



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15 January 2024 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr Salina Darbyshire Mackay

Cllr Nigel Kemal

Cllr Victor Wright

Chairman

Wendy Taylor

Clerk

Cllr Jilly Jordan

Buckinghamshire Council

3 members of the public (MOP)

1/24	Apologies for absence	Action
	Apologies received from Cllrs Stevens, Rowe and Cross. The Parish Council was, therefore, unable to form a quorum. It was decided to continue the meeting so information on various aspects of the Council's work could be reported but no decisions could be taken on any matters.	
2/24	Questions or comments from the public	
	Cllr Jordan presented her monthly report and will ensure the Clerk receives it by email to add to the parish website. Cllr Jordan advised that the Council Tax will increase again by 4.99% but she did highlight the fact that Buckinghamshire Council does have a balanced budget. She also suggested that we contact the Community Board for assistance with the moving of the 30 mph back to the 40 mph limit. The Clerk will look into this.	Clerk Clerk
3/24	Approval of minutes	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2023 could not be agreed and therefore they were not signed. To be carried out at the next meeting.	
4/24	Matters arising	
	The cover for the hole for the Christmas tree still needs to be procured. Cllr Kemal to follow up.	Cllr Kemal
5/24	To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda	
	Not appropriate as a quorum could not be formed for any discussions or decisions.	
6/24	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list b) Monies received: Please see attached list Balance at bank as at 9 Jan 2024 was £36,087.23. Bank statement for December 2023 was signed by Cllr Wright.	
7/24	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	No update	

8/24	Planning	
	<p>23/03904: Cherry Tree Barn, Bragenham Lane, Soulbury, LU7 0EE - Erection of storage building and associated works.</p> <p>24/00019: Land at ash Farm, Soulbury Road, Wing - Operational road to facilitate the planting and maintenance of woodland and subsequent access and egress for timber harvesting.</p> <p>19/A4199: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - submission of pursuant to Conditions 7, 154, 15, and 19 relating to planning permission 19/04199.</p> <p>23/00081/REF: Land at Hollingdon Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DN - Planning appeal for 2 bungalows in Hollingdon. A MOP provided those present with an update. Decision regarding the appeal due in approx 2 weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Wright made all aware of a road leading off the Stewkley Road that has been built very quickly on land just outside the Soulbury speed delimiter sign. Planning, Highways and Cllr Jilly Jordan have been made aware. Not much can be done at this stage. The land has a new owner so we will have to wait to understand what their plans are.</p> <p>The planning applications will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
9/24	To discuss lighting on corner of High Road and Stewkley Road	
	The clerk advised that E.ON will get this work organised as soon as possible for us now that she had given them the go-ahead.	
10/24	To discuss piping the ditch on the village green	
	A meeting was held with Tuckwells where it was agreed the piping was short by 4 metres. We also wanted it to meet the culvert so another 10.3 metres is required plus further backfill. This will make it easier for the mowing contractor to cut the area as well. The pipe does not join the drainage point on the road meaning the topsoil is already developing rivulets so Tuckwells will sort this out as well. Additional cost is £700.	
11/24	Environment	
	<p>a. Childrens Play Areas</p> <p>Discussion on further remedial work on the play area for older children will be discussed at the next Millennium Green committee meeting.</p> <p>b. Churchyard mowing</p> <p>No work required last month.</p> <p>c. Fountain</p> <p>Clerk has asked for an update from the solicitor but nothing has been heard back.</p> <p>d. Allotments.</p> <p>Gate leading from a house in Leighton Road through to the allotment site needs to be shut off as it is should never have been put there in the first place. Now the house has been sold it is imperative this job is carried out. Vendor and estate agent to be approached.</p> <p>e. Millennium Green</p> <p>Soulfest arrangements well underway. TENS applied for.</p> <p>A MOP offered to help with final clearance of rubbish from the SMG.</p>	<p>Cllr Kemal</p> <p>Cllr Wright Clerk</p>
12/24	Correspondence	
	None	

13/24	Councillors Open Forum	
	Nothing to discuss	
14/24	Public Participation	
	A MOP asked if there is an assest register. There is and the clerk will look it out. He also suggested that we should work using expenditure against budget so we know where we are. Clerk will look at this. He also advised that he has several people who will can come onto the Council. Cllr Wright will work with him on this.	Clerk Cllr Wright
15/24	Next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 26 February, 2024 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm not 19 February as planned. Change due to circumstances out of our control. Please note the dates for 2024: 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 9 January 2024

Payments		£
Mrs S N Green	Parish Hall Cleaning - Dec	40.00
British Gas	Parish Hall Gas	46.66
Victor Wright	Power supply adapter for Christmas tree lights	7.30
Nigel Kemal	Outdoor electrical connection box	24.99
NPower	Streetlighting	74.47
EON	Parish Hall Power	38.58
Open Spaces	Annual subscrption	45.00
Wendy Taylor (Clerk)	Reimbursement for Sage Payroll licence fee (Jan)	9.60
Victor Wright	12oz cup/lid 100 pack for parish hall	17.62
Receipts		