

WYLYE PARISH COUNCIL

RECORD OF POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 1800 HRS ON TUESDAY 26th September 2023 AT THE WYVERN HALL

PRESENT

Name	Appointment
Mr Piers Williams (PW)	Councillor/Vice Chair
Mr James Hussey (JH)	Councillor
Ms Amelisa Wright	Councillor
Mr Andrew Clarke	Councillor
Mrs Alice Clarke	Councillor
Ms Laura Napper	Clerk
Public present: No members of public present	


POINTS AND DECISIONS ARISING

Item	Points/Decisions	Action
(a)	(b)	(c)
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Public Session</u></p> <p>No members of public present.</p>	
183/23	<p><u>1. Apologies:</u> Mark Shuldham (Chair) Caroline Lewis (Cllr)</p>	
184/23	<p><u>2. Declarations of Interest:</u> None.</p>	
185/23	<p><u>3. Wiltshire Cllr report.</u> <i>Cllr Wayman sent a written update as below –</i></p> <p><i>I am sorry not to see you tonight, but thought it important to let you know about the Local Plan consultation which will be taking place from 27th September to 22nd November.</i></p> <p><i>In particular, there is an online consultation webinar on Tuesday 10th October, 6.30pm-8pm. Apparently you must register and any questions must be submitted by 2nd October. I think you will have a lot of reading to do before then if you have any specific questions! Registering for the webinar can be found at the link below.</i></p> <p><i>Otherwise, there are drop-in sessions-</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Wednesday, 4th October 3-7pm at Nadder Centre, Tisbury</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Tuesday, 17th October 3-7pm at Salisbury Library</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Wednesday, 18th October 3-7pm at Warminster Sports Centre, Woodcock Road, BA12 9DQ.</i></p> <p><i>I have stated at parish council meetings that I have attended, and will continue to make my position clear at future parish council meetings, that I detest large wind turbines and do not wish to see any in the Cranborne Chase AONB. I am particularly concerned about the proposed Renewable Energy policy (Policy 86) and the potential for this to conflict with the proposed policy for Conserving and Enhancing Wiltshire's Landscapes (Policy 91). The Government has made various amendments to the Energy Bill and the Levelling Up Bill to make it easier for on-shore wind developments. I suspect that we are not</i></p>	

	<p>particularly windy enough to justify wind turbines and the 'conserving and enhancing' of AONBs (a legal requirement in the CRoW Act) would also make them difficult to justify, but in the Renewable Energy policy there is support given to Community-led Energy Schemes, mirroring the Council's Climate Change Strategy.</p> <p>As you know, I sit on the Cranborne Chase AONB Partnership Panel. The National Association of AONBs is asking all AONBs to sign up to a Statement of Commitment from AONB Chairs on Climate Action. Apparently, all AONBs have signed up to this except the Cranborne Chase AONB, but this is likely to change very soon. When the Partnership Panel were asked to sign up to it earlier this year, before we could see the documentation and proposals behind the statement as they had not been drafted(!), the Panel refused. The documents have now been circulated and various statements about the need to 'define a new narrative on renewable energy in the context of the Climate Emergency' make me very nervous especially when the National Association mentions delivering climate solutions urgently and at scale.</p> <p>I am fully supportive of the work the AONB is doing in respect of conserving and enhancing the landscape and scenic beauty and the work they are doing with landowners for nature recovery. I just do not wish to see our beautiful area blighted by large-scale wind turbines or inappropriate solar farms. You may disagree and I would be happy to hear your views.</p> <p>All the documentation can be found at this link Wiltshire's Local Plan - Wiltshire Council</p> <p>Also, could you add the following to my report:-</p> <p>It is a positive step that the council is now proposing a policy (Policy 92) on conserving and enhancing dark skies. One of the planning officers I talked with recently mentioned that it might be a good idea to have an Article 4 Direction on skylights across all the AONBs in Wiltshire because, at the moment, existing properties have permitted development rights to install them. An article 4 Direction would mean that planning permission would be required for roof lights and so each application would have to be considered on its merits. I think this is a good idea, particularly when the Cranborne Chase has to reduce light pollution from the current 12% compliance to 67% compliance to retain the International Dark Sky Reserve status. I will be making this point in my response to the consultation. Any further support is always welcome emphasizing this point.</p>	
186/23	<p>4. Minutes of the Wylve Parish Council Meeting held on 25th July 2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the 25th July were agreed and signed by the Vice chair. Proposed by Cllr AC, seconded by Cllr JH.</p> <p>Matters arising None.</p>	
187/23	<p>5. Highways Matters</p> <p>It has been confirmed that the road between the bridge and A36 it is not the Highways responsibility, Wiltshire Council have been approached.</p> <p>The virtual pavements on teapot street need the white lines re-instated. The 'Slow' sign painted on the road on Dinton Hill needs re painting as faded and traffic continues to take no notice of the speed restrictions in place, Cllr PW will take this forward.</p> <p>Cllr ALC made all aware that the new street lights are rather bright and the glare is a hazard. Cllr PW will look into this and report on the My Wilts app. Also, the Weighbridge lights are on 24 hrs per day. Is the necessary? Cllr PW agreed he will look into this.</p>	PW
188/23	<p>6. Footpaths</p> <p>Walkers in the village have reported that the river walk to Fisherton de la Mere is very overgrown. Cllr JH will have a look and trim where required.</p>	JH

189/22	<p>7. Planning</p> <p>None.</p>	
190/23	<p>7. Finance/Clerk Report</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a new bank account with Unity Bank has been opened and are waiting for the bank account number/sort code and online sign in info. The transfer of funds from Natwest (current bank acc) to the New Unity bank account will be completed by the 10th October. Natwest will then be able to be closed.</p> <p>Clerk Update</p> <p>a. Balance in the treasurers account as per bank statement on 31st August 2023. £20,189.72. Transactions made since last meeting 25th July 2023 Bank balance of £20,597.40 Payments £266.88 Clerks Salary £40.80 DCK payroll £100.00 Bench repairs Receipts None</p> <p>b. Cheques to issue Aug/Sept Clerks salary £293.54 DCK payroll invoice £40.80 Wicksteed £158.40 Poo signs re imbursement £27.39</p> <p>The Clerk said still no invoices have been received from Moss gardens this financial year, even though she has contacted them to request one. They do not seem to be mowing the playground on a regular basis as previously. After a discussion it was decided to explore other contractors that may be able to take the playground mowing contract on. Cllr AW will contact some contractors to obtain prices and feedback at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk/AW
191/23	<p>9. Notice Board</p> <p>A quote has been received for £700 approx, this is a like for like of what the board is currently like in Wylfe.</p> <p>It was agreed that there may be a few additions required and agreed by all Cllrs to purchase a new one for a max of £1000.00. Cllr ALC proposed and Cllr JH seconded this decision.</p>	AW
192/23	<p>10. Play Area</p> <p>Cllr PW has looked at all the equipment and the report from Wicksteed and all the 'high risk' factor items. Agreed that the 'high risk' factors need to be completed promptly and the cost attached to this is £700 approx, Proposed by Cllr PW, seconded by Cllr ALC,</p>	PW
193/23	<p>11. Village Hall</p> <p>To look at car park and the resurfacing and also the fencing, Cllr ALC will approach some contractors and bring some prices to the next meeting in November which is the Budget meeting.</p>	ALC
194/23	<p>12. Assets</p> <p>An up-to-date Asset list and photographs have now been completed. A couple items are left to be photographed. Clerk to do these.</p>	Clerk

	Clerk has spoken to the auditor and he has requested that she sends the list to him and he will take a closer look at the asset values and ensure they are correctly recorded.	
195/23	<p><u>12. Matters of Parish Steward</u> Footpath being trimmed along river, is this a responsibility he could carry out? The BT exchange by the phone box in Wylve has not been mowed for a long time, to request this from PS. Also the lights are frequently left on, Cllr PW will make contact with BT to make them aware.</p>	MS/PW
196/23	<p><u>14. Correspondence</u> -Allotments – ALC to speak to an owner of Glebe bungalows to see about the land and the ownership that was previously allotments historically. -The Bell Public House – letter received, Cllr PW had a meeting and the matters in letter were dealt with accordingly</p>	
197/23	<p><u>15. Short Notice Items</u> Cllr AC suggested using the Village hall as a 'Warm Space' if a cold winter, it was agreed that the PC would contribute up to £250 towards the additional heating of the hall if required. Cllr AC proposed, Cllr JH seconded.</p>	
198/23	<p><u>16. Items for the Website/Messenger</u> Michael Dobbs talk about Wylve on 17th November at the Village hall to go onto the website and in the Messenger.</p>	
199/23	<p><u>17. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting</u> Next PC meeting Tuesday 28th November @ 6pm. This will include the Budget meeting. It was suggested to meet earlier at 5.30pm to meet with Cllr AC to discuss and set up the individual Cllr email addresses.</p>	
	Date: _____ Chairman	


PETER WILLIAMS