



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the annual Parish Council Meeting 17 May 2021 at 7:30 pm

Those present: Cllr Victor Wright Chairman
Cllr Maurice Cross Vice-Chairman
Cllr Alan Stevens
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr John Day
Wendy Taylor Parish Clerk Assistant
4 members of the public

1	Apologies for absence	Action
	There were none.	
2	Approval of minutes	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2021 were approved and signed by Cllr Wright. Cllr Stevens read out the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting and these were agreed as true and accurate and so approved.	
3	Matters arising from meeting dated 19 April 2021	
	It has since been determined that the unsafe tree is located in Ivy Lane and not Bragenham Lane as first advised. Cllr Stevens established that the work required is substantial and would require road closures. As there are overhead cables involved as well it was felt it was not a parish council job. Cllr Stevens has since raised a ticket on Fix my Street - number 40164149.	
4	Election of Chairman	
	Cllr Stevens proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Day. All those present agreed and the motion was carried to re-elect Cllr Wright as Chairman of the parish council.	
5	Election of Vice-Chairman	
	Cllr Wright proposed Cllr Cross, seconded Cllr Stevens. All those present agreed and the motion was carried to re-elect Cllr Cross as Vice-Chairman of the parish council.	
6	Finance	
	The following payments were approved for payment: CS Maintenance Grass Cutting - April 2021 £180.00 CS Maintenance Grass Cutting - May 2021 £180.00 Hearts and Soulbury Strimming, etc. £35.00 Buckinghamshire Council Rent for Recreation Ground £15.00	
7	Planning	
	21/01968: Land at Stockgrove - erection of steel framed barn (6 x 3.5m) for forestry purposes. No objection.	

	<p>21/01384: Sandy Hill farm, Leighton Road, Soulbury - application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use; erection of a building for use as a dwellinghouse for a continuous period of 4+ years. This application is another in the trend of converting barns without planning permission and then obtaining it retrospectively. The Parish Council has deep concern about this trend and therefore objects to this application.</p> <p>21/01587: Land to the west of Soulbury Road, Soulbury - new gated access and agricultural access track (retrospective). Highways has made some stipulations; setting the gates back 11 metres, improving visibility. Providing the changes are made the Parish Council has no objection.</p> <p>21/01545: The Boot PH, 51 High Road, Soulbury - variation of condition 11 for changes that will relate to the reconfiguration of the public house car park, change of surface to stone chippings, fencing to larch lap. Cllr Wright is concerned about traffic movements and the pavement so will contact Highways.</p> <p>21/00467: Manor Farm House, Leighton Road, Soulbury - retention of rooflights and clock tower (retrospective). No objection as long as it does not encourage residential use of the building.</p>	VW
8	Environment	
	<p>8.1 Grass cutting Very good. Looks the best it ever has.</p> <p>6.2 Childrens' Playground The lease has now been signed by Cllr Wright and has been returned to Buckinghamshire Council. We await our copy of the final document which will be retained by WT. We can now start looking for funding for more play equipment. However, it was agreed that as we had plenty of s106 monies to use we will go forward using that. However, we will still look for matched funding.</p> <p>Frances Meichtry has received a quote from Kompan for £42,551.98 inc VAT. This includes a cableway, spire net, freestanding mini goal x 2, basket ball goal, pine picnic table, monkey bars plus associated ground works and surfaces. Cllr Wright will contact Jo Houston at Buckinghamshire Council to obtain the s106 funds. Those present gave a huge vote of thanks to Mrs Meichtry for all her effort and persistence with this project.</p> <p>Mrs Meichtry asked for a bigger bin in the playground as rubbish is overflowing the one we have and blowing all over the place. VW agreed to obtain one.</p> <p>WT was asked to put an article in the parish news about what is happening to this area so is aware of the work going on to the benefit of the parish.</p>	<p>Frances Meichtry</p> <p>VW</p> <p>WT</p>
9	Reports from County Councillors	
	No County Councillors were present. A request was made that we do need to meet the new councillors. WT offered to contact Cllr Phil Gomm who is one of the newly elected team for the Gt Brickhill ward.	WT
10	Parish Hall	
	<p>A Smart meter will be obtained for the hall. We need to have a water meter so Ian Woodland will obtain a price to installing one. In the meanwhile what meters we have will be read.</p> <p>WT asked that the invoice address on utility bills be changed to her address.</p>	<p>IW/VW</p> <p>VW/John Spires</p>

11	Millennium Green	
	<p>The crew room now has power so there is now no need to use the parish hall for refreshments for the Community Payback teams.</p> <p>The SMG is looking really good and the area around the pond is ready for planting up. Richard Caplan has done an excellent job. We do, now, need to fundraise for SMG. SMG is the sole beneficiary of this year's Soulfest (10 July), however Cllr Stevens said we now need to put on some events, such as a sale of goods, to bolster funds. Cllr Stevens asked for ideas.</p>	All
12	Public Participation	
	<p>Mr De Nisi, our solicitor, has been asked to continue the work into getting the fountain into SPC ownership (a possessory title). As this has been going on for some time Cllr Wright felt that we should start over again. VW will follow this through with Mr De Nisi.</p> <p>There will be traffic lights outside the Boot field development (now called Poppy Lane) for Anglian Water works for 2 weeks.</p> <p>There will be 3 LED street lights in Poppy Lane. We will only be responsible if the road is adopted.</p> <p>There has been no further information on the standard of the build of Poppy Lane residences but the detached houses have been sold as has one of the terraced houses.</p> <p>Dean Farm Lane condition: Cllr Day has walked the route. The bridle path is in the middle. The problems are at the edges of the lane. There are huge gullies created by the farm equipment using the lane. The work to remedy is enormous and was felt to be out of the remit of the parish council.</p>	VW
11	Any other business	
	<p>Cllr Stevens asked that the next edition of the Parish News be printed with a questionnaire inserted so we can obtain people's opinions on the future of the publication in terms of its presentation. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the print run. If the general consensus is to continue with printing WT will start charging for advertising again. It was also agreed that there will not be a charge for the parish magazine to readers.</p> <p>Speed Indicating Device outside 5 Leighton Road the pole has been refurbished by Cllr Cross. Cllr Day and Wright will relocate in Stewkley Road this week.</p> <p>Presentation to John Spires: Lindsey Russell has researched the gift. Cllr Cross will make the stand for it.</p> <p>WT suggested that the annual meeting should include reports from the groups in the parish such as the cricket club, the Parochial Church Council, WI, etc to promote inclusivity of all. It was agreed to look into this for next year's annual meeting.</p>	WT JD/VW MC All
12	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21 June 2021 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.	All