



Bowerchalke Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday 7th January
2021

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

In attendance: Alice Marshall (AM); Paul Lee (item 7)

Parish Clerk John Nicholas (JN)

1. Apologies: James Gosling

2. Declaration of interest/Public statements: The Chair stated that this would be his last meeting as Chair and the Council would need to elect a new Chair at the start of the next meeting. DF declared an interest wrt planning application 20/10079.

3. Co-option: The Chair welcomed Alice Marshall to the meeting and confirmed her acceptance to be co opted. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Alice Marshall to the Parish Council.

JN agreed to forward the appropriate papers to AM and advise ref Wiltshire Council declaration procedures. **Action JN/AM**

4. Minutes of meeting held on 5th November 2020: Approved.

5. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions:

1. In response to a question from PG regarding funding for rough sleepers Cllr JG noted that funds were held by Wiltshire Council. Any relevant applications could be made to Karen Linaker.

6. Planning Matters:

6.1 Planning applications received since last meeting:

20/10487/FUL Little Misselfore- Erection of Alton Victorian style cedar greenhouse in upper part of garden: **Consultation ends 14.1.21: The Parish Council agreed to submit “No Comment”. Action JN**

20/10079/FUL Manor Farm- Siting of a mobile home in yard of Manor Farm: **Consultation ended 31.12.20.** It was noted that following investigation by JI and circulation to other members (excl DF) the **Parish Council had submitted a comment of “Support”** to Wiltshire Council. However it was further noted that all such applications which could potentially have an impact on the River Avon regarding phosphates are being held in abeyance. Given the possible delays to other applications eg 20/09682 below it was agreed to write to Wiltshire Council requesting consideration of a list of preventative measures which applicants could take in order for the applications to be considered in the normal timeframes. **Action JN**

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: **Consultation ended 23.12.20. No response submitted** but comments above noted.

6.2 Broad Chalke Neighbourhood Plan:

JI reported on the Plan and highlighted the action plan regarding:

1. Managing Public Rights of Way
2. Pedestrian Path along Causeway Road and Village Safety
3. Community Hub/CV Stores
4. Local Flooding
5. Local Housing Needs

The Chair noted Bowerchalke residents' significant use of a number of facilities based in Broad Chalke incl the school, the CV stores, the CV Sports centre, the pub and the GP surgery. It was important that Bowerchalke should input into the Plan where appropriate.

Jl agreed to write a letter of support to Asley Truluck the author of the Plan and request the opportunity for ongoing involvement when elements of the Plan affected the residents of Bowerchalke. **Action JI**

7. Kerbside erosion and surface water on Church Street:

Paul Lee attended for this item. JN updated the meeting regarding correspondence with David Button the Principal Engineer for Wiltshire Council. David Button's key points:

- New kerbing or relocating highway drainage outside scope of Local Highways team
- Engineering works like these only considered as part of a forward programme of works
- Church Street included in rolling 5 year programme for tarmac patching, followed by surface dressing in either 2021 or 2022
- Highway Authority practice not to deliberately widen roads nor to extend urbanisation by provision of additional kerbing

The state of other parts of Church Street were also noted including the area at the junction with Quidham Street. DF highlighted the frequent flooding issues in part caused by the higher level of road at this junction.

It was agreed that a more strategic approach and case of need was required and Paul Lee agreed to work with AM to produce a report. PG as Parish Council lead for roads offered his support. **Action AM/Paul Lee**

8. Holly Bank parking on Church Street:

JN reported on correspondence/communication from Carolyn Nevill and others regarding ongoing difficulties caused by the number of cars now parking on the street incl the

pavement. It was noted that the problem had been made worse by the works wrt sewage at the back of the bungalows. Further debate took place wrt any possible covenants on the bungalows and their use. AM confirmed that the bungalows had originally been part of the Rookhaye estate and were bequeathed to the County Council (now Wiltshire Council). It was agreed to:

- 1) Confirm the date of completion of works (wrt sewage pipes etc) from Wiltshire Council.
- 2) Write a short piece in Bowerchalke Broadsheet regarding parking on Church Street.

Action JN

9. Administrative and Financial matters:

1. The Payments and Receipts schedule was noted. Since distribution of the report funds due from HMRC had finally been received.
2. The Budget was agreed for 2021/22 and the Council unanimously agreed to keep the precept at £5400. **Action JN**

10. Tisthefuture:

JN advised on correspondence received. He had asked Laura Loncar and Charlotte Steel to consider accommodating the mobile shop on the Village Hall site during the Saturday market. Members supported this approach subject to not disturbing other aspects of the market eg the cheese van. **Action JN**

11. Memorial benches in the Village:

JN advised that the bench requested and funded by Julie Barter, a former resident, had now been installed on the cricket pitch.

The Olivia Harding bench had yet to be installed.

12. Report from Cllr Jose Green:

Cllr JG reported on:

- Upcoming Area Board on 13.1.21
- Use of MyWilts App
- Possible grant opportunities

- Police Commissioner proposed increases to precept
- Deteriorating Covid situation both within Wiltshire and more locally
- Flytipping

13. Exceptional items since issue of agenda

JN advised on correspondence from Sian Cooper regarding the Poor Patch Fund.

New trustees were to be appointed. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the appointments as proposed:

1. Sian Cooper
2. Jane Guy

14. The next meeting was agreed as Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.00pm

15. The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.