



**DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on ZOOM on Tuesday 12 January 2021**

**1. PRESENT:** Cllrs. N. Nicoll, S. Ceres, L. Hirons; V. Latter, J. McDonagh, C. Miners.

In attendance PC Clerk: V. Fowkes

**2. APOLOGIES:** DC B. Behan. (Retrospectively Cllr Kinghorn).

**3. No declarations of interest.**

**4. Minutes of PC Meeting 17.11.2020 (Zoom).** Agreed by all present and to be signed by Chairman when possible.

**5. Matters arising.** Identified in Minutes below.

**6. Update on Coronavirus Pandemic.** The Clerk continues to make bi-weekly phone contact with all Bushley Residents living alone to check all is well: shopping, company, warmth, broadband etc. All have regular contact with neighbours who keep an eye on them. It is important to maintain confidentiality unless specifically approved by a resident.

**7. Finance:**

**a. 31.12.2020** Carried forward in Lloyds A/C: £5660. No outstanding payments at that date.

**b.** Final Budget discussed, ratified and proposed by Cllr. Nicoll, seconded by Cllr. Ceres and all agreed. Clerk to submit MHDC Precept request: £10K.

**8. Lengthsman Contract.** Notification from WCC that Lengthsmen are allowed to continue working, adhering to Parish COVID Risk Assessment, appropriately updated from last year. (Actioned VF/BP). Salt and grit supplies available for Lengthsman to use as necessary. Stored behind BVH and in Church Farmyard.

**9. Churchyard Mowing.** Annual contract for 2021 agreed in writing by Mowing Company for same work programme/cost in 2021. Contract delivered and paid on monthly basis with hours flexible to manage weather conditions.

**10. EA Severn Trent and WCC Highways (Flooding at Broxford / Stokes Lane corner)**

**a. 27.12.2020** Severn Trent Team Report post visit: *'Found all Foul Water assets to be private systems. Also land water filling septic tank and flooding road very close to poor drainage on highway.'*

**b. 01.01.2021.** Environment Agency Phone call: Visited the village and seen the flooding issues. Identified several potential causes and is returning at a later date to discuss various solutions.

**c. 21.01.21:** WCC Sub-contracted Highways Engineer Team planning to drain and survey C2217 from the Oxhey to Stokes Lane corner.

The Clerk has suggested that EA and WCC Highways Engineer (b&c), have a joint discussion next time they are in Bushley.

**11. Planning Applications**

**a.** 20/01796/LB Yes Tree Cottage, Bushley Green - approved 20.01.21

20/01011/LB Churchend Cottage, Withdrawn

20/01384/AGR/ Bredon School, No objection

20/01722/LB proposed internal alterations; 20/01582/CU proposed equestrian use: **Decisions pending.**

**11. Bredon School.** Meeting to be established with Mr. Nick Oldham and Councilors when convenient early in 2021.

**12. WCC Parish Paths Warden** post to be advertised in Bushley News and Clerk's Bushley Circular in December 2020. This post is the responsibility of WCC Countryside Service Officer.

### **13. Police: Upton Safer Neighbourhood Team.**

a. Police advised BPC that they are looking into Forthampton Shoot trespassing on to land where no permission has been granted and shot falling on Sarn Hill Grange property. Police visited the Shoot Management to ensure the Code of Practice for safe shooting is adhered to.

### **14. District and County Councillors' Reports**

a. DC Bronwen Behan written report: Key points: Bushley PC has reported Avian Flu in BN. Upton-upon-Severn Recycling Centre open on Wednesdays Saturdays, Sundays. Reminder to let MHDC know if any internal damage of property Flooding.

b. CC Tom Wells' report circulated in advance of meeting: Highways works; Children's Services; Health and Well-being; The Environment.

### **15. Councillors' Report:**

*BVH ( Cllr Kinghorn): Hall remains closed yet my visiting/heating continues to ensure maintenance. Future use pending Covid environment. Bushley village hall is currently offered as a possible testing centre venue (in discussion with the authorities) IF the government need it. Trustee approval granted, although if a more lengthy debate was required on opinion, consultation would be widened to the community however in current times of civil emergency/need, this would sensibly be surpassed based on requirement. We wait Government/LA direction.*

### **16. Any other Business**

a. Clerk to circulate Councillor Training Schedule up to and including March. Please advise Clerk if you wish to attend.

b. Separate meeting to be identified in Spring 2021 to plan for Bushley Trees Programme : Varieties, sites, funding, Ash Die-back management.

c. To be identified: Date and Councillors to undertake Clerk Appraisal. WCALC recommend this will take place when COVID-19 Lockdown restrictions are lifted.

c. Mural for the Bus Shelter However this project cannot be progressed until the current COVID restrictions are removed. Elaine Guilding has agreed to implement the artwork, with local youth input if this is possible under current CRB check regulations.

d. Meetings on Line: Cllrs. Ceres / Latter to investigate 'Microsoft Teams' and share information with Councillors prior to next meeting. Clerk to ask CALC.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Meetings in 2021: Tuesday 9 March, 11 May (by Zoom as necessary)**

Vicky Fowkes  
Clerk & RFO  
Bushley Parish Council