



BUSHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 30th November 2021 at Bushley Village Hall Meeting Room

1. PRESENT: Cllrs. Nigel Nicoll, Vaughan Latter, J. Kinghorn, Jenny McDonagh and Chris Miners

In attendance Clerk: Dave Kent

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr Lesley Hirons

There were no County or District Councillors, or members of the public present.

3. There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests

4. Minutes of PC Meeting Tuesday 19th October 2021.

Agreed as presented and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising:

5. There were no District or County Councillor reports.

6. Recruitment of Councillor to fill the vacant position.

It was noted that CALC guidelines on councillor recruitment had been observed. Arrangements had been made for the advertising of the post through Bushley News and local notice boards.

7. Finance.

a) The current cash balance and transactions during since the previous meeting were noted.

b) The following items of expenditure were approved:

Date	Cheque no	Payment	Details	Balance
30/11/2021	000790	£22.73	Repairs - Flagpole	£9943.30
30/11/2021	000791	£619.84	Parish Council Computer	£9323.46
30/11/2021	000792	£132.80	Lengthsman	£9190.66
30/11/2021	000793	£504.00	Retiring Clerk final salary	£8686.66
30/11/2021	000794	£50.00	Bus Shelter Mural, Petrol expenses.	£8636.66

c) Concerns were expressed over an unpaid County Council repayment for lengthsman's services, and an overpayment for churchyard mowing. The Clerk to check with the retiring Clerk.

d) Precept 2022-23

It was noted that a budget of £280 would be required for the hire of the Village Hall, representing 10 meetings, each 2 hours, at £14.00 per hour.

Any VAT refund should be bundled into precept projections.

Cllr Nicoll would present a draft projection of 2022-23 finances, thus proposing a precept demand for that year.

e) The Clerk would seek information to present to Council on electronic banking providers.

8. Planning Applications – the Clerk would send notifications of all new planning applications for consideration to all councillors and a consensus from responses provided would be submitted as the Parish Council's response.

9. Progress Reports

a) **Septic Tanks:** Progress of the Stokes Lane issue to be reviewed at next meeting (WCC notification had been served). The Village Hall arrangements (a sealed tank) had been accepted by WCC.

b) There was no Highway report presented

c) **Bus Shelter:** The mural has been completed, some timberwork to the shelter needs to be completed. It was agreed that a payment of £50 should be made to the Artist (Elaine Guilding) for her petrol costs in traveling to the site over the weeks. This would come out of the asset maintenance budget.

d) There was no Bredon School report.

e) The lengthsman's report was presented. It was noted that remedial work at the village entrance gates had been carried out.

10. Councillor Reports

- a) Village Hall report: information was provided on the Christmas event and the Community Garden.
- b) Prior Notice of (Planning) Applications: More information is required about these applications and the permitted development rights associated with them, to inform Councillors and residents. Cllr Nicoll/Clerk to contact MHDC for such information.
- c) Cllr Nicoll would consult Martin Roberts about trees at Windmill Tump. Funding, if development were approved, would be provided either from the Council precept or from private funding or both. Any precept demand presented would be considered at the next Council meeting.
- d) Consideration of plans to celebrate the Queen's 70th Anniversary would be considered at the next meeting, when a working group would be set up to take forward.
- e) Councillors Nicoll and Latter had attended a District Council forum on climate change and bio diversity issues. Ideas emerging from this and further information would be addressed, to be considered by all councillors. Information from this forum would be issued to Councillors when available. A matter of particular interest was that of initiatives that would be appropriate for older properties in rural communities such as Bushley.

11. Other Business

Councillor Nicoll would provide the Clerk with information to log into Council's web site.

12. The next Council meeting would be held on 11th January 2022.