



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17 March 2025 at 7:30 pm

Those present: Cllr Victor Wright Chairman
Cllr Nigel Kemal
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr Alan Stevens

Wendy Taylor Clerk

2 members of the public (MOP)

176/24	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies received from Cllr Jilly Jordan, John Bennett and Maurice Cross and were accepted.	
177/24	Public Participation	
	Cllr Jordan sent her report to council. Clerk read out the headlines and will add to the website. Tina Hobson, PCSO, attended and reported on incidents occurred in Jan, Feb and to date this month. Comprised mainly of traffic incidents with a burglary (business), 1 hare coursing incident, one suspicious male and one antisocial behaviour incident. Tina also advised that the local team are now trained to use a speed gun and are available to carry out speed work in hot spot areas. Request for another name sign for Chapel Hill. Local delivery companies not getting parcels to correct addresses. Owner of Green Farm in consultation with Valuation Office (VO) as VO says the farm has been habitable since purchased. Council agreed to send a letter to VO confirming uninhabitable since 2015.	Clerk Clerk
178/24	Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2025 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.	
179/24	Matters arising	
	A subsequent bill for digging the hole for the Christmas tree has been received. However Clerk has queried it as main bill charged for mini digger so why would we even consider we had to dig the hole for them. Awaiting response to Clerk's suggestion the bill should be nulled. Clerk omitted Cllr Cross from attendees list last month in error.	Clerk
180/24	To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda	
	None	

181/24	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list. b) Monies received: Please see attached list. Balance at bank as at 11th March 2025 was £19,581.02 ditto as of 17 March, 2025. Bank statement for Feb 2025 was signed by Cllr Wright. Balances yet to be included on agenda with the income and payments info. Payments added to bank on 17 March 2025 awaiting authorisation: Purchase of defib pads and battery £339.54 Water for allotments £170.12 c) Devolution: funding for 2025-26 will be £1,894.14, £238.01 less than last year when our costs are increasing. Clerk to look into this and will report back. For now the Devolution document was not signed.	Clerk
182/24	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	a) First issue of Parish News in new format well received. b) Election nomination forms distributed by Clerk. When completed Cllr Wright will get them to Buckinghamshire Council. c) Parish Council Action Plan - discussed and updated.	Cllr Wright
183/24	Planning	
	25/00689: Stockgrove Farm, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn to 1 no. dwelling. No comment. Building at The White House - new house seems larger than anticipated but it was confirmed that ground was dug out first, as required, to lower overall visual height.	
184/24	Environment	
	a. Fountain Awaiting Land Registry response. b. Allotments Overgrown plot cleared ready for new rental. A good standard of work was observed. Discussion on deposits and starting to run the area by committee of renters took place. Clerk offered to work with site manager on contracts going forward. c. Millennium Green Routes for the path around the green worked out. Awaiting 3 quotes. Cllr Stevens has approached a person who has raised a lot of funding for his village to see if he can work on ours. To be invited to SMG committee meeting. Contract for Richard Caplan to work 3 Sundays in every 4 weeks is being compiled.	Clerk Cllr Kemal
185/24	Correspondence	
	a. Cottage adjacent village green: Clerk to gain detailed information from Land Registry on boundaries to the village green. Clerk will also talk to the person who ran a course she attended on village greens to seek advice.	Clerk

	b. Several villagers have contacted the clerk concerned about SORN'd vehicles on the highways. Despite their best efforts with DVLA etc nothing has happened. Clerk asked to advise local PCSO of the vehicle details to take matter forward.	Clerk
186/24	Councillors Open Forum	
	a. VE Day arrangements in hand. Flag purchased at £72.20. Bins liners needed for litter picking and future events. Cllr Wright to purchase. b. Tree opposite Laburnum Cottages pushing wall out. Need to contact letting agent/owner. c. Metal work for moving the post for the MVAS has been completed.	Cllr Wright Cllr Cross
187/24	Next meeting	
	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday , 22 April, 2025 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Please note the dates for 2025: 19/5/25 This is the Parish Meeting, 16/6/25, 21/7/25, 15/9/25, 20/10/25, 17/11/25, 16/12/25.	All

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

Payments and receipts as at 11th March 2025

Payments		£
NPower	Streetlighting	98.54
Wendy Taylor	Sage Payroll licence (Mar 2025)	12.00
R&D Agri Services	Hedge trimming around village	60.00
Buckinghamshire Council	Rent for Childrens Play area	600.00
Harlequin Press	Printing Parish News	316.00
Eon Next	Power for parish hall	25.35
Heart and Soulbury Gardens	Leaf and litter clearance	270.00
S N Green	Parish hall cleaning (Feb 2025)	50.00
Leighton Clearance	Clearance of overgrown allotment plot	500.00
Soulbury Millennium Green	Donation for site upkeep	600.00
British Gas	Gas for parish hall	46.00
Receipts		
Hall hirers	Parish Hall bookings	70.00