

Britford Parish Council

Minutes for Meeting held Thursday 5th September

Britford Parish Council members met on Thursday 5th September for an Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Britford Memorial & Community Hall.

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

Also, present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), PC Marc Evans, 15 members of public

Start time: 7.30pm

Public Session

PC Evans gave a brief report for the area, he was pleased report no crimes within the Parish. He has asked residents to remain vigilant and report and suspicious activities on 101 (999 for emergencies).

As many Parishioners had questions regarding the Community Bund Project, Cllr Finnis listened to their questions, however asked for all comments to be submitted on the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal once the application is published.

A question regarding the clearing of the Navigation was raised, Wilton Estate are waiting for a response from the Environment Agency before they can commence clearing of the waterway.

A resident asked who will be responsible for the maintenance of the flood defence bund, the Parish Council will be responsible for its maintenance. This will mean an increase to the Precept in due course.

Agenda

24.04.01 Apologies for Absence. To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Cole. **Resolved:** Apologies were considered and accepted.

24.04.02 Vacancies in Council Office: None.

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

24.04.04 To consider any urgent matters raised in the public session, and any other urgent matters or items from councillors. None.

24.04.05 To agree any items on the agenda that are to be dealt with following the exclusion of the press & public. None.

24.04.06 Minutes.

To approve and sign Minutes for meeting held 17th July 2024. **Resolved:** Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting, signed by Cllr Finnis.

24.04.07 Clerk's Report/Items following on from previous meeting.

a. **Longford School Parking.** *No further update.*

b. **Parish Steward:** Visits are scheduled for 3rd September and 2nd October 2024.

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c. Grass Verges. The grass verges along High Road and the bus shelter have now been cut back. *No further action.*

The Parish Council would like to thank Highways for the prompt clearance of the overgrown vegetation along High Road, this has allowed a safe unobstructed pathway for the school children.

d. Defibrillator. Options for funding are being considered. *No further update.*

24.04.08 Flood Warden Report. Cllr Cole has spoken with Phil Egromont about the channel which runs along Betts Lane, and it has been agreed that the foliage along the channel will be cut and cleared to ensure the channel is flowing well again before the weather closes in.

An agreement has been made with Mr Egromont; if the Parish continues to flood as previously, and homes are likely to flood, he has stated that the fields that have not been drowned previously, he will allow this to happen.

A meeting with Mr Whittle has been arranged, he hopes a plan to open the hatches in times of emergency can be agreed and we can move forward implementing this.

Could all riparian owners ensure that any waterways they are responsible for are clear and free from obstruction. Any cutting that is being done could riparian owners ensure that either they or their gardeners clear all foliage from the ditch, ensuring it does not cause an obstruction further down the line.

Cllr Cole would like to thank all riparian owners for their efforts.

24.04.09 Britford Flooding. Cllr Finnis gave a brief update.

a. Flood Risk Assessment. This has now been completed and available to view on the Parish Council website: www.britfordparishcouncil.co.uk

b. Community Flood Defence Planning Application. This has been submitted to Wiltshire Council, we are waiting for a planning reference – as soon as this is available residents will be notified. Residents are encouraged to submit any comments on the Wiltshire Council planning portal.

c. Work on North bank of Main Carrier, Environment Agency response. The work carried out has been inspected by an Environment Agency Officer, it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain.

d. Septic Tank Upgrade Scheme. There is an event being hosted by Wiltshire Council and Wessex Rivers Trust on Tuesday 10th September for anyone interested in available grants to upgrade their tanks. Details of the event have been published.

e. *To note a Britford Water meeting is scheduled for October 2024.*

24.04.10 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. *None.*

d. To note any planning application decisions received by Wiltshire Council.

PL/2023/10394: Land South of Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. *Refused.*

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24.04.11 Finance.

a. To note bank accounts as of 1st September 2024

Current: £ 6,287.00

Britford Bund: £2,001.00

Savings: £9,750.00 (£5,722.00 Britford Field Fund)

b. To approve the Schedule of Payments.

i) Payment of £1,337.50 to Integrated & Vertically Aligned Solutions for the Wiltshire Council Planning Application Fee was considered and **approved**.

ii) Fee for Flood Risk Assessment report from Mr C Onions was considered and a payment up to £4,000 plus VAT was **approved** by all Cllrs.

Resolved: All payments approved. See full schedule of payments below.

24.04.12 Meetings.

a. Southern Wiltshire Area Board Meeting: 5th September 2024 - TBN

b. Wiltshire Council Town & Parish Council Meeting: 25th September 2024 - TEAMS

c. LHFIFG Meeting: 8th October 2024 - TBN

d. OFWG: 23rd October 2024 - Warminster

24.04.13 Correspondence Received.

a. Briefing Notes: 24/15 – 24/17

b. WALC Newsletter – July 2024

c. The Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan, pre-submission consultation under Regulation 19 will enable communities to have their say on the draft Plan. Consultations start 20th August with public events being held in Salisbury on 4th September 2024, for further information visit [Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK \(list-manage.com\)](#)

d. Proposed reforms to the NPPF Consultations end 24th September, for further information visit [Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

e. Police, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Legitimacy report.

24.04.14 Items to be carried forward to the next meeting.

24.04.15 To note date of next meeting.

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24.04.16 To close the meeting. With no further business to discuss Cllr Finnis closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Schedule of Payment

Payments to be approved:

Date	Payee	Particulars	Amount
27.08.24	ID Verde	Bin Collection	£64.33
05.09.24	Integrated & Vertically Aligned Solutions	WC Planning Application Fee	£1,337.50
15.09.24	Hill Data	Microsoft 365	£10.32
23.09.24	1&1 Ionos	Domain	£3.60

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30.09.24	J McGowan	Clerk's Expenses	£302.50
15.10.24	Hill Data	Microsoft 365	£10.32
23.10.24	1&1 Ionos	Domain	£3.60
31.10.24	J McGowan	Clerk's Expenses	£302.50
Total			£2,034.67

Payments made since last meeting: 17.07.24 – 01.09.24

Date	Payee	Particulars	Amount
17.07.24	Hill Data	Microsoft Subs	£10.32
15.07.24	ID Verde	Bin collections	£64.33
21.07.24	1&1 Internet	Domain Name	£3.60
31.07.24	J McGowan	Clerk's Expenses	£302.50
15.08.24	Hill Data	Microsoft Subs	£10.32
21.08.24	1&1 Internet	Domain Name	£3.60
30.08.24	J McGowan	Clerk's Expenses	£302.50
Total			£697.17

Payments received since last meeting: 17.07.24 – 01.09.24:

09.08.24 Lloyds Bank – Interest: £9.63