



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

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

Those present: Cllr John Bennett 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)

128/24	Apologies for absence	
	None.	
129/24	Public Participation	
	<p>Cllr Wright briefly went through the reasons for this section to be moved early in the meetings. Cllr Jordan went through her report. Clerk will add to website.</p> <p>MOP brought in the remnants of rockets from the Firework Display that ended up on his property and asked what the Council's proposals were relating to future events and their responsibility towards animals. He was advised that the Millennium Green Committee were already dealing this and plans for next year's event will be advised as soon as there is information to publish.</p> <p>MOP advised that she has no further information from Bucks Planning relating to her development.</p>	Clerk
130/24	Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2024 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.	
131/24	Matters arising	
	125/24d: date of VE Day celebrations is 8/5/25 and not 5/5/25 as mentioned.	
132/24	To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda	
	Clr Wright advised of his interest in planning item 24/03239.	
133/24	Finance	
	<p>a) Accounts paid Please see attached list.</p> <p>b) Monies received: Please see attached list.</p> <p>Balance at bank as at 12 October 2024 was £32,525.36, balance as at 18 November 2024 is £32,160.36. Bank statement for Oct 2024 was signed by Cllr Wright.</p>	

	<p>Since the agenda was prepared the following has been paid:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£</p> <p>Plumber 385.00</p> <p>c. Budget presented to Council and it was agreed to increase the precept request by 5%. Proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Kemal and all agreed.</p> <p>d. It was agreed to move the parish magazine account from Lloyds and the balance of circa £220 will be put into the Parish Council account and banking issues relating to the parish magazine will be carried out by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Kemal and all agreed.</p>	Clerk
134/24	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	<p>a) Model Financial Regulations</p> <p>Agreed changes made and regulations adopted. Clerk will add to website.</p> <p>b) Precis of Standing Orders relating to etiquette during Public Participation adopted. Clerk will add to website.</p> <p>c) Noted that MP Callum Anderson has accepted our invitation to meet him on 24th January 2025 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. This event will be added to the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>d) National Assn of Local Councils (NALC) announced a consultation paper on allowing councils to hold remote council meetings.</p>	Clerk Clerk
135/24	Planning	
	<p>23/02025: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - Discharge of condition 4 (material of external surface) 5 (section details of window and doors). No comment.</p> <p>22/03137: Site of former 9 Stewkley Road, Soulbury - Application for approval of details subject to condition 4 (Materials), 5 (Slab levels), 8 (Boundary treatment) and 11 (Energy Statement) of planning approval 22/03137/APP. No comment.</p> <p>24/03243: Unit 2 and 4, Hollingdon Depot, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DF Change of use of Unit 4 to Plant Hire (Sui Generis) and alterations to the external appearance including replacement cladding, together with works to Unit 2 comprising demolition of existing detached two storey office, and erection of front extension, alterations to existing building including replacement of cladding and associated works (part retrospective). No comment.</p> <p>23/A2025: Winscott Farm, Stewley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BZ - Discharge of Condition 3 (Historic Building Recording Report produced by Albion Archaeology)</p> <p>24/03239: April Cottage, 14 Chapel Hill, Soulbury, LU7 0BT - Householder application for Hypervolt Electric car charger (retrospective). No comment.</p> <p>24/02238: Corner Croft, Hollingdon Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DN - Replacement dwelling (self-build) with associated outbuilding. No comment.</p>	
136/24	Environment	
	<p>a. Fountain</p> <p>No further information from the solicitor. Agreed the area should be tidied.</p> <p>b. Allotments</p> <p>Nothing to advise.</p> <p>c. Millennium Green</p> <p>Debrief of Firework Display at SMG committee meeting. Action items included review of type of fireworks used and from where they are purchased. Planning meeting for Soulfest 2025 - Soulfest 2024 layout good, Dream Team to be resurrected, first meeting on 16/1/25 to discuss VE Day celebrations.</p>	Cllr Wright Cllr Kemal

137/24	Correspondence	
	a. Highways devolved services 2025/2026 - Bucks Council advised there is an opportunity for existing town and parish councils to sign an agreement for 4 years. 1 year option will remain. It was agreed that Soulbury Parish will stay with the 1 year option.	
138/24	Councillors Open Forum	
	<p>a. Acquisition of Christmas Tree for the village green. Cllrs Wright and Kemal are visiting Liscombe Park to choose tree this week.</p> <p>b. Cllr Stevens noted his concern for what is being done to the property The Paddocks, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ. A lot of land clearance has occurred, a planning app has been raised for one property and now a lot of soil has been brought to the area.</p> <p>c. Cllr Stevens asked that the printed version of the parish mag be revived. Clerk to talk to Harlequin Press to discuss pricing and in what format the company requires the artwork.</p> <p>d. Cllr Bennett asked who and why a company is digging up various small sites around the area and in the village. It is CityFibre fitting fibre cable giving area choices of good fast broadband providers.</p> <p>e. Cllr Kemal advised of Christingle on 8 Dec and carol singing around village on 22 Dec. He also advised the Rev Wright is running a 'Meet the Rector' evening on 17 Jan 2025. Cllr Kemal was asked to provide a diary for the parish mag of all events in the village.</p>	<p>Cllr Wright</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Kemal</p>
139/24	Next meeting	
	<p>The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16 December, 2024 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Please note the dates for 2025: 20/1/25, 17/2/25, 17/3/25.</p>	All

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Payments and receipts as at 12 November 2024

Payments		£
CS Maintenance	CSM0529	180.00
British Gas	Gas for Parish Hall	15.72
Wendy Taylor	Sage Payroll licence	12.00
Victor Wright	Defib pads	74.94
BALC	Training: Allotments	90.00
Wendy Taylor	Stationary for archiving	117.58
Richard Caplan	HSG-094-015	100.00
Richard Caplan	HSG-095-045	225.00
Soulbury Millennium Green	Site upkeep	600.00
Eon Next	Power for parish hall	28.91
CS Maintenance	CSM0530	180.00
NPower	Streetlighting	75.73
Receipts		
Social Group	Parish Hall booking for year	110.00
Fees	Parish Hall booking	30.00
Fees	Allotment plots	260.00