

# WILCOT, HUISH and OARE PARISH COUNCIL

## Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Oare Village Hall  
on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30 pm

**Present:**

Parish Councillors Dee Nix, Dawn Wilson, Richard Fleet, Nicky Fleet, Prue Smith, Kathryn Richardson, and Jamie Ede

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway

Members of the public - Dr and Mrs H Simmins, Mr Neil Ridgway

22/01	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Mr Richard Lewis</p>	
22/02	<p><b>To receive declarations of interest</b></p> <p>Cllr JE – item 05.2</p>	
22/03	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting on 16th November</b></p> <p>Clerk confirmed that the amendments made to the published draft minutes which had been agreed by email had been included in the printed copy for the record. Cllr NF proposed that these be approved as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr PS, all in favour and signed by Cllr DN accordingly.</p>	
22/04	<p><b>Public question time</b></p> <p>Further to their email to the Clerk, Dr and Mrs Simmins were invited to discuss their concerns about the siting of the new free-standing, multi-purpose litter bin on Wilcot Green, being further away from the road and the play area than the previous pole-mounted bin, and no longer benefiting from the streetlight. They noted that the larger size solved the problem of over-flowing but that a covered dog waste bin would have been preferable, in order to resolve the complaint of the unpleasant smell close to the bench and play area.</p> <p>Clerk explained that the new bin had been ordered a while ago but only delivered since the last meeting. She also explained that a closed, specific dog-waste bin would incur extra costs in terms of waste-carrier licences and that installing a dog-waste bin would mean a second bin for general waste would be required. From November 2022, the Parish Council will have to fund all its bin-emptying requirements as Wiltshire Council is not renewing its contract with Idverde for these services. Dr Simmins had thought consequently the Parish Council would receive money for setting up its own contract, but the Clerk explained that this is not the case; all bin-emptying will have to be met from the Parish precept in future.</p> <p>Cllr PS said that the man emptying the new bin had confirmed that the bin was easily accessible for him despite being further from the road. Cllr NF said that when a previous bin was nearer the road, passing vehicles would stop to off-load all manner of waste into it. Cllr RF confirmed that this is still a problem with the bins at the Village Hall, with people using them for their own household waste.</p> <p>It was noted that the new bin has been sited closer to Dr and Mrs Simmins' house; it was agreed that the Parish Council would conduct a site visit to determine whether the bin could be sited elsewhere on the Green whilst still fulfilling the recommended criteria for the siting of public waste bins.</p>	<i>RK/all</i>
22/05	<p><b>Planning Applications and Enforcement</b></p> <p>To review and provide feedback on new planning applications from Wiltshire Council (Town and Country Planning Act 1980, schedule 1, para 8)</p>	

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	<p>To note planning applications considered since 16th November:</p> <p>05.1 Application PL/2021/10278          6 CANAL CLOSE, WILCOT, PEWSEY, SN9 5NW          Proposal: Loft conversion with dormer windows and single storey front extension          It had been agreed by email to submit a comment to the effect that whilst the Parish Council had no objection to the loft conversion, it was concerned about the loss of privacy to neighbouring properties and suggested that therefore Velux windows would be preferable to dormers.          Wiltshire Council has approved the application on the condition that the dormers are glazed with obscure glass.</p> <p>05.2 Application PL/2021/09591          WILCOT LODGE, WILCOT, PEWSEY, SN9 5NS          Proposal: Pollard six lime trees to 3-4m; Pollard six lime trees to 5-6m          No objection had been submitted.</p> <p>05.3 Application PL/2021/10494 and PL/2021/10828 (Listed Building)          THE OLD OXYARD, POUND LANE, OARE, SN8 4JA          Proposal: Conversion of existing cart shed into hobbies room, gym and store by providing glazed screen along east side and insulating walls, roof and floor and internal alterations          It had been agreed by email to submit no objection provided Wiltshire Council set conditions preventing the future development or conversion of the cart shed. Wiltshire Council has yet to make a decision.</p> <p>05.4 Application PL/2021/10995          2 THE OLD DAIRY, WILCOT, PEWSEY, SN9 5PJ          Proposal: Birch tree - one-third crown reduction                        Copper Birch tree - one-third crown reduction                        Cherry tree - reduce by one-fifth          No objection had been submitted.</p> <p>05.5 Application PL/2021/10775          THE OLD STABLE, WEST STOWELL, MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE, SN8 4JU          Proposal: Extension of existing tourist accommodation          It had been agreed by email to object to the big increase in footprint this proposal would entail. Wiltshire Council has yet to make a decision.</p> <p>05.6 Application PL/2021/10947          NEW HOUSE, RUDGE LANE, OARE, SN8 4JH          Proposal: Maple (T1) – fell, Maple (T2) – fell, Maple (T3) – fell, Hawthorn (T4) – fell          No objection had been submitted.</p>	
22/06	<p><b>To receive Budget &amp; Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>06.1 To note payments made since meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November          - Clerk’s salary November and December £195.65 and £195.85, plus £12.40 tax to HMRC          - Charlton Baker payroll fee November and December £12.50 and £12.50          - Heartbeat - defibrillator pads £112.80          - Wessex Print – December newsletters £38.00          - PCAP grant £250.00</p> <p>06.2 To approve invoices and expenditure due          - light bulb for Oare defibrillator cabinet £19</p>	

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	<p>06.3 To receive grant application from Wilcot Parochial Church Council (PCC) for cemetery upkeep.</p> <p>The Wilcot PCC had reported that Mr Strong has retired and been replaced by Reece Jurquet, who has greatly improved the state of upkeep during the last five months; costs this year are likely to be higher than last due to the amount of work needed to revert to the old standards. Cllr DW proposed that £400.00 be granted as last year. Seconded by Cllr RF, all in favour; Cllr JE did not vote due to his registered interest but thanked the Parish Council on behalf of his wife.</p> <p>The CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) of £3155.62 in relation to New House, Draycott, has been received and publicised in the December Parish newsletter. No feedback has yet been received by the Clerk from parishioners as to how to spend the money; suggestions made at this meeting were the purchase of kissing gates to replace stiles, a new SID (speed indicator device) and improvements to the playground. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item for the Annual Meeting in May, prior to which a 'Special' CIL newsletter would be issued.</p> <p>Cllr DN thanked the Clerk for all the extra work put in during the last few months of 2021 and said this should be recognised despite the Clerk's view that it was part of the job. The Clerk had not kept a record of her hours; Cllr DN suggested that a minimum of ten additional hours must have been taken up and should therefore be recompensed. Cllr RF proposed that the Clerk be paid an additional ten hours, with thanks; seconded by Cllr PS and all in favour.</p>	<p>RK/NF</p> <p>RK</p> <p>NF</p>
22/07	<p><b>To approve budget and precept for 2022/2023</b></p> <p>Further to item 21/93, it was agreed that whilst retaining the precept at £9000 was preferable, imminent inflation ought to be taken into account.</p> <p>Clerk advised that an increased tax base for 2022/2023 meant that a £9000 precept would show as a 0.22% reduction on parishioners' bills; a 0% change would be achieved with a precept of £9018.25.</p> <p>Clerk advised that central government is holding off from capping parish councils, providing they adopt increases of no more than 3%; larger increases will need to be justified.</p> <p>Cllr JE proposed a precept of £9200, which will show as an increase of 2%; seconded by Cllr KR and all in favour.</p> <p>Cllr JE proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr NF for all her hard work as RFO (Responsible Finance Officer); all concurred.</p>	<p>RK</p>
22/08	<p><b>Project updates</b></p> <p>08.1 Footpath audit</p> <p>Cllr RF said that having walked the southern half of the parish last year, this should be revisited to identify any changes and longer-term problems.</p> <p>Cllr DW said that the re-routing of WILC 5 and WILC6 has greatly improved that right of way.</p> <p>Cllr JE had found Cocklebury Lane easier to walk than in the past, with the western end improved by the installation of the glamping site.</p> <p>08.2 Defibrillator cabinets – roof</p> <p>Clerk had confirmed with Fishlock and Dyer that a smaller roof was required but this has not yet been done; Clerk to chase again.</p> <p>08.3 Huish Lane reflectors/verge markers</p> <p>Clerk had noted the missing bendy reflectors on the latest Parish Steward task sheet and had sent another covering email to Northern Highways asking that these be located and installed; Clerk to forward the email to Cllr Oatway.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK/PO</p>

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	<p>It was agreed that Wiltshire Council will have to be invoiced for these if they are not found.</p>	
<p>22/09</p>	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>09.1 White Hart – to receive response from Wiltshire Council The second response from Cllr Botterill had been received and circulated to all councillors. Clerk read out the letter to the meeting and said that she has asked Wiltshire Council to clarify what is meant by an 'open enforcement file' as this may have a bearing on the listing process with English Heritage. It was agreed to proceed with listing the cellar and add the main building afterwards if possible.</p> <p>09.2 Litter bin on Wilcot green This had been addressed under item 22/04.</p> <p>09.3 To receive acknowledgement from Wiltshire Council of withdrawal of support for DMMO 2021/25D - Park Copse [Peall's Wood] Further to item 21/89, Clerk had written to Wiltshire Rights of Way on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 withdrawing the Parish Council's support for the DMMO. This had been acknowledged by a Definitive Map Officer within two hours of receipt; Clerk read the email to the meeting. Clerk confirmed that the Wilcot Cricket Club's (WCC) lease had been signed in time to qualify for the Sport England grant application; the lease has a term of at least ten years on the condition that it will be terminated in the event the DMMO application is successful, or that support for the DMMO is resurrected. Concern had been expressed to the Clerk by the WCC Secretary that somebody was rumoured to be canvassing residents to write to Wiltshire Council in support of the DMMO. All councillors confirmed that they had heard nothing to substantiate this rumour.</p>	<p>RK</p>
<p>22/10</p>	<p><b>Exchange of information</b></p> <p>10.1 Forthcoming road closures As previously reported, the C8 will be closed at Alton Priors for three days from 12th January for Openreach work between 9.30am and 3.30pm. The C8 Wilcot Road will be closed between Cross Hayes and the West Stowell turning for three days from 24th January for surfacing works between 8.00am and 6.00pm. An urgent streetworks notice had been received before Christmas announcing the closure of Oare Hill from 4<sup>th</sup> January to address ash dieback along the verges. Further to queries from residents, Clerk has asked for clarification of the access arrangements and duration of the closure, which had been advertised as only between Pound Lane and Latenbury.</p> <p>10.2 Receive update further to Police and Crime Commissioner online briefing Cllr DW had been unable to attend the online briefing on 5<sup>th</sup> January but reported that the Deputy PCC had attended the last Area Board meeting where it had been made clear to him that any rise in the police precept will be expected to result in an increased officer presence in the Pewsey Vale. Cllr DN reported that the new PCC appears to be strengthening the Community Speedwatch (CSW) support, which had dwindled over the years; the combination of CSW, SIDs and the new auto-cameras should address vehicular speeding throughout the Vale. Cllr DW reported that the Wilts&amp;Dorset Fire Service (WDFS) presentation to the Area Board had been very good. Cllr Oatway said that WDFS may only raise its precept by 1.99% in line with Wiltshire Council; this is sustainable for 2022/23 but not for the following year, when cuts will have to be made unless a higher rise to the precept is allowed.</p>	

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	<p>CLlr Oatway said that Wiltshire Council is due to approve its 2022/23 budget shortly; the £45 billion deficit has been considerably ameliorated by a large sum received recently from central government.</p> <p>As Chairman of the Wiltshire Standards Committee (WSC), CLlr Oatway hopes that Wiltshire Council will accept the WSC's recommendations to adopt a tighter Code of Conduct, although current indications are that the Constitutional Focus Group's advice against doing so will prevail.</p> <p>The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Katie Fielding will be leaving WALC after many years' employment. It was agreed to send her this Parish Council's thanks for all her help in the past and to wish her well in her new job.</p> <p>CLlr RF reported that the left-hand hinge on the Wilcot noticeboard is broken, having been left open in a high wind. Clerk to ask Peter Emery to have a look at it.</p> <p>Clerk has arranged a Wilcot canal-road-side meeting with Neil Ridgway on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am, to discuss further banking up of the verges as required; all to attend who can.</p> <p>Further to their requests to be considered as parish councillors, Clerk to liaise with Neil Ridgway and Richard Lewis regarding the procedure for co-option.</p>	<p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RK/all</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p>
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Planning Committee meetings will be held as required. All meetings will start at 19.30 unless otherwise advertised.

### Provisional dates and times of next meetings 2021/2022

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Wilcot
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	Oare

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_