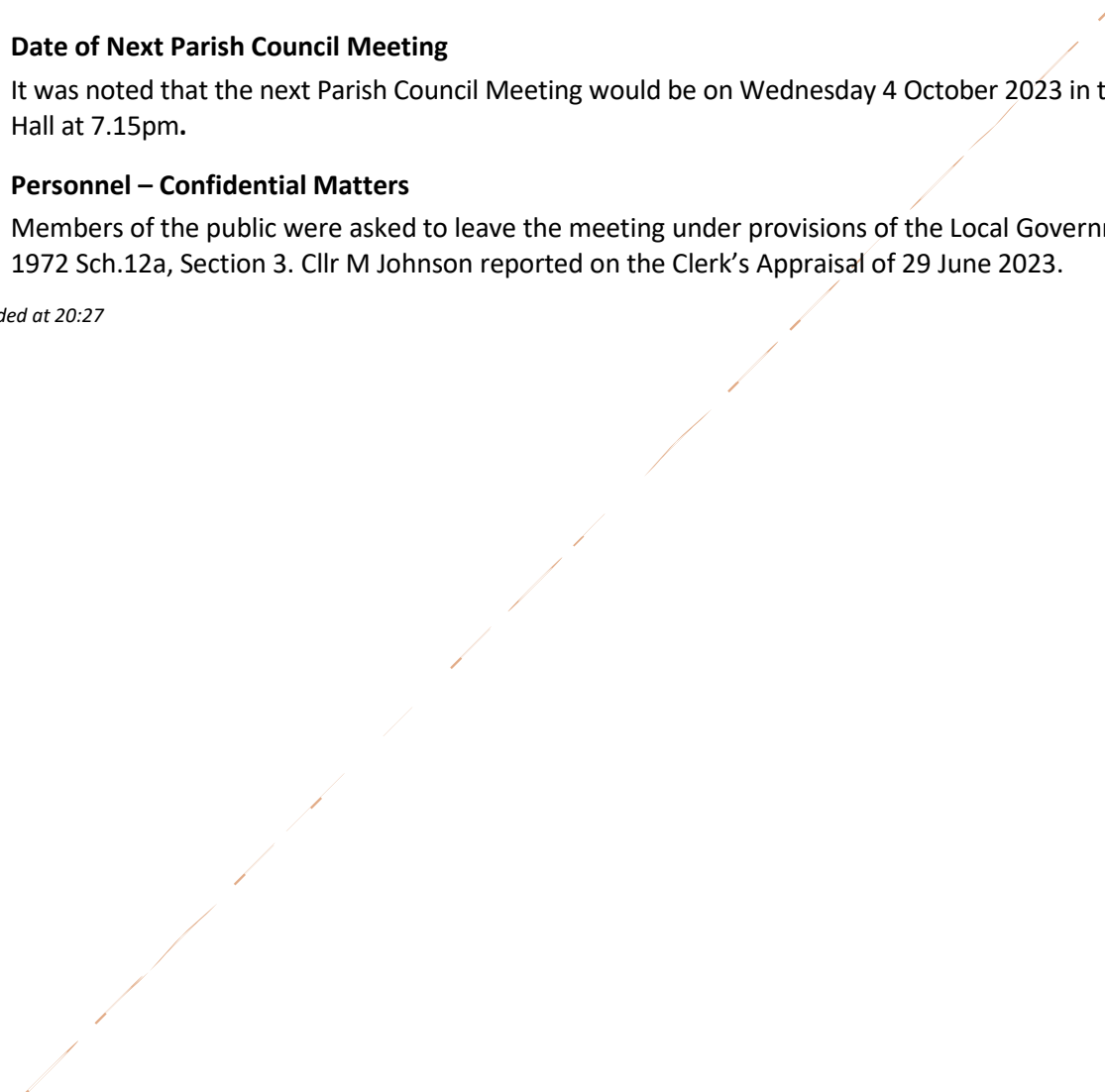
096⁽²³⁾ Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be on Wednesday 4 October 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

097⁽²³⁾ Personnel – Confidential Matters

Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting under provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12a, Section 3. Cllr M Johnson reported on the Clerk's Appraisal of 29 June 2023.

Meeting ended at 20:27



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