



Bowerchalke Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday 4th
March 2021

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Present: Councillors: James Body (JB) (Chair), David Floyd (DF) John Ibbotson (JI), James Gosling (JG), Alice Marshall (AM), Cllr Jose Green -Wiltshire Council (Cllr JG)

In attendance: Paul Lee (ref item 8)

Parish Clerk: John Nicholas (JN)

1. Apologies: Peter Guy (PG)

2. Declaration of interests: None.

3.Chairman: The current Chair confirmed his intention to stand down. It was unanimously agreed to elect David Floyd as the new Chairman with effect (subject to the outcome of the elections) from the next meeting.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 7th January 2021: Approved, subject to amendment of date of next meeting to 4th March.

5. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions: All actioned as indicated or covered in the agenda.

6.Report from Cllr Jose Green: The report from Cllr JG had been circulated. The rise in Council tax for 2021/22 of 4.9% was noted with 3% due to Social Care increased costs. As this was the last meeting Cllr JG would be attending, following the announcement of her intention not to stand again in the May elections, the Parish Council thanked her for all the hard work on behalf of both local and all Wiltshire residents.

7. Planning Matters:

7.1 Planning decisions made since last meeting:

20/10487/FUL Little Misselfore- Erection of Alton Victorian style cedar greenhouse in upper part of garden: **Wiltshire Council Approved with conditions on 27.01.21**

20/10079/FUL Manor Farm- Siting of a mobile home in yard of Manor Farm: **Wiltshire Council Approved with conditions on 20.01.21**

20/09682/FUL Redundant Barn 830m North East of West Chase Cottages SP5 5LR- Conversion of existing traditional farm building to form a single unit of residential accommodation: **Application withdrawn**

20/09634/FUL- Chalke Hills Cottage (Formerly The Cottage) Woodminton North East C65 To Church Street Bowerchalke SP5 5DD- construction of an oak framed garage: **Wiltshire Council Approved with conditions on 28.01.21**

7.2 Planning applications received since last meeting: None

8. Kerbside erosion and surface water on Church Street:

Paul Lee attended for this item. Paul was thanked for his excellent work. The report was unanimously approved.

It was agreed that the report be sent to David Button Area Engineer at Wiltshire Council and a meeting on site would be sought. AM, Paul Lee and JN would represent the Parish Council.

Action JN

9. Handover of Broadsheet:

John Sears had written to JN to confirm the successful handover (including funds and bank account) from himself and Annabel Gibb of the Bowerchalke Broadsheet to Sandy Forrest. A vote of thanks from the Parish Council was given to John and Annabel for their hard work over several years.

10. Accident Prevention:

JN reported on an incident brought to his attention by Terence Rosslyn Smith involving a cyclist travelling at some speed and a car turning into the Village Hall on a Saturday Market morning earlier in the year. The Parish Council was asked to consider any appropriate action to try and prevent such an occurrence in the future. Councillors did recognise the problem of some cyclists not always obeying the speed limit especially on the down slopes of Church Street. However, having considered the options of a temporary sign and other possible traffic

slowing measures, the Council did not consider they would necessarily improve the situation. It was also felt that, in the instance described, the car driver could have potentially had sight of the oncoming cyclist before making the turn into the Village Hall car park. The suggestion of putting something in the Broadsheet was also considered but as the cyclist was likely to have been someone who does not live in the village it was considered less worthwhile.

11. Administrative and Financial matters:

1. The Payments and Receipts schedule was noted. The current balance was £10,716.15.
2. The Playground Account had now been transferred to the on the line account (Business Instant Account). It was agreed to transfer the funds (£1688.45) earmarked as for the benefit of children in the village to the main (Treasurer's) account. This related to the Bowerfest Fun day back in 2019. **Action JN**
3. The contract for the defibrillator was due for renewal on 11th April. It was agreed to renew the contract for a further 4 years at the same cost of £1800 plus VAT. **Action JN**

12. Finger Posts: AM presented slides showing the current position and state of the 4 finger post road signs in the village. All were considered to be in need of either repair or possible replacement.

AM had started to obtain quotes. AM was thanked for her clear report. It was agreed to support a bid to the South West Area Board for funding in 2020/21 of £400 with a possible further bid in 2021/22. An overall budget of £1700 was approved. The finger post at the top of Quidham Street was agreed as the first priority.

Action AM/JN

13. Memorial benches in the Village:

The Olivia Harding bench had yet to be installed. In the absence of JS the Chairman agreed to follow up the outstanding action. The offer of help from Tom Dyer was supported.

Action JB

(post meeting note: the bench has now been installed on the path behind the Church)

JN reported on the poor state of the other benches in the village notably the one on Church Street opposite the Church.

It was agreed to obtain quotes from Andrew Shervington for repairs to the bench opposite the Church and to consider any repairs /maintenance required for the 2 benches on the piece of land by the junction with the road up to Woodyates.

Action JG (discussion Andrew Shervington); JI (report on 2 benches)

An overall budget for bench repairs/replacement was agreed as £500.

Action JN

14. May 2021 Parish Council Elections:

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the timetable and action required of those wishing to stand. All existing Councilors need to stand again should they so wish. Nomination papers need to be handed in at Bourne Hill in Salisbury.

JN advised that the date for publication of the Notice of the Election was 11th March.

Deadline for submission of nomination papers is 4pm on 8th April.

DF volunteered to deliver nomination papers of anyone wishing to stand and book an appointment. All nomination papers to be printed off, signed and handed to JN in the first instance by **18th March**. Alternatively individuals can book an appointment and deliver their own nomination papers to Bourne Hill by **8th April**.

Action ALL/JN/DF

15.Exceptional Items- Update on Ch4lkemobile project:

The Chairman noted that Wessex Internet now had a presence in Bowerchalke. Some problems had been encountered wrt access to land to lay cables. AM offered to help with her knowledge of land management issues. An alternative solution was being sought. BT were also involved at the other end of the village with a firm called ANLX.

3 locations for onward distribution had been identified at the cress beds in Broad Chalke, Mead End and Misselfore/Castle.

16.Date of the next meeting (AGM) - agreed as Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.00pm.

17.The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.