

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of Britford Parish Council 7th January 2021 at 6pm on the Zoom conference platform.

Present: Derek Finnis, Chairman (DF), Jane Ranaboldo, Tim Bonallack, Enid Alston, Martin Sturgeon

Also, present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), Cllr Richard Clewer

Start time: 6.00pm

Public Session: No members of the public present

Email from B. Wheeler: Wessex Water detected a water leak - earlier this year - on the piece of grassland adjacent to our property on the edge of the lane. They made two attempts to repair this but by Xmas week the flow was steady and washing away the earth in the bank. The water and soil were then filling the ditch.

Saving you the detail - I reported this in Xmas week - chlorinated water leaking into a natural watercourse - and 2 days before Xmas they dug up the ancient {black} pipe and repaired the leak - this time hopefully properly. This week they have been back to re-soil and seed the repair area.

Probably this will repeat itself again in view of the age of the pipe work which must be the same throughout Britford. Wessex Water will need to be chased when/if this happens.

Agenda.

21.01.01 Apologies: To receive and accept apologies for absence: Caroline Heaven, John Smart.

21.01.02 Vacancies in Office of Parish Council: None

21.01.03 Declaration of Interest: Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensation. None

21.01.04 Minutes of PC Meetings

Minutes of ordinary meeting held 5th November 2020 to be approved and signed

Minutes of extra ordinary meeting held 10th December 2020 to be approved and signed.

Resolved: Minutes approved by all and to be signed at a later date.

21.01.05 Clerk's report/Matter's Arising

1.. Dog waste bins: to consider cost of installing and maintaining, quote received from ID Verde. The Council considered the benefits of installing bins at various points throughout Britford. **Resolved:** To initially install 5 bins throughout the village and High Road. Funds from CIL will be allocated to this.

Action: Clerk to request quote for installing 5 x 25L bins and the cost of monthly maintenance contract. Also, to find out the cost of relocating/removing the bins at a later date if necessary.

2. Letter to Cllr Clewer regarding Pedestrian Zone in Salisbury City Centre drafted but kept on file as scheme is placed on temporary hold. **Resolved:** To still submit the letter to Cllr Clewer. **Action:** TB to re-draft the letter.

3. Planning Application: 20/10042/FUL – Form submitted with letters of objection to the proposal, to Mr Pizzey at Wiltshire Council and Mr Marsden at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust. **Action:** None

21.01.06 To consider any urgent matters raised in public session or information from Councillors (For discussion only, no decision can be taken).

a. To consider amendment to Standing Orders regarding discussion of matters raised by public or

Councillors. **Resolved:** As the Council do not meet every month it may be necessary to make urgent decisions regarding matters raised in public sessions. **Action:** Clerk to draft amendment.

b. To consider amending the six-month attendance policy during exceptional circumstances.

Resolved: To draft a temporary amendment to standing orders. Will be reviewed at Elections in May.

21.01.07 Precept: members to review draft budget for coming financial year and set Precept for 2021/2022.

a. **Resolved:** Draft Budget for 2021/2022 Approved by all.

b. **Resolved:** Vote to set Precept at £3500.00 for 2021/2022 – all in agreement. **Action:** Clerk to submit precept requirement to Wiltshire Council.

21.01.08 Forthcoming meetings

1. Salisbury Cycle Liaison Panel: 20th January 2021, 17.00 – 18.30. Microsoft Teams. MS to attend.
2. Southern Area Wiltshire Board: 28th January 2021, 7pm. Microsoft Teams – DF to try and attend.

21.01.09 Finance

1. Clerk's salary – cheque to be issued and signed
2. To note bank balance as of 30th November 2020, £13,151.46
3. It was noted the clerk was still waiting for online banking approval.
4. Councillors awarded a pay rise to the clerk to £3,000.00 pa effective 1st January 2021.

21.01.10 Correspondence

Councillor Clewer gave a short briefing on Wiltshire Council Local Plan review and the areas of possible developments surrounding Britford. He stressed the importance of the Parish Councils input into this consultation.

1. The consultation into the Wiltshire Local Plan review, and separately the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan, will run from Wednesday 13 January 2021 until 11:59pm on Tuesday 9 March 2021.

Wiltshire Council must allocate sufficient land to satisfy housing and employment needs up to 2036 and is seeking the views of local communities and stakeholders to see if the suggested distribution of numbers across the county is correct, and which of the proposed sites are most suitable. Feedback during this review consultation will help to shape the draft Local Plan, which will be finalised later in 2021. It will then be used to guide decisions on whether future planning applications for housing, infrastructure and land for employment can be granted.

Online Event for Salisbury is Tuesday 26th January 2021 7-8pm

2. Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan consultation

The Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan consultation will also take place at the same time, from Wednesday 13 January 2021 until 11:59pm on Tuesday 9 March 2021. In line with Government planning policy and legislation, the plan will look to allocate land for travellers in sustainable locations to meet their permanent and temporary accommodation needs up until 2036.

3. Briefing Note 20-37: Housing Land supply updated; copy sent to all council members.
4. Briefing Note 20-39: Management of Council business & publicity during the pre-election period; copy sent to all council members.

21.01.12 Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Alston put forward a proposal for community benches to be placed at various location around Britford. **Resolved:** To be put forward at the next meeting. **Action:** Cllr Alston will forward further information to the clerk.
- b. Cllr Clewer confirmed the May elections will take place; adjustments/provisions will be made for the COVID pandemic if necessary.
- c. Cllr Ranaboldo put forward a proposal for the Parish Council to lead the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. **Resolved:** All in agreement. **Action:** To be discussed at a future meeting.
- d. Offer of support to Britford residents during this lockdown to be offered. **Resolved:** All in agreement support to the vulnerable should offered. **Action:** Clerk to place a notice of Reeves home delivery service in News & Notes. Clerk to email offer of assistance to vulnerable residents and place a notice on Parish website.

21.01.13 To note the dates of next ordinary meetings:

Thursday 4th March 2021

Thursday 13th May 2021

Thursday 1st July 2021 – to be rescheduled. Rescheduled to 8th July 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Thursday 4th November 2021

20.01.14 To close the meeting.

Finish Time: 7.45pm