



Bowerchalke Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall
at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday 3rd September 2021

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1. Welcome and Apologies for absence:

The Chairman welcomed all present including Terence Rosslyn Smith and Rupert Forrest.

Councillors present:

- David Floyd (DF)
- John Ibbotson (JI),
- James Gosling (JG),
- Alice Marshall (AM)

In attendance: John Nicholas - Parish Clerk (JN)

2. Declaration of interests: None

3. Open Forum:

Terence Rosslyn Smith raised the following issues:

- 1) There was a need for another village get together especially with the growing number of new families with young children. One in the summer (2022) and another in the autumn (2021) would be welcomed. AM referenced discussions with Hannah Brown about a proposed family event on 30th October which would be included in the next Broadsheet. Given the funds available and earmarked for Children's events it was agreed to fund £350 for a marquee. **Action AM/JN.** See item 13 below ref summer event 2022.
- 2) The need to reestablish the paper version of the Broadsheet was considered important. It was agreed that JI would investigate the best way to organise volunteers to make deliveries and liaise with Sandy Forest regarding printing.. Previous volunteers and those involved in the Covid response could be approached. **Action JI.**

4. Minutes of the AGM held on 20th May:

Agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions:

Seeds4succes had made some repairs to the bench opposite the Church and cleaned and varnished the 2 benches at the junction of the road to Woodyates. Consideration of an appropriate donation would be given later in the year.

All other points actioned as indicated or covered elsewhere in the agenda.

6. Planning Matters:

6.1 Planning decisions made since last meeting:

PL/2021/04517: Rookhaye, Back Lane, SP5 5BT-Erection of replacement calf housing-
Wiltshire Council approved 14.06.21

6.2 Planning applications received since last meeting:

PL/2021/04621 :Summerfield, Church Street, SP5 5BE- Formation of single storey extensions to the rear of the property to form new kitchen and dining areas, demolition of existing double garage and formation of new double garage with ancillary accommodation above and improvements of parking area, pedestrian access and general landscaping - **Wiltshire Council approved 02.08.21**

PL/2021/07712:The Buddens,Church Street, SP5 5BN-Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area-**Bowerchalke PC position No Objection; Wiltshire Council consultation deadline 27.08.21**

PL/2021/08392: Holy Trinity Church,SP5 5AY - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area- **Wiltshire Council consultation deadline 21.09.21; Bowerchalke PC position agreed as No Objection. Action JN.**

7.Wiltshire Council report from Elected member:

Wilts Cllr Nabil Najar had been unable to attend due to a family bereavement.The preference for a face to face meeting was agreed which could wait until the next PC meeting.**Action Chair.**

8. Kerbside erosion and surface water on Church Street:

Deferred to the next meeting.

9. Administrative and Financial Matters:

9.1 Payments and Receipts schedule to 31.08.21 - noted.

9.2 Annual Insurance renewal- JN proposed negotiating a 3 year agreement with the insurers on next renewal which was approved. **Action JN.**

10. Finger Posts:

- AM noted that payment had been made wrt the deposit and work on the replacement finger post at the junction of Church Street and Quidham Street was scheduled for October. Some metal replacement letters would be reused on other finger posts and additional acrylic letters requested for others. Part of the existing finger post (to be replaced) could be reused on the damaged post at the top of the road to 6D Handley by the Ox Drove. **Action AM.**

11. Fibre to the Premises (FTTP):

Jl outlined the approach adopted in Bishopstone and proposed something similar in Bowerchalke, primarily at this stage to gauge interest. The Government backed scheme allows for vouchers to be issued up to £1500 per household or £3000 per business to be issued which would fund the laying of fibre direct to premises. This would greatly improve broadband speeds and connections. Flyers in an edition of the Broadsheet and the establishment of a web site would help promote the scheme. The proposed approach was approved. **Action JI.**

12. Parish Clerk Vacancy:

The Chair had spoken with a number of people about the vacancy arising as a result of JN moving out of the village. Rupert Forrest was attending to gain an understanding of the role which would be followed up after the meeting. **Action JN.**

13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Following on from the discussions in the Public Forum the Chair proposed to investigate how the previous Fun day (Knowle Farm) had been organised and how a similar event could be linked to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022. **Action Chair.**

14. Exceptional Items:

14.1 The need to thank those involved in volunteering especially during the pandemic eg food deliveries was raised. Thanks had been received from the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire during 2020 which had been passed onto volunteers. In addition the Chair undertook to personally thank volunteers and encouraged all Councillors to advise on similar acts of kindness or voluntary/unpaid activities in the future. **Action All/Chair**

15. Date of the next meeting: agreed as **Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7.00pm.**

16. The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.