



# Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20 November 2023 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr Maurice Cross	Vice Chairman
Cllr Nigel Kemal	
Cllr Margaret Rowe	
Cllr Alan Stevens	
Cllr Victor Wright	Chairman
Cllr Jilly Jordan	Buckinghamshire Council
Wendy Taylor	Clerk

3 members of the public (MOP)

1	Apologies for absence	Action
	Apologies received from Cllr Salina Darbyshire. Cllr Wright advised all present that Cllr Day had tendered his resignation today with immediate effect. He thanked Mr Day for his contribution to the Council and reluctantly accepted his resignation.	
2	Declarations of interest	
	None.	
3	Approval of minutes	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Wright.	
4	Matters arising	
	Item 12: Junction of Hollingdon Road and Stewkley Road - subsequent to last meeting Council was asked to consider a Speed Indicating Device. Discussion outcome covered in item 8.7.  Item 13.2: Cllr Stevens will contact Stoke Hammond to ensure this outcome is still the case.	Cllr Stevens
5	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list b) Monies received: Please see attached list  Balance at bank as at 2 Nov 2023 was £48,062.76.22. Bank statement for October 2023 were signed by Cllr Wright.	
6	Governance	
	a) Depending on discussion on additional items of spend being proposed in later items on the agenda, the Clerk held back on discussion of the budget to allow these items to be accounted for. b) Planning Demystified course on 21/11/23.	Clerk  Clerk

7	Planning	
	<p><b>23/03340:</b> Fields to the east of Soulbury Road North of Soulbury Road Farm, Wing - operational road to facilitate the planting and maintenance of woodland and subsequent access and egress for timber harvesting. No objection.</p> <p><b>23/03397:</b> Acorn Barn, Broad Oak Farm, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury LU7 0DX- householder application for single storey rear extension. No objection.</p> <p><b>23/03418:</b> The White House, High Road, Soulbury - certificate of lawfulness for proposed to recommence working operations on the erection of single dwellinghouse, new access and garage. This is to advise the Planners that work will recommence on this approved application. Curtailed due to health reasons. No need for comment on Council's behalf.</p> <p><b>23/03429:</b> 5 Laburnham Cottages, High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DA - weeping willow to be repollarded back to old knuckles representing a reduction of 30%. No comment to be made as it needs to be left with tree specialists.</p> <p>7.1 The meeting with the Planning department on 16 Nov 2023 at 10:00 at the Clerk's house was very useful. We were able to follow up on drive by railway bridge 141 on Leighton Road put in without planning and discuss the inadequacy of the entrances to the tracks to the first field in Soulbury Road to Wing, particularly in light of the planning application for the entrance to the new Wing Wood. Mark Aughterlony said he would investigate for us. On matters relating to Green Farm we highlighted that the village is now getting angry at the planners deliberations which leave us with an eyesore. We were advised that a pre App is being discussed but the content is confidential between the appellant and Planners.</p>	
8	Environment	
	<p><b>8.1 Childrens Play Areas</b></p> <p>Due to Cllr Day's resignation, the clerk will follow up and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>8.2 Churchyard mowing</b></p> <p>Lots of good comments on how the churchyard looked for Remembrance Day.</p> <p><b>8.3 Fountain</b></p> <p>Solicitor preparing documents for Land Registry. Clerk will now take over this and will call Solicitor for updates.</p> <p><b>8.4 Allotments.</b></p> <p>Monies coming for allotment rents. Only two plots remain vacant now.</p> <p><b>8.5 Lighting on corner of High Road and Stewkley Road</b></p> <p>At the September 2023 meeting, due to a complaint about adding a streetlight to the area, it was decided to look into using 3 bollards with lighting instead. Having received some information and images of these bollards Cllrs were not happy, and are still not happy, about these bollards being confused with car headlights on this corner so it was proposed and agreed by all present that we will revert to obtaining a streetlight as budgetted for so this job can get done for the safety of the community.</p> <p><b>8.6 Ditch on village green</b></p> <p>A quotation of £2,415 inc VAT obtained from Tuckwells. Unanimously agreed to go ahead with this. Clerk to contact Tuckwells to arrange for the work to be carried out.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<b>8.7 Speed Indicating Device for Hollingdon Road/Stewkley Road junction</b> A MOP has highlighted that this junction is getting more dangerous with speeding vehicles, particularly when trying to turn into the Stewkley Road with tractor with or without a trailer - hence asking to 30 mph limit to be moved and/or a SID to be used. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the Local Area Technician (LAT) Matt Wincup to ascertain the implications of the above so a valued judgement can be made on where the expenditure is of most benefit.	Clerk
9	Report from County Councillor	
	Cllr Jordan read her full report and will forward it to the Clerk who will add it to the parish website.	Clerk
10	Parish Hall	
	No further with the acquisition of caretaker but we do now have Scott Issacs to look after the hall bookings.	
11	Millennium Green	
	Firework night - made £2,385.01 and was enjoyed by all. Next event is the Singalong on 9/11/23 organised by Cllr Stevens. All in place, just need to sell the tickets now. Dates for 2024 events agreed: Easter Egg Hunt 30/3/24, Soulfest 22/6/24, 3/11/24 Firework Display, an additional funday being looked into for the kids.  Mrs Russell agreed to help with obtaining a digger to enable hardcore to be laid to extend the entrance to the SMG.	
12	Public Participation	
	Mrs Russell advised that despite working with the planners again and getting them really enthusiastic about her ideas, the boss of the two people she has been working with has given it the thumbs down again. MOP got very angry about this as she is fed up of looking at an eyesore. The developer is really upset again and is now wondering what to do.	
13	Any other business	
	13.1 Christmas tree has now to be chosen. Cllr Wright and Kemal will go to Liscombe Park to choose it. Much discussion on how to get it into the ground on the green. 13.2 Canal bridge/path Bragenham Side: see matters arising. 13.3 It was requested that a bench be provided at the bottom of Dean Farm Lane. Established that the gate at the bottom of Dean Farm Lane is the limit of Soulbury Parish. To put one on our side of this gate would be in the way of farm implements. 13.4 A letter needs to go to the maintenance section of Brickhill Homes to clear the ditch and trim the hedge along the edge of the Poppy Lane development. Letter sent and contractor (Tuckwells) seen trimming the hedge today. Clerk to write a 'thank you' when ditch done. Follow up in a week if ditch isn't done.	Cllr Wright Cllr Kemal       Clerk
13	Next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18 December, 2023 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.  Please note the dates for 2024: 15/1/24, 19/2/24, 18/3/24, 15/4/24, 20/5/24, 17/6/24, 15/7/24, 16/9/24, 21/10/24, 18/11/24, 16/12/24.	All

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Payments and receipts as at 14 November 2023

<b>Payments</b>		<b>£</b>
Mrs S N Green	Parish Hall Cleaning - Oct	40.00
CS Maintenance	CSM0513	180.00
British Gas	Parish Hall Gas	28.51
NPower	Streetlighting	64.97
Chubb Fire and Security	Annual Parish Hall check	142.91
Heart and Soulbury Gardens	Strim/mow cemetary	100.00
Heart and Soulbury Gardens	Soulbury Parish Maintenance	200.00
NPower	Streetlighting	74.47
EON	Parish Hall Power	52.66
BMKALC	Training - Planning Demystified	60.00
Wendy Taylor (Clerk)	Reimbursement of Sage Payroll licence fee	9.60
<b>Receipts</b>		
M Sane	Parish hall booking fees	150.00
WI	Parish hall booking fees	121.00
Allotment holders	Plot rentals	290.00
Bernandez	Parish hall booking fee	10.00
PCC	Harvest Supper hall booking	20.00