

Britford Parish Council
Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 2nd November
2023

Britford Parish Council members met on Thursday 2nd November 2023 for an Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Britford Memorial & Community Hall.

Present: Derek Finnis (Chairman), Jane Ranaboldo, Enid Alston, Tim Bonallack, Nat Cole, Martin Sturgeon, Brian Wheeler

Also, present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

Start time: 7.30pm

Public Session

***23.05.08. Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review.** Cllr Finnis started the session by briefly explaining the Parish Councils plan to submit objections to the Local Plan Review proposals on Site 6. He would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Britford Field Fund, we have reached the target. A Barrister and Hydrology Expert have been engaged; we are looking for a planning consultant.

Cllr Finnis would also like to thank Victoria Sturgeon and Annabel Lawson for their time and dedication in helping to develop the Britford Parish Council objection to Policy 26.

Mr J Dennis.

A Planning Consultant and Resident of Britford, Mr Dennis suggested the Parish Council focus the objections to the proposed development on site 6 based on Hydrology. He offered advice on a QC and a Planning Consultant.

With no further members of the public wishing to speak, Cllr Finnis closed the meeting to the public for a confidential discussion regarding the Local Plan Review Regulation 19 objection strategy.

Agenda

23.05.01 Apologies for Absence. To receive and accept apologies for absence. None.

Cllr Clewer passed on his apologies as he had a prior commitment.

23.05.02 Vacancies in Council Office: None.

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

23.05.04 To consider any urgent matters raised in the public session, and any other urgent matters or items from councillors. (For discussions only, no decisions can be taken). Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review was moved to the public session.

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23.05.05 To agree any items on the agenda that are to be dealt with following the exclusion of the press & public. Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review, Regulation 19 consultations.

23.05.06 Minutes. To approve and sign the Minutes of meeting held 5th October 2023. To be signed at the next meeting.

23.05.07 Britford Water. A meeting was held on 28th September with many riparian owners attending. Their concerns were heard and have been noted.
Cllr Finnis would like to thank the owners who have already started to clear the ditches around the village.

Cllr Cole gave a brief summary of the recent flooding in the Village. Signs were put out and sandbags distributed. **Resolved:** In the attempt to reduce the speed of drivers through flood water the Parish Council will purchase further drive slowly signs and traffic cones.

23.05.08 Wiltshire Council Local Review Plan, Regulation 19 Consultations. To consider the Parish Councils response to the Consultations. **Resolved:** It was agreed to move this item to the public session.

Resolved: The following costs were considered and approved:

Barrister: Approx £5,000 plus VAT

Hydrology Expert: Approx £1,500 + VAT

Planning Consultant: £1,500 + VAT

Further expert advice: £500 + VAT

23.05.09 Media equipment. To consider the purchase of media equipment for Parish Council use. **Resolved:** To purchase a projector and loudspeaker.

23.05.10 Dog Bins. The maintenance contract with ID Verde has been renewed for another year. *No further action.*

23.05.11 Highways.

a). Highways Improvement Requests. To review the requests submitted to LHFIG.

i) Salisbury District Hospital – crossing

ii) Longford School – yellow lines

Resolved: Councillors agreed with the requests, to be considered at the next LHFIG meeting.

b) Grass Verges. Cllr Finnis will contact Graham Axtell regarding the grass verges around the Parish.

23.05.12 Draft budget for financial year 2024/2025. To consider and approved the draft budget for Precept purposes. **Resolved:** The draft budget for 2024/25 was approved by all members.

23.05.13 Precept. To consider and agree the Precept for financial year 2024/2025. **Resolved:** As the 2024/25 taxbase has not been confirmed by Wiltshire Council, it was proposed to set the Precept for 2024/25 at the next meeting.

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23.05.14 Planning.

- a). To consider a response to any new planning applications received. None.
- b). To consider a response to any planning applications received between publishing of the agenda, and date of the meeting. None.
- c). To confirm any planning application responses determined email for applications received since last meeting.
- d). To note any planning application decisions received by Wiltshire Council.

PL/2023/07125: Brookmead, Lower Road, Britford, SP5 4DU. *Approved with conditions.*

PL/2023/05816: Bridge House, Lower Road, Britford, SP5 4DY. Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. *No objection.*

23.05.15 Finance.

- a). To note bank accounts as of 1st November 2023: £14,017.95
- b) To note remaining funds in Britford Field Fund: £7,500.00
- b). To approve the Schedule of Payments. **Resolved:** All payments approved.

Payments to be approved:

Date	Payee		Amount
19.04.23	D Finnis	Maps	£131.88
30.10.23	Wiltshire Council	Documents Reg 19	£330.00
30.10.23	ID Verde	Dog Bins	£37.02
15.11.23	Hill Data	Microsoft 365	£ 9.48
23.11.23	1&1 Internet	Domain	£ 3.60
30.11.23	J McGowan	Salary	£275.00
30.11.23	ID Verde	Dog Bins	£64.33
15.12.23	Hill Data	Microsoft 365	£9.48
23.12.23	1&1 Internet	Domain	£3.60
30.12.23	J McGowan	Salary	£275.00
Total			£1,139.39

Resolved: It was agreed to purchase a waterproof coat for the flood warden.

23.05.16 Meetings.

- a). OFWG Meeting: 25th October 2023 – Warminster
- b). Wiltshire Council Town & Parish Clerks meeting: 3rd November 2023 - TEAMS
- c). LHFIG Meeting: 14th November 2023 – Salisbury
- d). Southern Wiltshire Area Borad Public Meeting: 7th December 2023 - Downton

23.05.17 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Precept 2024/25

23.05.18 To note date of next meeting.

- 4th January
- 7th March
- 9th May (APM & APCM)
- 4th July
- 5th September

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- 7th November

23.05.19 To close the meeting.

With no further business to discuss Cllr Finnis closed the meeting at 10pm.