



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 18 March 2024 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr John Bennett
Cllr Nigel Kemal
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr Alan Stevens
Cllr Victor Wright Chairman

Wendy Taylor Clerk

2 members of the public (MOP)

32/24	Apologies for absence	Action
	Apologies received from Cllrs Darbyshire Mackay and Maurice Cross	
33/24	Questions or comments from the public	
	Cllr Jordan talked about the waste site issues raised by Cllr Stevens which were emailed to her following the last meeting. In terms of joined up thinking Bucks Council has approached neighbouring councils and they are not interested in any co-operation so our residents will still have to travel to either Aylesbury or Buckingham waste tips. This then opened a discussion on the amount of flying tip and rubbish along the bypass. Re flooding/potholes - all incidents must go onto FixMyStreet. Cllr Jordan's report will be put it onto the website.	Clerk
34/24	Approval of minutes	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2024 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.	
35/24	Matters arising	
	External hard drive purchased. Moving 30 mph sign proposal for Stewkley Road still to be done. Waste site journey times and flooding issues covered above.	
36/24	To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda	
	There were none.	
37/24	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list b) Monies received: Please see attached list Balance at bank as at 12 March 2024 was £29,749.07. Bank statement for February 2024 was signed by Cllr Wright.	

38/24	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	<p>Water bill - overcharge sorted, awaiting final bill to clear.</p> <p>External Audit (AGAR) forms have arrived.</p> <p>To form a committee to support parish council in its work. Clerk described why this is being set up and asked that Councillors think about terms of reference for this, think about who will sit on it. Needs a minimum of 3 - two councillors plus Mr Stefan Ziranek who wants to support the Council but cannot be a Councillor as we have a full quota of 7 councillors. As this item was not on the agenda no decisions could be made this month. To be on agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Email received re free official portrait of King Charles III. Clerk is awaiting delivery.</p> <p>Bucks Spring Clean - email received regarding this. Council decided to be part of this and set a date of 14 April at 11 am for it. Cllr Wright will obtain the bags, pickers, gloves, etc from Bucks Council. To be added to Newsletter and Soulbury hub.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wright</p>
39/24	Planning	
	<p>24/00467: Manor Cottage, 59 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BT - Erection of replacement dwelling. No objection.</p> <p>24/00601: Chestnut Cottage, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB - Householder application for rear extension to garage. Party wall concerns from neighbour. Council not in a position to have an opinion at this stage.</p> <p>24/00758: Annex Stapleford Mill, Stapleford Mill Road, Soulbury LU7 0DS - Householder application for revised roof construction to annex from app 23/00397 and conversion of the loft space in main house with insertion of front and rear facing dormers. No objection.</p> <p>24/00847: Land rear of 32 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BX - erection of detached stables. No objection.</p>	
40/24	Ditch on the village green	
	It has now been completed. Need to wait a while for area to dry out before rolling and seeding. Heart and Soulbury Gardens will be asked to reseed.	
41/24	Environment	
	<p>a. Fountain</p> <p>Again nothing to report despite the clerk walking into the solicitor's office to get an update sent via email. Still nothing heard. A MOP who uses the firm will ask our solicitor to update.</p> <p>b. Allotments</p> <p>Still too wet. Ground churned up by 4x4s visiting the site.</p> <p>c. Millennium Green</p> <p>Started extending the small car park area for use at events and extra space for the Community Payback team vehicles. 108 sq m. Discussions on type of surface but essentially decision is for SMG committee.</p>	Clerk
42/24	Correspondence	
	Gill Morgan, Stewkley Parish Council, has asked how we feel about using S106 monies for a community bus. Favourable response from Council. Clerk will further this with the Community Board.	Clerk

43/24	Councillors Open Forum	
	Cllr Wright suggested getting a handyman to do small jobs around the parish. Source of such a person will be investigated.	All
44/24	Public Participation	
	None	
31/24	Next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15 April, 2024 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Please note the dates for 2024: 20/5/24, 17/6/24, 15/7/24, 16/9/24, 21/10/24, 18/11/24, 16/12/24.	All

Distribution: All Councillors/Parish Website/Parish Noticeboard/Parish News (a resume)

Payments and receipts as at 12 March 2024

Payments		£
Tuckwell	Piping ditch on village green	3255.00
British Gas	Gas for parish hall	39.49
Eon Next	New light corner of High Rd and Stewkley Rd	3,108.00
NPower	Streetlighting	88.69
Wendy Taylor (Clerk)	Reimbursement for external hard drive	141.99
Wendy Taylor (Clerk)	Reimbursement for Sage Payroll licence fee (Mar)	9.60
Eon Next	Power for Parish Hall	34.34
NPower	Streetlighting	81.63
Wendy Taylor (Clerk)	Reimbursement for laser printer cartridges	360.01
Receipts		
Sane	Parish Hall booking	30.00
Soulbury Village Cricket Club	Parish Hall booking	35.00