

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Burcombe Without Parish Council held on 4th March 2024 at Burcombe village hall.

Present; Cllrs Bramwell, Combes, Elkins and Mayhew.
In attendance; Wiltshire Council Cllr Nabil Najjar and 1 member of the public.
Apologies: Mrs C Churchill (Parish Clerk)

There were no questions from members of the public.

To receive a report from Wiltshire Cllr Nabil Najjar
Wiltshire Council agreed its budget of £490m, a balanced budget.
More money allocated for roads, adult and child social care.
Motion passed at WC to encourage buying local foods at WC events.
South West Wiltshire AB met last week with a presentation on the upcoming closure of the A360 – the road will be open for business but not through traffic. The slides will be shared if allowed. Also awarded a grant to the Chalke Valley Fete.
The Wiltshire Cultural Strategy is out for consultation – will circulate the link.
The painting of the bridge railings remain on the works list.
The AB grants reset in April, bids for the May meeting need to be submitted by the third week of April.

Questions

The A36 into Salisbury has a huge amount of sediment on the road edge between the Quarry turning and Skew Bridge, this will eventually end up in the drains causing more flooding issues and needs to be cleared. Cllr Najjar will speak to the Cllr responsible for that area to make them aware.

Cllr Mayhew opened the meeting at 6.45pm

0584 Apologies for absence

(i) There were no apologies.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

0585. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th December 2023.

Burcombe Without PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes without amendment, and these were signed by the Chairman.
Local Government Act 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)

0586. Interests.

- (i) Cllrs to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests related to any matters to be considered in this agenda that do not appear in the Cllr's register of interests.
None declared.
- (ii) In accordance with the Dispensation Procedure, any requests for a grant of dispensation must be submitted prior to this meeting.
None received.

Cllrs were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their register of interests on the WC website is kept up to date. *Localism Act 2011. S 33.*

0587. Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under.
Not required. *Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960*

0588. Co-option of a Councillor. Following the resignation of Nick Hankey, the vacancy has been advertised with no requests for an election received. The vacancy has been advertised to be filled by co-option and one candidate has confirmed they qualify and are willing to be co-opted.
Burcombe Without PC resolved to co-opt Mr Mark Murphy onto Burcombe Without PC.

Cllr Murphy signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined Burcombe Without PC.
Burcombe Without PC welcome Cllr Murphy to the Council.

0589. Community Litter Pick in Spring 2024. This date was agreed at the last meeting and will be Saturday 6th April.

To confirm arrangements for the Litter Pick.

The Clerk has informed Wiltshire Council and requested the collected litter is picked up w/c Monday 8th April.

Cllr Mayhew checked the code for the shed at the hall as that is where the litter picking equipment is stored.

Meeting at 10am at the Village Hall.

0590. Year ending 31st March 2024.

- (i) To note the bank reconciliation

Balance b/f	£4430.18
Total receipts	£3325.00
Total payments	£1918.54
Balance c/f	£5836.64

This includes ear marked reserves totalling £5384.88

- (ii) To note payments made since the last meeting.
Website hosting fees had been paid in February.

- (iii) To review and approve terms of expenditure requiring payment.
Expenditure totalling £819.85 was authorised for payment.
Burcombe Without PC resolved that payments should be made by BACS.

0591. Request from Wiltshire Council to Stop Up the Highway. WC has submitted a request to Stop Up part of the Highway (see attached letter and map) which appears to be the area outside The Ship Inn that is currently enclosed by a wall.

To confirm that Burcombe Without PC consents to an application being made to the Magistrates Court as this part of the Highway is not required for public use or any other highway related purpose.

Burcombe Without PC resolved to make No Objection to the application.

0592. Septic Tank Campaign. Wiltshire Council is offering fully funded grants for homeowners in certain areas of the Upper Avon catchment.

Burcombe Without falls within the catchment area.

To note the information and spread the word.

Burcombe Without PC agreed that the Clerk should contact the Officer at Wiltshire Council asking if they can come and explain.

Once details are known it will be put on the village What'sApp.

It was noted that a private organisation had held a meeting in the Village Hall.

Cllr Elkins had received a communication which she will forward to the Clerk.

0593. PLANNING.

- (i) To consider how to respond to Wiltshire Council on any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

0594. Highway matters

- (i) To note any matters that need to be reported to Highways.
Missing verge reflector signs at the west end of the village. These have been reported to MyWilts.
- (ii) To note matters previously reported to Highways
Repainting of the bridge railings.
Repainting of the 30mph roundel at the eastern end of the village.
It was noted that painting is not completed in the winter.

0595. To receive updates on the following

- (i) Community Orchard – currently this is flooded due to the wet winter.
- (ii) Rights of Way – nothing to report.

- (iii) Community Emergency Plan – this has been drafted. To be considered at the next meeting.
- (iv) Burcombe Churchyard -
The Clerk received contact from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who had been informed that the Churchyard was closed and not open to the Public. This is incorrect as the Church is in private ownership but the Churchyard remains open.

0596. Best Kept Village Competition. At the meeting held on 11th September, Burcombe Without PC agreed to enter this competition in 2024.

- (i) To confirm the entry form for 2024.
This was confirmed.
- (ii) To confirm the village report for 2024 which includes the concern about crossing the main road being the reason for excluding the area north of the A30 (Churchyard).
Cllr Bramwell will tweak the report and send to the Clerk.
- (iii) To accept the certificates from the 2023 competition and consider where these should be put up.
Burcombe Without PC accepted the two framed certificates and these will be passed to the Village Hall Committee for display.

0597. Maintenance of Parish Assets. To consider maintenance required on the following assets.

- o Phone Box Community Library – no maintenance required at this time.
- o Community Bench by the Post Box – this needs to have moss removed and the wood preserved. Cllr Mayhew will arrange for this to be done.
- o Concrete Bus Shelter on A30 – Cllrs Bramwell and Murphy will look at this shelter.
- o Uxford Notice Boards – The Clerk noted this needed some attention. Cllr Mayhew will look at this.

0598. Update of Actions from the meeting dated 4th December 2023.

The Precept request has been submitted to WC.

0599. Correspondence / Clerk's report.

WC approved its budget on 20th February which sees an increase of 4.99% in the WC element of Council Tax. WC Food Waste collections will not start until 1st August 2027.

South West Wiltshire Area Board will meet on 28th February in Wilton Community Centre. There will be information on the planned closure of the A360 between Wilton and the A303 for several months.

Local Highways Footpath improvement Group met on 7th February.

Clerk attended a branch meeting of SLCC on 19th January.

0600. To note items for the agenda and to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as Monday 13th May 2024. The deadline for items is Monday 29th April.

Cllr Murphy gave his apologies for this meeting.

Cllr Mayhew closed the meeting at 7.53 pm.