



# Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16 September 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

6 member of the public (MOP)

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| 89/24 | Apologies for absence  |  |
|       | Apologies received from Cllrs Jilly Jordan, Maurice Cross and Salina Darbyshire Mackay.  |  |
| 90/24 | Questions or comments from the public  |  |
|       | Cllr Jordan could not attend so sent her report for inclusion on the website. Clerk read out headlines.  |  |
| 91/24 | Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting   |  |
|       | Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2024 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.   |  |
| 92/24 | Matters arising  |  |
|       | None   |  |
| 93/24 | To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda  |  |
|       | There were none.   |  |
| 94/24 | Finance  |  |
|       | <p>a) Accounts paid<br/>Please see attached list.</p> <p>b) Monies received:<br/>Please see attached list.</p> <p>Balance at bank as at 10 September 2024 was £25,260.01, balance as at 16 September 2024 is £37,760.00. Bank statement for July and August 2024 was signed by Cllr Wright.</p> <p>Since the agenda was prepared the following have been paid and received:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£</p> <p>Open Spaces Society    36.90<br/>CS Maintenance        180.00<br/>British Gas                10.89</p> <p><b>Receipts</b><br/>Bucks Council        12,500.00 (Precept)</p> |  |

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|       | <p>c) Ride-on mower: after discussions both at the Soulbury Millennium Green committee meeting and the Parish Council meeting where it was raised that although the current ride-on mower is technically sound it is getting close to needing replacement. It was discussed that a new more substantial mower could be deployed on parish council work and that of the SMG so Council were asked to consider sharing the cost. Richard Caplan who maintains the village and millennium green has been asked to get quotes on various options. A decision will be made when this information is to hand.</p> <p>d) Lighting is needed for the path to the church as well as events on the SMG so Cllr Kemal was asked to look at finding something appropriate for the job in time for the installation of the new Team Rector. He was given a budget of £200.</p> <p>e) It was agreed to increase the remuneration paid to the parish hall cleaner to £12.50 per hour from £10. This will be backdated to August.</p>  |  |
| 95/24 | Update from Clerk on parish matters  |  |
|       | <p>a) Model Financial Regulations - ongoing</p> <p>b) 30 mph on Stewkley Road: Cllr Gomm suggested checking that it is not a requirement of the planning application to move the limit back to the 40 mph limit. It has been checked and does not so will check if a Condition can be added to achieve this.</p> <p>c) Overgrown hedging Chapel Hill - Owner cut it back considerably and is much better.</p> <p>d) Bin area on village green - received response to our letter and it was agreed that a letter of acknowledgement be sent.</p>  | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 96/24 | Planning   |  |
|       | <p><b>20/03987/DIS:</b> Liscombe Business Park, Soulbury, LU7 0JL - Application for approval of details subject to Condition 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) 6 (Great Crested Newt Method Statement) of planning approval 20/03987. No action.</p> <p><b>23/A1505/DIS:</b> Liscombe Business Park, Soulbury, LU7 0JL - Application for approval of details subject to Condition 5 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy, Habitat and Construction Environment Management Plan) of planning approval 23/A1505/APP. No action.</p> <p><b>24/03505/DIS:</b> Rammamere House, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB Application for approval of details subject to Condition 4 (Tree Protection Plan) of planning approval 24/03505/APP. No action.</p> <p><b>24/02427:</b> Battams Farm, 37 The Green, Soulbury, LU7 0DD - conversion of workshop/store building and stables to single dwelling including associated link extension. Council does not support this application.</p> <p><b>21/A1384:</b> Sandy Hill Farm, Leighton Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DT - application for approval of details subject to condition 5 (waste management plan) of planning approval 21/01384 allowed on appeal 22/00106/ENFNOT. No action.</p> <p><b>24/02566:</b> Cherry Tree Barn, Bragenham Lane, Soulbury, LU7 0EE -Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed insert a new patio window in the south east elevation and new roof light to the north west elevation. No action.</p> <p><b>24/02711:</b> The Paddocks, Stewkleuy Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of existing hay barn into one dwellinghouse. Council does not support this application as it extends village boundary and opens up area for infill.</p> |  |

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| 97/24  | Environment   |                                |
|        | <p><b>a. Fountain</b><br/>Documents now sent to Land Registry, solicitor warned it could be a long wait. Still awaiting response from Land Registry. As it has been inferred that it will be a long wait this item will be removed from the agenda until a response is received.</p> <p><b>b. Allotments</b><br/>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>c. Millennium Green</b><br/>Dogs are defecating in the area and owners are not picking up after them. Richard Caplan is picking up at least 3 bags of dog poo a day some of which has been found in the children's play area that has a notice on the gate saying that dogs are not permitted in the area. Richard has been seconded to obtain wildlife cameras so we can ascertain who is not picking up and deal/ fine them. Cllr Kemal will ensure this happens.</p> | Cllr Kemal                     |
| 98/24  | Correspondence  |                                |
|        | <p>a. Callum Anderson, MP Buckingham and Bletchley, invited Council to meet him. Clerk to arrange meeting at Council meetings and to advise him of the next two dates.</p> <p>b. Clerk advised of several notices relating to Govt strategy on local resilience and Martyn's Law.</p> <p>c. Clerk advised of consultation relating to Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Project (LCWIP) noting suggested routes do not come anywhere near Soulbury. Cllr Wright suggested that we ask for a cycle/walk path from the village to the canal.</p> <p>d. Clerk advised she had received the revised grass cutting map from the Devolution Team at Bucks County which now does not show the Stapleford Road as an area of responsibility for Soulbury.</p>  | Clerk                          |
| 99/24  | Councillors Open Forum  |                                |
|        | <p>a. PCC - service to instal team rector at All Saints is on 6 October at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>b. Poppy wreath is £22.25. Clerk will arrange to get a cheque for this to Cllr Rowe, payable to the RBL.</p>   | Clerk                          |
| 100/24 | Public Participation  |                                |
|        | <p>Thanks received for rolling playground from MOP but undulates badly. Solution to be investigated. However, it was pointed out that the area is used despite this as the nets have been damaged badly by footballs being kicked with force.</p> <p>Village green: area recently piped for drainage still needs to be trimmed, rolled and then sown to blend the area in with the rest of the village green.</p> <p>30 mph area: MOP suggested that pro temps, until the permanent move of the 30mph sign happens, Council could use existing MVAS outside Millennium Green, put a posthole in area by 40 mph sign and move MVAS with its pole to the additional site. Manpower needed. Cllr Wright will organise.</p>   | Cllr Wright<br><br>Cllr Wright |
| 101/24 | Next meeting  |                                |
|        | <p>The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 21 October, 2024 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Please note the dates for 2024:<br/>18/11/24, 16/12/24.</p>  | All                            |

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Payments and receipts as at 10 September 2024

| <b>Payments</b>           |   | <b>£</b> |
|---------------------------|---|----------|
| British Gas               | Gas for Parish Hall                             | 28.18    |
| Eon Next                  | Power for Parish Hall                           | 36.90    |
| Anglian Water (Wave)      | Water for Parish Hall                           | 54.92    |
| Austin & Carnley          | Legal work on possessory title of Fountain      | 645.00   |
| Alan Stevens              | JCB insurance for levelling childrens play area | 76.00    |
| Richard Caplan            | HSG-094-011                                     | 100.00   |
| Richard Caplan            | HSG-095-041                                     | 225.00   |
| CS Maintenance            | Grass cutting inv CS0525                        | 180.00   |
| Wendy Taylor              | Sage Payroll licence                            | 12.00    |
| Richard Caplan            | HSG-094-012                                     | 100.00   |
| Richard Caplan            | HSG-095-042                                     | 225.00   |
| Leighton Hire             | Roller hire for levelling childrens play area   | 165.60   |
| CS Maintenance            | Grass cutting inv CS0526                        | 180.00   |
| British Gas               | Gas for Parish Hall                             | 14.72    |
| NPower                    | Streetlighting                                  | 64.61    |
| Eon Next                  | Power for Parish Hall                           | 31.59    |
| CS Maintenance            | Grass cutting inv CS0527                        | 180.00   |
| Soulbury Millennium Green | Contribution to site upkeep                     | 600.00   |
| Wendy Taylor              | Sage Payroll licence                            | 12.00    |
| NPower                    | Streetlighting                                  | 65.39    |
| Eon Next                  | Power for Parish Hall                           | 27.45    |
| Richard Caplan            | HSG-094-013                                     | 100.00   |
| Richard Caplan            | HSG-095-043                                     | 225.00   |
| British Gas               | Gas for Parish Hall                             | 15.15    |
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| <b>Receipts</b>           |   |          |
| Bucks Council             | Hall hire for election                          | 275.00   |
| Sane                      | Parish Hall booking                             | 30.00    |
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