

**MINUTES** of the annual meeting of Soulbury Parish Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.15pm at The Parish Hall, Soulbury.

**PRESENT:-** Cllrs Mr V Wright (Chairman); Mrs M Rowe; Mr M W Cross; Mrs V Redbart; Mr A H Stevens; Mr I Culley; and 10 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mr John Day; District Councillor Mr Neil Blake and County Councillor Mrs Janet Blake.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:-**

Cllr Mr V Wright was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:-**

Cllr Mr M W Cross was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

4. **MINUTES:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were approved by the Council and signed as a true record.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:-**

There were none.

6. **FINANCE:-**

6.1 Payment of the following accounts was unanimously approved:-

British Gas	Parish Hall	£132.37
Windsor Mint	Crown Commemorative Coin	£9.95
Bucks & MK Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	£119.51
M J Keel	Grass cutting	£760.00
Jewson	Building Supplies	£56.72
Costco	Queen's Birthday celebration	£123.03
EON	by direct debit	£53.43

6.2 OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:-

6.2.1 The Council unanimously confirmed expenditure of £300 for a permanent Christmas tree to be planted on The Green.

6.2.2 It was reported that the allotment rents had now been paid. Nineteen of the twenty-two plots were viable and of these sixteen had been let. There were three vacant with two persons on the waiting list. Thanks to June Wright for her work in collecting the rents and generally administering the allotments.

7. **PLANNING:-**

7.1 APPLICATIONS:-

The following application was considered:-

2016/ - The Three Locks Pumping Station., Stoke Hammond –  
renovation.

The Council had no objection to this application.

7.2 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:-

New houses in Mount Pleasant – This development by Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust had now commenced. Cllr Alan Stevens raised the matter of the roof height which the Parish Council had objected to as the planning application had indicated that the proposed roof height was not in line with the adjoining properties. The Parish Council had not received any comments back from the District Council and it was decided that the matter be looked into to see whether the issue was ever addressed.

8. **ENVIRONMENT:-**

8.1 **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:-**

Nothing to report.

8.2 **GRASS CUTTING:-**

The Clerk reported that following the signing of the Devolution Agreement he intended to meet with Mr Keel and the Chairman to agree the extra areas of grass which would now become the responsibility of the Parish Council for maintenance and mowing.

9. **REPORTS OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:-**

Both Councillors had provided written reports and these would be read at the following annual assembly.

10. **PARISH DEVOLUTION SCHEME:-**

The Clerk confirmed that the agreement had now been signed and sent to the County Council who were now putting in hand the financial aspects of the agreement.

11. **PARISH HALL:-**

Nothing to report other than the problems with the toilet were ongoing.

12. **MILLENNIUM GREEN:-**

The storage container was now on site and would be positioned shortly. Everyone agreed that The Green was looking very attractive.

The annual school's event was in doubt at the moment because of a disappointing response to the invitations sent out. In the event of matters improving and the event being viable, the Council unanimously agreed a budget of £300 for the prizes.

13. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

13.1 Concern was expressed that the rubbish bin in Mount Pleasant was not being emptied. The Clerk said that emptying should be carried out by the District Councillor's contractors and he said he would get in touch with them.

13.2 There were problems with the Soulbury website and the Chairman agreed to investigate.

13.3 In answer to a question the Chairman said that Newman Homes had lodged an appeal in respect of the Valley Farm site but no date had yet been fixed for an inquiry.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

14.1 There had been a bonfire adjacent to the Millennium Green which seemed to be contrary to the regulations, although these appeared to be not too well known. Cllr Mrs Rowe said she would clarify the situation and put some advice in the Newsletter.

14.2 Thanks were expressed to Anglian Water for the efficient way in which they dealt with the water leak in the road at The Three Locks.

14.3 Concern expressed that there was no action to deal with the rubbish on the by-pass roundabout.

14.4 It was agreed to speak to Robert Bone about a large heap of cow manure which was

causing some disquiet.

15. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:-**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30.**