



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17 April 2023 at 7:30 pm

Those present: Cllr Victor Wright Chairman
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr John Day
Cllr Alan Stephens
Cllr Salina Darbyshire-Mackay
Cllr Jilly Jordan Bucks Council

3 members of the public (MOP)

1	Apologies for absence	Action																											
	Apologies received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Nigel Kemal, and Parish Clerk.																												
2	Approval of minutes																												
	Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 were approved and signed by Cllr Wright.																												
3	Matters arising																												
	ICP has been clarified as a company that can install a new street light from start to finish. This can be one company or a company who uses other providers to fulfill the different jobs involved. The Clerk will contact EON to firm up the estimate already received and because they can carry out the job from start to finish which might be less complicated from our point of view.	Clerk																											
4	Finance																												
	<p>a) The following accounts have been paid:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Eon Next</td><td>Parish Hall power</td><td>£34.49</td></tr> <tr> <td>CS Maintenance</td><td>Village Green</td><td>£180.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Victor Wright</td><td>Cold drinks cups</td><td>£14.98</td></tr> <tr> <td>Victor Wright</td><td>Wine, Coke and baguettes</td><td>£67.35</td></tr> <tr> <td>Npower</td><td>Street lighting</td><td>£37.75</td></tr> <tr> <td>Aaron Fencing</td><td>Children's play area</td><td>£7,911.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>Heart & Soulbury</td><td>Clearing - inv 9526</td><td>£80.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Victor Wright</td><td>Battery Masters</td><td>£19.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>Victor Wright</td><td>3 seater garden bench</td><td>£329.99</td></tr> </table> <p>b) Monies received: Devolution payment for 23-24 of £1,521.39 Wayleave payment from UKPN £33.01</p> <p>c) VAT claim submitted for HMRC for £11,750.</p>	Eon Next	Parish Hall power	£34.49	CS Maintenance	Village Green	£180.00	Victor Wright	Cold drinks cups	£14.98	Victor Wright	Wine, Coke and baguettes	£67.35	Npower	Street lighting	£37.75	Aaron Fencing	Children's play area	£7,911.60	Heart & Soulbury	Clearing - inv 9526	£80.00	Victor Wright	Battery Masters	£19.99	Victor Wright	3 seater garden bench	£329.99	
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	<p>a) Precept update: £12,500 received - the first half of the annual £25,000.</p> <p>b) Budget for 2023-24</p> <p>Was not discussed therefore no approval made. Will be put on agenda for next meeting. The budget is therefore not with the accountant.</p>	Clerk																											

	<p>c) Year end Accounts for financial year 2022-23 submitted to internal auditor.</p> <p>b) BMKALC meetings: Clerk to attend CiLCA Intro session on 27 April to understand implications of taking the course.</p>	Clerk
6	Planning	
	<p>Discuss adoption of street lights in Poppy Lane.</p> <p>The Clerk was tasked with writing to Gt Brickhill Homes to invite them to the parish council meeting on 15th May 2023 to put their reasoning forward for handover of the street lighting to Council.</p> <p>23/00899: 3 Oakwood Cottages, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury - single storey side and rear extension. The Council objects to this application on the basis that it is pushing the boundaries, bats reside in a nearby outbuilding and it is not in keeping with adjacent properties.</p> <p>23/01169/APP - The Cow Shed, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury MK17 9DD. The Council objects to this application and does not support retrospective approval.</p>	Clerk
7	Environment	
	<p>7.1 Gates on Wing Road</p> <p>The Clerk had established ownership of these gates in August 2022 and notification was sent to all Councillors. Matt Wincup from Buckinghamshire Council advised the following <i>"The gates are not the responsibility of BC or Soulbury PC, the adjoining land owners are responsible for them. Obviously whoever does own the land either side of the road will have no interest in replacing the gates as they no longer have any purpose. There is no obligation on either BC or Soulbury PC to maintain the gates"</i>. Suggestion to replace with gates similar to those in Stoke Hammond which are of a decorative type. Costs to be obtained.</p> <p>7.2 Oak tree</p> <p>The oak tree in celebration of King Charles III arrives on 19th May 2023 at a cost of £486. It is noted that it will need to be planted as soon as reasonably possible.</p> <p>7.3 Churchyard mowing</p> <p>This will no longer be run by Friends of the Church. Council has agreed for a gardener to carry this out at a cost of £1000 per year.</p> <p>Tony Crack confirmed that the Friends of the Church are supportive of this approach. Any payments owed to Friends of the Church will be investigated and paid as required. In the interim CS Maintenance was asked to do a one off mow for an important memorial service. This was quoted at £60 but charged £40 in the end.</p> <p>7.4 Fountain</p> <p>No progress.</p> <p>7.5 Adult gym area</p> <p>Frances Meichtry stated that she would be happy to support the development of the gym area intended for teenagers and adults. The Clerk will report back next meeting on progress.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>7.6 Price increase for Heart and Soulbury Gardens</p> <p>No update</p> <p>7.7 Stewkley Road signage</p> <p>Discussion around the acquisition of signage as it is a dangerous walk from Hollingdon along the Stewkley Road to Soulbury village. As a similar sign has been erected near Stewkley this will set a precedent. The Clerk will contact Highways to establish process to take this forward.</p>	Clerk																								
8	Reports from County Councillor																									
	<p>Cllr Jordan provided the following update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parking charges to come into force in April 2023 (Buckinghamshire) • 98% of families received their first choice of primary school • Potholes: new machinery will be used going forward • Overview of the provision of support from Bucks Council for those who may be struggling. <p>Full update will be added to the parish website.</p>	Clerk																								
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	Preparations continue for the King's Coronation celebrations. Electrics are ready to be installed and this needs to be completed by 7th May 2023 ahead of the Coronation.																									
11	Public Participation																									
	None.																									
12	Any other business																									
	<p>Newsletter to be printed for individuals who do not have access to the internet or similar.</p> <p>Damp issue relating to Fairhive property in Mount Pleasant described to Cllr Jordan. Council has written to Fairhive about their concerns for Soulbury residents but has not been updated by Fairhive.</p> <p>Cricket Club updated Council that Buckinghamshire Council advised the bill for Council Tax on the pavilion has been waived.</p>																									
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	<p>The next meeting, which is the annual meeting, will be held on Monday, 15 May, 2023 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Please note the dates for 2023: 19/6/23, 17/7/23, 18/9/23, 16/10/23, 20/11/23, 18/12/23.</p>	All
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