

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors Dee Nix, Dawn Wilson, Richard Fleet, Nicky Fleet, Richard Lewis, Neil Ridgway Jamie Ede, Kathryn Richardson and Prue Smith

Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway 7.50pm – 8.40pm

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

22/44	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence</b> None.</p>	
22/45	<p><b>To receive declarations of interest</b> None declared.</p>	
22/46	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> Cllr RF proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr NF, all in favour and signed accordingly by Cllr DN.</p>	
22/47	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> Cllr DW proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr RL, all in favour and signed accordingly by Cllr DN.</p>	
22/48	<p><b>Public question time</b> No residents were present and no questions had been received.</p> <p>Cllr DN said that in the light of the number of new councillors and the forthcoming new Wiltshire Code of Conduct, she would like to reinstitute a program of policy review and councillor training. Cllr DN and the Clerk to arrange.</p>	
22/49	<p><b>Planning Applications and Enforcement</b></p> <p><b>To note progress of planning applications previously considered:</b></p> <p>49.1 Application PL/2022/02874 and PL/2022/02990 (Listed Building) 12 Wilcot Green, Wilcot, SN9 5NN Approved by Wiltshire Council subject to various Listed Building conditions relating to materials, joinery and external water fixtures.</p> <p>49.2 Application PL/2021/04772 (Listed Building) Ladies Bridge, Kennet &amp; Avon Canal, Wilcot, Wiltshire, SN9 5PD Cllr Oatway reported that his call-in application has been uploaded to the Planning Portal. He has met with both landowners, but the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) has not entered into any communication. Cllr Oatway will now make it clear to CRT that there is the potential to resolve the issue but if they will not engage in the process, the application will be called in to Planning Committee where it is likely that the outcome will not be in CRT's favour. Cllr Oatway and Mr Maidment are due to meet Mr Kruger, MP, who they hope will be able to put pressure on CRT to engage.</p> <p>49.3 Application PL/2022/03514 Dairy Cottage, Oare, SN8 4JQ Approved by Wiltshire Council subject to construction restraints on the land being granted change of use.</p> <p>49.4 Application PL/2022/03765 and PL/2022/03798 Cold Blow Cottage, Cold Blow, Oare, Marlborough, SN8 4JL</p>	

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	<p>Wiltshire Council has yet to make a decision.</p> <p><b>To and to review and provide feedback on new planning applications from Wiltshire Council (Town and Country Planning Act 1980, schedule 1, para 8)</b></p> <p>49.5 Application PL/2022/04807          The Limes A345 Marlborough Road, Oare, SN8 4JA          Proposal: Height reduce 18 Limes to 20-23 meters. Height reduce 1 Elm to 8 meters.          Comments by 15<sup>th</sup> July.          It was agreed to check the information regarding this application, as councillors were uncertain whether it was for work at The Limes or at Oare House.          It was agreed there was no objection.</p> <p>49.6 Application PL PL/2022/04929          18, WILCOT, PEWSEY, SN9 5NN          Proposal: Crown reduction of approx. 40% for catalpa tree in front garden          Comments by 19<sup>th</sup> July          It was agreed there was no objection.</p> <p>49.7 To note new driveway at 5 Alton Road, Wilcot ENQ/2022/00189          Wiltshire Council had informed the residents that no planning permission was required to construct a driveway across communal land.          A similar situation had arisen at 3 Alton Road in 2018, when Wiltshire Council had acknowledged the construction of a driveway had involved an unauthorised change of use to the land. It was agreed that change of use and the significant alteration to a feature of the village should not take place without any consultation and it was agreed to write to Wiltshire Planning Department accordingly.          Clerk has already emailed the Rights of Way department to enquire how the driveways affect the public right of way over this land, which was sold by Wiltshire Council to Aster in 1994. No reply has yet been received.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>
22/50	<p><b>To Receive the Budget and monitoring report</b></p> <p>50.1 To note invoices paid since the last meeting in accordance with Fin Regs Appendix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clerk's salary May and June £195.65 and £195.65</li> <li>- Charlton Baker direct debit May and June £28.00 in total, each £14.00</li> <li>- Open Spaces subscription £45.00</li> <li>- insurance £475.48</li> </ul> <p>50.2 To approve invoices due</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postage costs for additional DMMO notices</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk for £4.70 special delivery costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The web hosting fee of £119.99 is due for payment; it was agreed to ask Chris Bartlett if he would prefer the parish council to pay this directly rather than for him to pay and for the parish council to reimburse him. It was agreed to ask Chris Bartlett if he would like to transfer the hosting account into the parish council's name.</li> </ul> <p>50.3 To receive quotes for treeworks at the Greensward          Cllr DN and the Clerk had met Cllr NR in his capacity as Stowell Farm Manager to inspect the Greensward with a view to remedying any nuisance due to fallen trees and branches. Clerk is gathering quotes and advice from tree surgeons and will distribute these by email to the Greensward Committee and to the parish council for consideration.          It was agreed to obtain any details held by the Land Registry relating to the Greensward.</p> <p>50.4 A grant application had been received from the Oare Village Hall Committee since</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>

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	<p>publication of the agenda. Cllr RF proposed that £250.00 be given towards the cost of new tables, seconded by Cllr JE, all in favour. Councillors had noted and appreciated the new tables in use for the meeting.</p>	<i>RK/NF</i>
22/51	<p><b>Project updates</b></p> <p>51.1 Footpath audit Cllr DW noted that the path from Huish Hill to Shaw Farm has become overgrown; Clerk to liaise with Alton parish clerk, as this footpath becomes ALTO1 at the boundary.</p> <p>51.2 Huish Lane reflectors/verge markers The parish steward has returned the verge markers to Cllr DN. It was agreed that the parish steward should install two near Cold Blow House, subject to the owner's permission, and two at the junction of Huish Lane with the A345. Some verge markers in Wilcot need replacing. The parish steward should also be asked to mark the large Sarsen Stone in Huish Lane with white paint.</p> <p>51.3 Defibrillator options Clerk had reported that SWAST will not agree to using the existing cabinets when placing new defibrillators under new contracts. New cabinets are provided but the parish council would be responsible for installing under them. After discussion it was agreed that the benefits of taking out a new contract outweighed the additional cost of rewiring new cabinets and removing the recently installed blue ones. Cllr RF proposed that the previous resolution of replacing all four defibrillators with a new SWAST contract be pursued; seconded by Cllr JE, all in favour. It was noted that the light in the blue cabinet at Oare is failing. It was agreed that the blue cabinet at Huish could be offered to the primary school should they still wish to install a defibrillator on site. It was noted that CIL monies could be used towards defibrillator expenses.</p> <p>51.4 Community Speedwatch Cllr DN reported that inactive teams are being disbanded but that she has requested Wilcot remain on the list of active teams at present. It was agreed that a request for volunteers to operate the speed gun for one or two hours per month is placed on the village facebook page. It was noted that the SID in Wilcot stopped working due to the volume of traffic draining the battery in under a fortnight. It was agreed that the SID group should be asked to discuss the purchase of a new spare battery.</p>	<p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RF/NF</i></p> <p><i>DN/RK</i></p>
22/52	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>52.1 Litter bin on Wilcot green The location of the new bin appears to have stabilised between the tree and the location of the old bin. Clerk will arrange a laminated notice nevertheless, as previously agreed, but otherwise this matter is closed.</p> <p>52.2 Canal roadside parking Further complaints about cars parked along the road had prompted the Clerk to seek renewed police advice on the matter. It is incumbent on users of this road to report restrictive parking to the police on 101 and obtain a reference number each time there is a problem. This will lead to police action to remove a short-term obstruction and enable police to build up a picture of long-term problems in need of Highways resolution.</p> <p>52.3 Wilcot bridge – Canal and Rivers Trust Susie Brew of PCAP has a new contact at CRT and has asked for any ongoing problems to be identified to her to pass on. It was noted that the bridge has not been repaired but that a dredger had been seen to be removing the fallen stones from the canal. It was agreed to ask the Trust for any progress on Keir setting a date for bridge repair works. It was agreed to consider publicity in the Gazette and Herald if necessary.</p>	<p><i>RK</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p>

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	<p>It was noted that the CRT had filled in some of the crumbling edges along the tow path between Wilcot and Bristow's Bridge. It was agreed that CRT should be asked to lay gravel on the muddy areas.</p> <p>It was agreed that Highways should be asked to extend the white line over the bridge to deter cars from being parked too close to the bridge.</p> <p>It was noted that many problems along the canal have arisen from too many licences being sold.</p> <p>It was noted that CRT has a good working relationship with Crofton Beam Engines and that the CRT is cooperating well with the Stowell Estate in its digestate lagoon project and the need to install a pipe under the canal.</p> <p>52.4 Correspondence - WILC32</p> <p>A visitor to the Pewsey Vale had complained about WILC32. Clerk has liaised with the two landowners to resolve the problems.</p> <p>52.5 Correspondence – Pound Lane</p> <p>Complaints received about overgrown foliage hindering vehicular deliveries had been passed to Highways.</p> <p>52.6 Correspondence – WILC34</p> <p>The Bridleway Association had asked whether the parish council would consider pursuing its stated intention of applying to upgrade WILC34 to a bridleway, before the DMMO for Cocklebury Lane is decided. It was agreed that, in the light of the length of time it takes for Wiltshire Council to decide DMMO applications, it would be a good idea to commence the process for WILC34 independently of the Cocklebury Lane decision. It was agreed that the landowner should be contacted in the first instance.</p> <p>52.7 Correspondence – rabbits on A345</p> <p>An email had been received asking the parish council to ameliorate the problems caused by traffic to the many rabbits living in a hole adjacent to the A345 at the Pewsey Wharf canal bridge. Clerk had re-directed the correspondent to Pewsey Parish Council. This council had not noticed an inordinate increase in the rabbit population along this stretch of the A345. Reports of rabbits near the parish boundary along the A345 at Prospect were noted.</p> <p>Clerk will liaise with the Pewsey parish clerk should the rabbits' problems become a pressing priority.</p> <p>52.8 Correspondence - receive acknowledgement from Wilcot Cricket Club</p> <p>Grateful thanks for the grant monies of £1500 had been received from Peter Williams of Wilcot Cricket Club. All appreciated the Cricket Club's offer to use the pavilion facilities should village halls be unavailable for meetings.</p> <p>52.9 White Hart</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner before submitting the listing application to English Heritage.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>
22/53	<p><b>Exchange of information</b></p> <p>53.1 Update from Area Board Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May</p> <p>Cllr KR reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had attended the meeting and had been subject to robust questioning as to the results of yearly police precept increases.</p> <p>LHFIGs (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Groups), successors to CATGs (Community Area Transport Groups) have had their budget increased.</p> <p>Cllr PO reported that there will be an extra £200,000 for white lining and £333,000 for a new gully emptying team.</p> <p>53.2 PCAP and Forestry England – Savernake Forest proposals</p> <p>Cllr DN reported that Forestry England's proposals to shut off most of the forest had prompted an outcry. PCAP had submitted a response to the consultation. The trustees are averse to shutting off the forest and Grand Avenue but it appears that the enlargement and commercialisation of the Postern Hill car park will go ahead.</p>	

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<p>Cllr PO reported that the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service is in negotiations with the Ministry of Defence to assist with aerial support to tackle the ongoing fire on Salisbury Plain.</p> <p>Cllr PO will call a local meeting with representatives from Manningford, Wilcot and Pewsey parish councils to discuss initial ideas for the C52, prior to his meeting at County Hall with Senior Engineers.</p> <p>Clerk had attended the Positive Conduct equals Positive Democracy webinar hosted by Wiltshire Council and will send the link of the recording to all councillors in preparation for Code of Conduct training (item 22/48)</p>	<p><i>PO</i></p> <p><i>RK</i></p>
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## Provisional dates and times of next meetings 2022/2023

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Wilcot
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022 - budget	Oare
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 - precept	Wilcot
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Oare
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 – annual meetings	Wilcot

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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

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