



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16 January 2023 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr Victor Wright
Cllr Maurice Cross
Cllr Nigel Kemal
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr John Day
Cllr Alan Stephens
Cllr Salina Derbyshire-Mackay
Wendy Taylor

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Parish Clerk

2 members of the public (MOP)

1	Apologies for absence	Action															
	None.																
2	Approval of minutes																
	Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2022 were approved and signed by Cllr Wright.																
3	Matters arising																
	None.																
4	Finance																
	<p>a) The following accounts have been paid:</p> <table><tr><td>Anglian Water</td><td>Parish hall</td><td>£44.64</td></tr><tr><td>Sage Payroll</td><td>Monthly charge for use of software</td><td>£8.40</td></tr><tr><td>Geosphere</td><td>Parish Online</td><td>£67.20</td></tr><tr><td>CMM Heating/Plumbing</td><td>Gas Certificate for parish hall boiler</td><td>£70.00</td></tr></table> <p>b) Monies received:</p> <table><tr><td>Rents</td><td>Allotments</td><td>£60.00</td></tr></table> <p>Bank balance now standing at £36,462.41 having paid the bill of £10,106 for the fencing around the childrens' play area. This is lower than the budget of £12,000 so balance will go towards the final run of new fencing. Clerk pointed out that nothing like the £7,000 budget had been spent on the fountain so there was plenty in reserves to pay for the new section of fencing.</p>	Anglian Water	Parish hall	£44.64	Sage Payroll	Monthly charge for use of software	£8.40	Geosphere	Parish Online	£67.20	CMM Heating/Plumbing	Gas Certificate for parish hall boiler	£70.00	Rents	Allotments	£60.00	
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5	Governance																
	<p>a) Precept update:</p> <p>Spreadsheet to request precept arrived, completed and returned to Precept team. No further correspondence from them so far. Clerk raised her concern for this in case further work was needed so Cllr Jilly Jordan offered to check all was well.</p>	Cllr Jordan															

	<p>b) BMKALC meetings:</p> <p>Bucks Council Planning Liaison meeting 1-3pm 30 January 2023 via Zoom Bucks Council Parish Liaison meeting 6:30 1st March 2023 via Teams - Clerk unable to attend.</p> <p>Clerk advised that BMKALC meetings are for Councillors and Clerks not just Clerks so asked if anyone wanted to attend in particular the Parish Liaison meeting as the Clerk is unable to attend. Cllr Wright offered to attend the Planning Liaison meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p>
6	Planning	
	<p>22/00122/REF: 21/03167/APP Green Farm, 2 The Green, Soulbury LU7 0DD - Appeal against Bucks Council's decision lodged with the Secretary of State. Parish Council supports this application and was happy to write to the Secretary of State saying this as the fact was omitted from the report sent to him. A draft letter was provided. Cllr Derbyshire-Mackay will look at it and edit accordingly. She will forward it to the Clerk for it to be put onto Council headed paper for the Clerk and Chairman to sign.</p>	<p>Cllr Derbyshire-Mackay</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	Environment	
	<p>7.1 Childrens' Playground</p> <p>Digger is required to rip out ivy roots and posts so this element of the quote is accepted as is the whole quote. Cllr Wright agreed to speak to Aaron Fencing so work can go ahead. Top end of the area needs rolling - March time when it will still be soft.</p> <p>7.2 Hedge trimming</p> <p>Clerk has contacted Robert Goss - awaiting response.</p> <p>7.3 Oak tree</p> <p>No panic timewise apart from demand created by the Coronation. Agreed to survey village green for the best site. Prices and stock levels ascertained from several suppliers but Cllr Wright will talk to Alex Bonsor as offer of supplying a tree was made late last year.</p> <p>7.4 Ditch on village green</p> <p>Cllr Day reported that Tuckwells will do the job in the next 2-3 weeks when the ground has dried out a bit.</p>	<p>Cllr Wright Cllr Day</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p>
8	Reports from County Councillor	
	<p>Cllr Jordan reported on the new council tax rates which will rise by 2.99%. The Social Care precept will also rise by 2%. There are huge issues with social care over last 25 years exacerbated by COVID - simply not enough money at the moment and the aging population doesn't help either. Her full report will be posted on the website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
9	Parish Hall	
	<p>Gutters need clearing - Cllr Kemal will arrange. Cllr Wright will obtain 'hedgehog gutter' to prevent leaves going into the down pipes and blocking.</p> <p>Extractors in kitchen are not working. Cllr Stevens will investigate and remedy.</p> <p>Boiler services and new gas certificate obtained. Copy on parish hall page of website. Cllr Wright asked for the original to be put into the kitchen somewhere.</p>	

	<p>Curry evening response is good.</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>£7,075.34</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>£94.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall cleaning</td><td></td><td>-£40.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall bookings</td><td></td><td>£70.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing petty cash balance:</td><td></td><td>£124.00</td></tr> </table>	Banking info:	Bank a/c	Petty cash	Opening balance at bank:	£7,075.34		Closing balance at bank:	£7,075.34		Opening Petty cash balance:		£94.00	Hall cleaning		-£40.00	Hall bookings		£70.00	Closing petty cash balance:		£124.00	
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10	Millennium Green																						
	<p>Pond filling up and even the ducks have returned. Need shingle to weigh down the pond liner edges. First event is the Easter Egg hunt on 8 Apr. The Coronation event is to be held on 7/5/23 - music is booked, bar will be provided, the provider of our pop-up pizzeria will provide pizzas, etc and make donation to the event. Clerk to check out souvenir coins as the idea of mugs did not appeal. Cllr Stevens will research a maypole. Soulfest - meeting required with organising crew and SMG committee.</p>																						
11	Public Participation																						
	<p>MOP advised of large hole in road at the top of the lane by the parish hall, pointed in the direction of Fix My Street.</p>																						
12	Any other business																						
	<p>Cllrs Day and Kemal will look into different arrangements for the electrics at the beacon. All was not right when it rained while the Christmas tree was on the Green.</p> <p>Eon and UKPN have been in contact with quotes and contracts for the new street light which is £1894 plus VAT, plus the excavation to get power to it which amounts, we think, to £5,000 given the pricing per metre at £35 (verge) and £74 (surface). It was considered that we approach Council for s106 monies.</p> <p>The Soulbury Cricket Club has now suggested that the Parish Council pays for decorating the clubroom instead of paying for training courses. It still does not address the previous issues. It was pointed out that if the SMG needs funds it puts on events for it. Why does the Cricket Club not do this and encourage engagement with the village. Cllr Wright, Kemal and Day will go to the area to see the condition of the clubroom on 22 Jan at 2pm. Cllr Wright will also talk to the club and invite their attendance at the next parish council meeting as there are many unanswered questions.</p> <p>Meet the Parish Council moved to 31 March 2023. Will check with Parish Hall bookings that the date is OK before publishing. Cllr Rowe asked for a budget and suggested £50 which was agreed.</p> <p>MOP has offered to maintain a spreadsheet of all events in the village. All clubs and organisers must liaise with him if it is to work.</p> <p>Discussion took place re Gt Brickhill's request to add some of our parish into their Neighbourhood plan. General feeling of unease about this particularly as this would confuse issues when planning applications were made. Gt Brickhill has made it clear previously that they wanted the Stockgrove area moved to them and, whilst they tried to assure us that this was not another way of achieving this, general consensus dictated that we go back to them saying Soulbury does not want this.</p> <p>The allotments area needs the driveway filling in with Type 2 aggregate. The actual amount required needs to be ascertained but a budget of £500 was agreed.</p>	<p>Cllrs Day/ Kemal</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p> <p>Cllrs Day, Kemal and Wright</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p>																					

13	Date of next meeting	
	<p>The next meeting will be held on Monday, 20 February 2023 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Please note the dates for 2023: 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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