



Bowerchalke Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday 5th
November 2020

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Present: Councillors David Floyd (DF) (Acting Chair), James Body (JB), John Ibbotson (JI), James Gosling (JG), Peter Guy (PG), Cllr Jose Green -Wiltshire Council (Cllr JG)

In attendance Nicki Tinkler Covid Support Network lead (Broad Chalke), Chris Rothwell (Clerk Broad Chalke Parish Council and Secretary CVSC)

Parish Clerk John Nicholas (JN)

1. Apologies:None received

2. Declaration of interest/Public statements: The Chair declared an interest wrt possible future planning application regarding temporary lodge style accommodation. This was initially expected to be in his garden, but due to potential difficulty for emergency vehicles to access it through the field when it was wet, other locations including the farmyard are under consideration JB explained his recent absence from the Parish Council following the sad and sudden death of his son. The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council welcomed JB back and expressed deepest sympathies.

3. Emergency Planning:

JN introduced the Emergency Plan and talked through the main part of the document. He highlighted: the types of emergency as Health (human or animal), Severe Weather (floods, snow/ice or storms), Utility failure (power supply, clean water, telephone lines) and Major Incidents (road traffic accidents, plane or helicopter crash); the pressures and consequences of such emergencies and the role that the local communities could play. Other points covered included: the legalities involved (eg health and safety, data protection and insurance), the lead role of the statutory agencies and how to support them if required (local emergency responders).

Nicki Tinkler explained the purpose and content of the appendices both of which would be held confidentially. Appendix A contains a list of all volunteers who have either offered their

resources or skills. She highlighted the positive feedback from 11 members of the farming community across the 2 villages who, if required, would supply a range of equipment and machinery from tractors and chain swas to water bowers and man cages. 44 local people have provided contact details with a wide range of skills including retired medical staff, a qualified disaster management specialist and those who have offered to walk dogs or make tea.

Appendix B is the action plan for management by a suggested 2 Parish Council sub committee.

JB suggested that there needed to be more information regarding communications and offered his and JI's input for an additional section. **Action JB/JI**

PG mentioned his previous experience and highlighted the importance of action cards for those involved.

The Chairman noted some inconsistencies in the maps regarding flood risk. These had been provided by the Environment Agency. It was noted that there may be confusion between ground water flooding and surface water flooding. JN agreed to clarify. **Action JN**

The Chairman requested Councillor support to join the sub committee and PG agreed to join as the Bowerchalke rep. This was unanimously supported.

The Chairman requested support to adopt the Emergency Plan as a work in progress Parish Council plan and this was unanimously agreed..

4. Chalke Valley Sports Centre (CVSC): Chris Rothwell updated the meeting on recent developments at the CVSC, including the establishment of the petanque facility (with a new club planned for 2021). He highlighted the financial position and current bank balance, the likely capital cost pressures for maintenance and repair and the way in which membership charges were split between individual clubs and the overall management of the CVSC. Bowerchalke membership is currently around 12 people with total membership around 90 to 100. Children's clubs do not require an additional charge to support the overall running costs of the CVSC.

In discussion it was agreed that there should be further encouragement of Bowerchalke residents to join the clubs, especially children, via the Bowerchalke Broadsheet.

It was agreed that subject to clarification of the funds in the original "playground account" a grant of £500 should be made available to support the CVSC with the emphasis on encouraging additional children from Bowerchalke to participate. **Action JN/CR**

5. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2020: Approved.

6. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions:

1. Anna Watson resignation: JN had notified Wiltshire Council. There had been no subsequent calls for an Election.
2. Holly Bank: JN had obtained clarification from Wiltshire Council that there were

no restrictions on age in the tenancy agreements. It was noted that there was ongoing concern about the numbers of occupants in the bungalows. JG suggested that if the Parish Council was concerned about the lack of affordable (appropriate) housing it could either develop a Neighbourhood Plan or establish a Local Needs survey.

3. Benches: It was noted that the Olivia Harding bench had not yet been installed. **Action JS.** JN had agreed with Liz Birkett and the Cricket Club that a new bench could be installed on the cricket pitch for another ex resident of the village. **Action JN**
4. Mead End weeds: Some cut back had been performed. JG had spoken with Wes Hulme and the rest of the weeds would be cut back only when sufficient water build had been achieved, as this was good practice.

7. Planning Matters:

1. No planning had been applications received since the last meeting.
2. Planning White Paper: it was noted that consultation had recently ended and that the next step was for Parliamentary discussion.

8. Administrative and Financial matters:

1. Insurance renewal: JN stated he was happy with the response from Came and Co. to enquiries during the year. The renewal premium of £384.65 was now due. It was unanimously agreed to support renewal. **Action JN**
2. The Payments and Receipts schedule was noted. It was predicted that the financial outturn would be within budget.
3. Seeds4success: a request for a donation had been received from one of the trustees. It was agreed that it was more appropriate to link funding to work performed. Some work had been done earlier in the year on the pathway in the Castle area of the village and on the bus shelter outside the Village Hall. Unfortunately due to Covid the second part of the work had not been able to be completed. It was agreed unanimously to authorise payment for the work done to date at a charge of £175. **Action JN**

9. Exceptional Items:

JG gave a report on Wiltshire Council issues highlighting:

- The good work of the local Covid support network
- Rising numbers of Covid case within Wiltshire
- Ongoing grants to local businesses during Covid pandemic

- £600k funding for rough sleepers

In addition JG welcomed input from all Parish Councils to influence the priorities of the Council for next year. These were best fed back through Karen Linaker.

The Recycling Centre would remain open. JB expressed concern that it was difficult obtaining a slot for the recycling centre. The mobile library service would close during Covid lockdown

JG announced that she would not be standing for reelection in May 2021. The Chairman expressed his and the Parish Council's appreciation of all the hard work JG had given to our and other local Parishes over the years.

The Chairman expressed concern about the current traffic restrictions in Salisbury. Others also mentioned the resultant traffic pressures especially in Lower Bemerton and through Churchfields. Outlying villages would not benefit from the new cycle lanes in Salisbury.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was agreed as **Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.00pm,**

11. The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.