

WILCOT and HUIISH (with OARE) PARISH COUNCIL

Local Government Act 1972
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held by Zoom
on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30 pm

The Clerk had received no notifications of attendance from members of the public.

Present: Councillors Dee Nix(Chair), Dawn Wilson, Prue Smith, Richard Fleet, Nicky Fleet, Chris Bartlett
Clerk Ruth Kinderman

21/1	To receive apologies for absence None. Clerk had omitted to notify Cllr Oatway of the meeting.	
21/2	To receive declarations of interest Cllr CB – Item 5.1 Cllrs RF and NF – Item 6.4	
21/3	To agree the minutes of the meeting on 15th December Cllr DW proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 15 th December be approved as an accurate record; seconded by Cllr PS and all were in favour. Cllr DN will sign the minutes at the next physical meeting.	
21/4	Public question time Residents are welcome to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the Agenda. Any representations not to exceed 3 minutes. Matters outside the scope of this particular meeting should be sent, in writing, to the Parish Clerk at least 3 days prior to the meeting in order for a full response to be made available. No residents were present at the meeting and no representations had been received.	
21/5	Planning Applications and Enforcement To review and provide feedback on new planning applications from Wiltshire Council (Town and Country Planning Act 1980, schedule 1, para 8) 5.1 Application 20/10995/FUL Bridge Cottage, Wilcot SN9 5NN Proposal: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling Comments by 4 th February It was agreed that the Councillors had no objections to the planning application. Councillors did note that the proposed replacement will have a larger footprint than the previous combined extensions. It was also commented that the style of the proposed extension could be considered unsympathetic to the character of the conservation area. Cllr Bartlett did not leave the meeting since he was entitled to make representations as a private individual submitting a planning application. Clerk to draft response to Wiltshire Planning Department.	RK

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21/6	<p>To Receive the Budget and monitoring report</p> <p>6.1 To note invoices paid since the last meeting in accordance with Fin Regs Appendix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charlton Baker 31st December - Clerk's salary December - Wessex Print December Newsletters - HMRC quarterly payment <p>6.2 To authorise the payment of invoices due</p> <p>Cllr NF noted that the PCC grant of £400 will be paid shortly (authorised item 20/37.7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to note increase in the required quantity of newsletters <p>It was agreed to increase the quantity to 250, as the current 180 has proven insufficient.</p> <p>6.3 To agree precept for 2021/22</p> <p>Further to item 20/37.6, a notice had been placed on all noticeboards and the website advising of the proposal to increase the precept. Clerk had received no questions or comments.</p> <p>Cllr DW proposed a 2.78% increase in the precept, seconded by Cllr CB, all in favour. Clerk to submit appropriate precept request of £9000 for 2021/2022 to Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>6.4 To receive grant application from Wilcot Village Hall Committee</p> <p>Cllrs RF and NF left the meeting for this item.</p> <p>It was noted that the Village Hall Committee had raised almost sufficient funds for a new lawnmower, and that the grant requested will complete the target amount. It was noted that the purchase will allow the Village Hall Committee to be independent of the Cricket Club, and any others, for maintenance of the Green.</p> <p>Cllr CB proposed that the grant application be approved; seconded by Cllr DW, all in favour. Cllr NF to set up the payment of £500 in due course.</p> <p>Cllrs RF and NF rejoined the meeting and, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. expressed their appreciation of the grant.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>NF</p>
21/7	<p>Project updates</p> <p>7.1 Verge markers/Huish Lane</p> <p>It appears that the parish steward has installed some of the verge markers at Bristow's Bridge. The need for Huish Lane to be attended to will be added to the next Parish Steward Request Form to be submitted to Highways.</p> <p>7.2 The White Hart, Oare</p> <p>Further to item 20/38.2, Clerk to enquire as to outcome of mediation session and remind Planning Enforcement Officers that the property is deteriorating rapidly, along with villagers' patience in this matter.</p> <p>7.3 Greensward Committee</p> <p>Contractors have been asked to quote for the gate posts, necessary fence repairs and the removal of the dead elm tree.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate notes of the Committee meeting to all councillors.</p> <p>7.4 Footpaths – Peall's Wood, audit, HUIS11, Footpaths 2026</p> <p>Cllr DW had sent three completed forms to the Clerk, with the hope of at least six more forthcoming, regarding the historic use of the rides through Peall's Wood. Cllr DN</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>

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	<p>mentioned two further routes in Oare that should be claimed for posterity before the Footpaths 2026 closes the Definitive Map. Cllr RF has prepared a spreadsheet detailing the results of the footpath audit being implemented by Cllrs RF and DN. The complaint about fencing off the HUIS11 bridleway has not been resolved as the location had not been identified from the photograph. Clerk to contact complainant and request an OS grid or What3Words reference. Cllr RF noted that the canal towpath has become almost impassable in places due to mud and at other places the banks have eroded making it dangerous for both walkers and cyclists. Clerk to write to the Canal and Rivers Trust.</p> <p>7.5 Service Devolution and Asset Transfer Clerk to read thoroughly the FAQ's which were distributed in place of last year's cancelled Highways Information Evening. Idverde has confirmed that they empty two bins in Oare and one on Wilcot Village green under their current contract with Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>7.6 Water pump PCAP has asked other parishes for expressions of interest in a bulk-buy of petrol-driven water pump; indications are that the Area Board will contribute to the cost. Cllr DW reported that a few other parishes do wish to have a pump, so theoretically there would be sufficient throughout the Vale to be on hand in flooding hotspots and, subject to neighbourly goodwill, easily accessible to other parishes should the unexpected occur. Clerk has submitted expression of interest to PCAP.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>
<p>21/8</p>	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>8.1 Canal complaints and verge solutions Gavin Davies to notify Clerk when work is due to commence along the canal-side road.</p> <p>8.2 Flooding – Alton Road Further to item 20/39.2, Cllr RF confirmed that the gully seemed to be operating correctly since being attended to by Highways. Richard Dobson is due to check the pipe running under the road from Kennet House to the canal, as this has been reported as broken.</p> <p>8.3 White lining at Wilcot canal bridge No result to report.</p> <p>8.4 Hare Street/Cross Hayes As with Wilcot canal bridge, road markings will have to be postponed until drier weather.</p> <p>8.5 Correspondence - littering and WILC3 A resident had reported a huge number of drink cans being discarded along the verge between Draycott and Oare. She had submitted a report to the Gazette&Herald. Clerk was already aware of a similar problem in Woodborough and has reported both areas to PCSO Whiteside. Although it is unlikely an official Clean-up Day can be held this year, it was agreed to publicise a week or month during which residents can use the litter-picking equipment and leave any bags of collected litter at the Village Hall. Complaints had been received about the unauthorised re-routing of footpath WILC3. Clerk to write to the landowner to seek reassurance that the correct route of the public right of way be upheld.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>

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	<p>8.6 Huish ditch clearance Clerk to remind the contractor that this task needs completing as soon as the earth is dry enough to do so.</p>	RK
21/9	<p>Exchange of information Clerk to attend Elections and Census briefing on 22nd January, hosted online by WALC.</p> <p>Cllr DW, with Colin Gale of Rushall, is representing the Pewsey Rail Users Group in discussions with Devizes Gateway Team about the proposed new Devizes railway station.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit an Issues Request form to PCAP about the random selection of new LED bulbs being put into streetlights. The bright white ones are very intense, dazzling drivers and intruding into private dwellings and many residents would prefer the warmer, more yellow bulbs which are just as good and diffuse the light more effectively.</p> <p>It was noted that the Pewsey Vale is 26th out of 326 Dark Skies Areas listed by CPRE.</p> <p>Cllr DN had written to Susie Brew of the Pewsey Vale Tourism Group expressing concerns about the forthcoming Walkers Are Welcome accreditation and Itineraries project for the Vale, both of which will encourage visitors, boosting the local economy, whilst theoretically exercising a degree of control as to where they choose to park and walk.</p> <p>Parish Steward is due in Oare on 25th January. Clerk to remind him that pavements need jetting, rather than just sweeping; also that all gullies are blocked, which has resulted in the large pothole near the bus stop on the A345.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Stowell Estate about the ditch by Bacon Copse, which has been blocked by mud from tractors eroding the verge, creating a large puddle on the road.</p> <p>Cllr DN had met Oare Village Hall Committee Chairman Jon Ford to review the defibrillator and inspect the gutter. They had agreed to make a small roof to protect the defibrillator cabinet – Clerk to obtain quote. Cllr DN will make enquiries about training with Pewsey First Responders as the Village Hall Committee would be interested in hosting a session to familiarise villagers with the defibrillator.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>DN</p>

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 2020/2021

Meeting closed at 9.15pm