



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 21 November 2022 at 7:30 pm

Those present: Cllr Victor Wright Chairman
Cllr Maurice Cross Vice Chairman
Cllr Alan Stevens
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 Salina Darbyshire-Mackay and Jilly Jordan.																												
2	Approval of minutes																												
	Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2022 were approved and signed by Cllr Wright.																												
3	Matters arising																												
	The Pop-up Pizza cafe takes place once a month on a Friday. The blown window in the parish hall has been repaired.																												
4	Finance																												
	<p>a) The following accounts have been paid:</p> <table><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>£140.00</td></tr><tr><td>Sage Payroll</td><td>Monthly charge for use of software</td><td>£8.40</td></tr><tr><td>Victor Wright</td><td>First aid kit for parish hall</td><td>£27.58</td></tr><tr><td>CS Maintenance</td><td>Mowing village green Inv CSM0492.</td><td>£180.00</td></tr><tr><td>J Dawson</td><td>Water for allotments for a year</td><td>£277.71</td></tr><tr><td>Wendy Taylor</td><td>Printing November Parish News</td><td>£308.70</td></tr><tr><td>BALC</td><td>Budgeting training.</td><td>£70.00</td></tr></table> <p>b) Monies received:</p> <table><tr><td>Rents</td><td>Allotments</td><td>£120.00</td></tr></table>	NPower	Street lighting	£49.94	Heart and Soulbury	Clearing various areas and pathways.	£140.00	Sage Payroll	Monthly charge for use of software	£8.40	Victor Wright	First aid kit for parish hall	£27.58	CS Maintenance	Mowing village green Inv CSM0492.	£180.00	J Dawson	Water for allotments for a year	£277.71	Wendy Taylor	Printing November Parish News	£308.70	BALC	Budgeting training.	£70.00	Rents	Allotments	£120.00	
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	<p>a) Budgets 2023-24:</p> <p>The Clerk presented the up-to-date budget for discussion. All Councillors present agreed the figures and agreed that a precept of £25,000 should again be applied for.</p>	Clerk																											

	b) BMKALC training: The Clerk attend a course on Transparency and it appears that the Parish Council is satisfactorily compliant in this respect.																															
6	Planning																															
	22/03591: Liscombe House, Liscombe Park, Soulbury LU7 0JN - erection of 224 ground mounted solar panel array. No objection. 22/03662: Close Cottage, Church Lane, Soulbury LU7 0BU - work on several trees at site to reduce height and spread plus 10 cherry trees to be taken down to ground level. As this will be more a decision for the Tree Officer, the parish council felt there was not need for comment.																															
7	Environment																															
	7.1 Childrens' Playground Quotes obtained for new fencing around the area. After discussion it was decided to go with Aaron Fencing as their quote included removal of old fencing and Cllr Day has used the company in the past and was satisfied with the standard of workmanship. Estimated cost in the region of £10,000. 7.2 Hedge trimming Robert Goss has, again, been asked to trim all the hedgerows within the 30 mph limits in the village. He noted to the Clerk that he has also been asked to trim the hedge along the road at the Poppy Lane development which will be paid for by the residents' committee.	Cllr Day																														
8	Reports from County Councillor																															
	As Cllr Jordan was not present the Clerk read her report to Council and will add it to the website.	Clerk																														
9	Parish Hall																															
	<p>The blockage in the toilets was, in fact, a build up of sand and silt so this has all been cleared into sacks for disposal. Toilets now working as they should.</p> <p>The upper pane in the middle window which had 'blown' has now been repaired.</p> <p>Invoices for these two jobs were sent to the Parish Hall treasurer for payment.</p> <p>Two wall mounted uplighters need new bulbs. Repalcements will be obtained and fitted.</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>£7,331.86</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall hire:</td><td>£30.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Loos clearance:</td><td>-£185.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance at bank:</td><td>£7,176.86</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Opening Petty cash balance:</td><td></td><td>£71.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall cleaning</td><td></td><td>-£40.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall bookings</td><td></td><td>£30.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Poppy wreath</td><td></td><td>-£17.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing petty cash balance:</td><td></td><td>£44.00</td></tr> </table>	Banking info:	Bank a/c	Petty cash	Opening balance at bank:	£7,331.86		Hall hire:	£30.00		Loos clearance:	-£185.00		Closing balance at bank:	£7,176.86		Opening Petty cash balance:		£71.00	Hall cleaning		-£40.00	Hall bookings		£30.00	Poppy wreath		-£17.00	Closing petty cash balance:		£44.00	
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10	Millennium Green																															
	Firework display made £840. A lot of people attended as the Leighton display was cancelled. However, they arrived a lot earlier than the appointed 6:30 pm start and so food outlets were not crewed up sufficiently. It was felt we need to keep gates closed until the appointed hour as it was also felt that those in early did not donate.																															

	Dates for various events in 2023 were listed. See Dec 2022/Jan 2023 Parish News.	
11	Public Participation	
	a) Frances Meichtry has had a problem obtaining daffodil bulbs for the children to plant and apologised for this. Cllr Kemal offered to see if he could obtain some.	Cllr Kemal
12	Any other business	
	<p>The 'Meet your Parish Council' Cheese and Wine event has been moved to 13 January 2023.</p> <p>Christmas tree for the village green has been bought and Lindsey Russell has offered to collect it. Erection of the tree will take place at 10:00 am on 4 December at the beacon.</p> <p>Alex Bonsor suggested that Liscombe Park can provide the village tree next year. He also welcomed the chance to discuss the acquisition of the Oak trees.</p> <p>Speed Indicating Device is now fixed and working.</p> <p>Ditch on Green needs digging out. TfB wants a soakaway but Council felt a better job needs doing.</p> <p>Cllr Day suggested an activity for the children of 'Beating the Boundaries'. It was suggested that as the parish was big it was not expected that the whole boundary be included. More discussion needed but will take place in the warmer weather.</p> <p>Wing Woodland: meeting to understand plans, etc to be held in Wing Hall on 22 November. Cllr Wright will attend.</p> <p>New streetlight required for corner of High Road and Stewkley Road by The Forge as it is very dark at night in that area. Possible use of s106 monies for this project. Area needs a survey for best location.</p>	<p>Cllrs Day and Wright</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p> <p>Cllrs Day and Wright</p>
13	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 19 December 2022 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.	All

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