



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 19 December 2022 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr Victor Wright	Chairman
Cllr Maurice Cross	Vice Chairman
Cllr Nigel Kemal	
Cllr Margaret Rowe	
Cllr John Day	
Wendy Taylor	Parish Clerk

2 members of the public (MOP)

1	Apologies for absence	Action																																	
	Apologies received from Cllrs Alan Stevens and Salina Darbyshire-Mackay.																																		
2	Approval of minutes																																		
	Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2022 were approved and signed by Cllr Wright.																																		
3	Matters arising																																		
	None.																																		
4	Finance																																		
	<p>a) The following accounts have been paid:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>NPower</td><td>Street lighting</td><td>£49.94</td></tr> <tr> <td>Heart and Soulbury</td><td>Clearing various areas and pathways</td><td>£280.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sage Payroll</td><td>Monthly charge for use of software</td><td>£8.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wendy Taylor</td><td>Printing December Parish News</td><td>£408.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nigel Kemal</td><td>Daffodil bulbs</td><td>£50.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wendy Taylor</td><td>MS365 for Mac annual subscription</td><td>£59.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>British Gas</td><td>Village hall</td><td>£10.48</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vic Wright</td><td>Christmas tree lights</td><td>£13.48</td></tr> <tr> <td>Aaron Fencing</td><td>Fencing around play area</td><td>£10,106.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Eon Next</td><td>Village hall power</td><td>£98.42</td></tr> </table> <p>b) Monies received:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Allotments</td><td>Rents</td><td>£160.00</td></tr> </table>	NPower	Street lighting	£49.94	Heart and Soulbury	Clearing various areas and pathways	£280.00	Sage Payroll	Monthly charge for use of software	£8.40	Wendy Taylor	Printing December Parish News	£408.00	Nigel Kemal	Daffodil bulbs	£50.00	Wendy Taylor	MS365 for Mac annual subscription	£59.99	British Gas	Village hall	£10.48	Vic Wright	Christmas tree lights	£13.48	Aaron Fencing	Fencing around play area	£10,106.40	Eon Next	Village hall power	£98.42	Allotments	Rents	£160.00	
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	<p>a) Budgets 2023-24:</p> <p>The Clerk commented that the price for the fencing was less than the budget of £12,000. This will go towards another section of fencing needed to rectify issues with ivy and delapidation.</p> <p>The Clerk also pointed out that she had not received the spreadsheet from Buckinghamshire Council's precept team to allow her to request the precept of £25,000 so emailed the department and is awaiting a reply.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																	

	<p>b) BMKALC training in 2023:</p> <p>The Clerk has booked training for understanding the Community Assets Register and Planning Application responses. She has also booked an Introduction session for the CiLCA qualification which is free. This is to understand what is required and to decide when to embark on the work.</p>	Clerk																														
6	Planning																															
	<p>22/04071: The Grove, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury LU7 0BB - Take down 1 pine tree damaged during recent storms which will not recover.</p> <p>22/00092: Oak Farm, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond - Two storey side extension planning appeal. Appeal dismissed by The Planning Inspectorate. For information.</p>																															
7	Environment																															
	<p>7.1 Childrens' Playground</p> <p>Fencing around two sides of the area completed. A further quote has been obtained to complete a third side which is £6,891.60. The ivy in the area needs to be removed It was decided that before the quote was accepted and work authorised that a survey of the area be carried out to ensure a proper job was done and the residents in the neighbouring bungalow are kept in the loop as removing the ivy roots will be a big task.</p> <p>7.2 Hedge trimming</p> <p>Robert Goss has yet to cut the hedges back.</p>	Cllr Day																														
8	Reports from County Councillor																															
	As Cllr Jordan was not present no report presented.																															
9	Parish Hall																															
	<p>Tree beside hall is very overgrown so neighbour to the parish hall will be contacted to remedy this. The leaves that fall off it have been cleared numerous times and the council is getting concerned about the slippery surface when they are wet.</p> <p>Boiler needs to be checked as Cllr Wright had to refill it when he turned it on to heat the room for the meeting. Clerk to check when annual certification is next due.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Banking info:</td><td>Bank a/c</td><td>Petty cash</td></tr> <tr> <td>Opening balance at bank:</td><td>£7,176.86</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall hire:</td><td>£30.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Window repair:</td><td>-£116.24</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Lamp replacement:</td><td>-£15.28</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance at bank:</td><td>£7,075.34</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Opening Petty cash balance:</td><td></td><td>£44.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall cleaning</td><td></td><td>-£40.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall bookings</td><td></td><td>£90.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing petty cash balance:</td><td></td><td>£94.00</td></tr> </table>	Banking info:	Bank a/c	Petty cash	Opening balance at bank:	£7,176.86		Hall hire:	£30.00		Window repair:	-£116.24		Lamp replacement:	-£15.28		Closing balance at bank:	£7,075.34		Opening Petty cash balance:		£44.00	Hall cleaning		-£40.00	Hall bookings		£90.00	Closing petty cash balance:		£94.00	
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10	Millennium Green																															
	Not a lot happening to the SMG at present. Snow curtailed activity by the Community Payback guys for two weekends. The SMG will be used for the Coronation celebrations as the beacon on the village green will not be lit. Sir Nicholas Bonsor has agreed to open the event.																															

	<p>Pond liner has been repaired and it is now hoped the pond will fill naturally rather than using the tap.</p> <p>The Boot wants to hold an event on the SMG. It will be a dog show in the day possibly moving to a beerfest in the afternoon. Date is 17 June 2023. Details very sketchy at present.</p>	
11	Public Participation	
	Bulbs were obtained and Frances Meichtry took the children out to plant them all.	
12	Any other business	
	<p>Christmas tree erected and lights attached.</p> <p>Ditch on Green - Cllr Day's brother-in-law is unable to dig the ditch out due to other commitments so Tuckwells will be approached. They will be asked to attend the site to discuss and provide a quote.</p> <p>Re the acquisition of an Oak tree in remembrance of our late Queen it appears there is a shortage at present. Cllr Day has researched this further and it has been suggested to him to contact Ashridge Nurseries to ascertain their stock level.</p> <p>New streetlight required for corner of High Road and Stewkley Road by The Forge - still needs to be surveyed. This will be arranged after Christmas.</p> <p>The Soubury Cricket Club has asked for a grant of £228 to train two people for the role of groundsman. After discussion it was decided to contact the club and ascertain who was to be trained, are they living in the village, having been trained how much will the landowner allow them to do. As this is precept money it was also felt that the club does not engage with the village at all and whilst, in principle, the Parish Council wants to support the club it was felt that there should be more engagement. Questions were asked about potential fundraising by the club themselves. Cllr Wright to approach the club to encourage them to attend the next parish council meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Day</p> <p>Cllr SDay</p> <p>Cllrs Day and Wright</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p>
13	Date of next meeting	
	<p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16 January 2023 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Please note the dates for 2023: 20/2/23, 20/3/23, 17/4/23, 15/5/23 annual parish meeting, 19/6/23, 17/7/23, 18/9/23, 16/10/23, 20/11/23, 18/12/23.</p>	All

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