

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont Devizes SN10 4RT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 January 2014

Present: Cllr R G Elliott, in the Chair in place of Cllr Mrs S Oliphant
Cllrs S Barratt, Mrs C Crawford, Mrs J Flynn and Mrs A Read

Apologies from: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant, Cllr C Ogilvie, Cllr J Seed [Wiltshire Council]
Pc E Thomas

Ms Sue Noad – for the PCC - no other members of the public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

The Meeting opened at 7.35 with the **OPEN FORUM**, and Cllr Elliott asked Ms Noad to speak first:

Ms Noad introduced herself and described the PCC's ideas for marking the Centenary of World War I: at a meeting on Thursday 9th it was agreed that the first event in the Commemoration – *not* Celebration – of the Centenary of World War I should be an open-air Service conducted by the Rev Maureen Allchin. This will be in the garden of Millcroft, kindly offered by Mr and Mrs Boulton, on Sunday 3rd August, or, if it is declared a Public Holiday, Monday 4th August - the actual anniversary of the outbreak of War. The service will perhaps be followed by a traditional meal and songs, and there will be a display in the Village Hall of photographs of the period plus any letters etc from villagers who served.

The object is not to celebrate war but to mark the bravery of all involved and the effect on everyone – for example the deaths of all the Gaisford family heirs led to the village being sold, and many must have memories passed down by grandparents and others.

There should be a combined effort by all village groups – could the PC appoint a representative?

Cllr Mrs Crawford asked if the service was the sole event planned – Ms Noad said it was only the first.

Cllr Mrs Read is taking charge of organising the old photographs etc, and hopes to be able to make a disc bringing them all together.

Cllr Barratt suggested it might be possible to compile a booklet – and as an example of stories in the village, Cllr Elliott said he had been told that a neighbouring farmer's horses were “called up” and of the few that came back half were in such a terrible condition they had to be put down.

In general, everyone should draw on his or her connections, eg the Ladies Group, Bulkington in Bloom.

Cllr Mrs Flynn to ask what Keevil is planning, Clerk to ask Mrs Oliphant when she returns to contact Steeple Ashton, while Cllr Mrs Read will draft an item for Spotlight.

The PC thanked Ms Noad and promised to keep in touch - the matter will be on the March Agenda.

- Pc Thomas emailed a report that the main crime warning is of thefts of iFor Williams trailers in Seend, Bowerhill and Sandridge Common – these are large heavy-duty trailers worth as much as £35K and farmers need to be vigilant.

Cllr Elliott then moved on to the main Agenda:

1. Apologies:

Received and accepted from the Chairman Mrs Oliphant – abroad on business, and Cllr C Ogilvie – hospital appointment; Cllr Seed and Pc Thomas – clash of dates.

- ### **2. Declarations of Interest:**
- Cllr Mrs Crawford for the Playing Field, Cllr Mrs Read for the Village Hall, and the Clerk announced a general Dispensation for all Cllrs - to allow them to discuss the Precept although they have an Interest as Council Tax payers.

3. Minutes of 20 November Meeting:

Accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Elliott

- ### **4. Reports on Matters in the Minutes :**
- None on this occasion.

- 5. **Correspondence:** relevant emails already forwarded to Cllr[s] concerned
 - i Wiltshire Council: Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy [charge on development especially non-residential in town centres] – representations before 24 February, nb site by site, on line, by email or by post. <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>
 - ii Police Commissioner: Meet the Commissioner dates: most convenient for Bulkington are Thursday 27 February, 5.30 pm Chippenham, venue to be announced – Cllr Elliott to go if possible, *or* Wednesday 4 June, 5.30pm Trowbridge, venue to be announced – Cllr Elliott to go if possible
 - iii WALC : Nominations for ballot for invitations to Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 3 June - 2 Chairman + spouse invitations to be drawn from those applying – by 9am 4 February. Clerk to contact Chairman to ask if she wishes to be nominated.
 - iv Citizens Advice Bureau: request for £50 donation – BPC policy is strictly local donations
 - v Victim Support: request for donation of unspecified amount - BPC policy is strictly local donations

6. **Planning:** No new Application or Wiltshire Council decision.

7. **William Breach Centenary Playing Field – Report.**

Cllr Mrs Crawford has now left the Cttee, but gave a brief report: cheques for the ex-VAT cost of November Fireworks (£374.98) and the PF contribution to increased Insurance costs (£60.00), have both now reached the Clerk Nothing else to report – the new Committee will elect a new Chairman as soon as possible.

8. **Section 137 LGA 1972:** No Application received.

9. **Finance:**

Clerk first gave a brief Report on the PC's finances:

Received since last Meeting:		£			
9 Nov '13	Interest on Lloyds A/c 27214460		0.28		
9 Dec '13	Interest on Lloyds A/c 27214460 [est]		0.22		
6 Jan '14	PF Cttee – ex-VAT cost of Fireworks	374.98	}	not yet paid into	Bank
	PF Cttee - share of extra Insurance	60.00			
Paid at last Meeting:		£	[VAT]	£	chq
20 Nov '13	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	50.00	[S.137]	50.00	81
	Society of Local Council Clerks	64.00	-	64.00	82
Paid since last Meeting:		£	+ VAT £	£	chq
6 Jan '14	Bulkington in Bloom [Trees]	150.00	30.00	180.00	83

Authorised at this Meeting:

Cllr Ogilvie – reimbursement for purchase of domain name bulkington.org.uk - £96.82
When billed: Balfour Beatty - PF and Pond grasscutting £750 or possibly more -
 Clerk enquired about billing arrangements but has had no response as yet from Wiltshire Council

Bank Balances *estimated after payments and receipts above*

Lloyds Treasurer's (Current) A/c 27213368	£1,316.92
Lloyds BUS Instant Access (Deposit) A/c 27214460	£6,663.91

The Parish Council had no questions and went on to discuss the Precept request, in light of the reduced Wiltshire Council “top-up grant” - down £60.03 to £111.49, and lower Tax Base – down 1.19 to 117.01, to give a Band D rate of £38.46, *up* 39 pence, if the Precept remains *unchanged* at £4,500.

The Chairman had expressed her wish not to raise the rate if at all possible, and after some discussion the Cllrs voted to request an unchanged Precept of £4,500 (£4,611.49 inc grant)

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Crawford

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Flynn
All in Favour

9: Finance contd

Cllrs discussed the possibility of buying the PC's own grasscutting equipment to avoid large bills for Playing Field and Pond, but decided against, largely because of the difficulty of finding and employing a regular operator – there would also be Insurance implications.

Cllr Mrs Crawford reminded the PC about reimbursing Cllr Ogilvie for his purchase of the domain name - the Clerk will organise a cheque as soon as possible.

Clerk

10: Any other Business:

- Cllr Elliott has heard the latest news on the new runway at Keevil - the one proposed would probably be unsuitable for larger jets, so it may well be built elsewhere and the implications for Keevil, such as complete close-down of the base and sale of the land, are unknown.
- Cllr Mrs Crawford asked about “Solar Farms” - Cllr Elliott said that Seend seems to be opposed to any proposals to build such things in the valley below; cabling carrying power from the site near Edington is likely to pass near Bulkington.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Next Meeting, to include Preliminary Accounts, 19 March

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont Devizes SN10 4RT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 March 2014

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair
Cllrs S Barratt, Mrs C Crawford, R G Elliott, C Ogilvie and Mrs A Read

Apologies from: Cllr Mrs J Flynn,

No Member of the public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

The Meeting opened at 7.40 and as no matters were raised in the **OPEN FORUM**, went directly to

1. Apologies:

Received and accepted from Cllr Mrs J Flynn – family engagement

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Mrs Oliphant and C Ogilvie for the Playing Field; Cllr Mrs Read for the Village Hall.

Request for Dispensation: Cllr C Ogilvie for **7. Planning** – Application 14/0145/FUL -
Dispensation granted to take part in discussion but not vote, as owner of neighbouring property.

3. Minutes of 15 January Meeting:

Accepted as a true record and signed with one correction – Sue Noad's report will be under AOB

4. Reports:

a Flooding, Ditches, Verges etc – Cllr Ogilvie reported:

- Community Day 18 March, met Steve Renfrew to discuss work.
Swept verges and fixed kerbs by War Memorial
- Balfour Beatty Living Places are contracted to do Parish Steward work, with Steve Smith named as Bulkington representative, but BBLP cannot spray verges with weedkiller so Cllrs will continue – Cllr Elliott recommended Mole Valley Farmers for full strength “Roundup”.
- Road Signs – ‘Wickleaze Lane’ sign has been removed, will be replaced only if requested
- Bin in Mill Lane *not* to be moved to lay-by as offered by Steve Renfrew – it is fully used according to Cllr Mrs Flynn.
- If a bin is needed in the lay-by the PC will have to provide it, but bins are expensive, and there is the problem of regular emptying. Meanwhile, Cllr Ogilvie will put up a notice warning about littering – with fierce “eyes” staring down.
- Cllr Mrs Oliphant said she had met a BBLP team working on roads etc and said their work seemed effective – she added that the Wickleaze bridge had been repaired, thanks to the electronic reporting system which has replaced CLARENCE (but 0800 23 23 23 reporting number can still be used)
- Cllr Mrs Crawford said the railing on the right of the Bus Shelter is loose and asked if it could be replaced – Cllr Ogilvie suggested removing it – but Cllr Mrs Oliphant pointed out that if children were to play on the grass “Pond” area there had to be a barrier to keep them off the road; she added that providing “hopscotch” or the like was not a good idea so close to the Playing Field - Cllr Mrs Crawford said there might be noise nuisance to the houses overlooking the area. Cllr Mrs Oliphant suggested asking Robert Breach about all such minor repairs, and Cllr Ogilvie will enquire of Wiltshire Council.
- Cllr Elliott will replace the missing roof tile on the Bus Shelter.
- Cllr Mrs Oliphant said the trees in this area need trimming – a contractor would charge about £200 for a half-day's work. Trees on the Common should also be checked – she will get a quotation.
- b Greens and Commons – the Clerk assured the PC that all those in Bulkington had been properly registered many years ago so there was little or no danger of developers getting permission to build.

5. **Solar Power:** Cllr Mrs Oliphant reported -
- ◆ Poulshot scheme – for Caen Hill end of village – approved
 - ◆ Sandridge proposal – decision delayed
 - ◆ Seend-based group, with CPRE support, very active lobbying on visible schemes nearby – more information on internet under heading Wiltshire Protect/Jack Churchill
 - ◆ Wiltshire Council aims for 30% renewable energy, but the MOD presence on Salisbury Plain means that development must be concentrated in the North and West of the county
 - ◆ negotiation to be left to PCs – contractor must sign a bond promising to return land to previous state after 25 years - payment of thousands of pounds has been mentioned but seems improbable
 - ◆ decisions, as a form of Planning Consent, to be left to PCs
6. **Correspondence:** relevant emails already forwarded to individual Cllrs
- i DCLG: Draft of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 – **Clerk** and **Chairman** to discuss, report to PC at July Mtg to consider general revision of Standing Orders †
 - ii Wiltshire Council:
 - Consultation on draft Countryside Access Improvement Plan (replacing Rights of Way Improvement Plan), closes 28 March.
- **Chairman**
(Michael Jones has suggested that the PC try to get planings to improve Back Lane surface)
 - Wiltshire's Big Pledge (charity fund-raising, get fit schemes etc) –
for more information and to report plans www.wiltshire.gov.uk/bigpledge
 - Active Wiltshire – website for all health/sport etc – www.activewiltshire.org.uk
 - (from Cllr Seed) – Installing Defibrillators - refer to Emergency Volunteers,
Cllr Mrs Read stressed First Aid training is essential and should be arranged for as many as possible
 - iii Keevil Minutes 10 March:
 - 2 houses flooded recently, silting/blockage in several drains/ditches, Wiltshire Council looking into
 - Police report tractor and fuel stolen from farm in Semington
 - Definitive Footpath Map obtained from Wiltshire Council, to copy for display on Notice Boards –
Cllr Ogilvie will get one for Bulkington
 - Proposals for new equipment on their Playing Field, grant(s) to be applied for
 - Keevil is considering online banking (BPC not in favour – see **10. Finance**)
 - iv WALC March Newsletter:
 - Changes to Audit & Accountability - small PCs will be exempt
 - Village Halls Survey – to Cllr Mrs Read
 - How to Respond to Planning Applications and Planning Explained available – **Clerk** to get copies
to **Cllr Elliott**
 - v Police Commissioner Meeting Dates: Trowbridge 4 June 5.30pm
 - † vi NALC – Policy Consultation on Government plans to change rules on recording decisions and allowing access to documents – refers to (i) above
 - vii Royal Bath and West Society: Prince of Wales Award for schemes to improve rural community life - entry forms. Bulkington has no scheme, but Bulkington in Bloom to consider for next year?
 - viii CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2014 – Bulkington has not entered in earlier years
 - ix Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living: request for publicity (backed by Develop)
 - x RUH Bath Foundation Trust : enquiry about parish magazine – referred to Spotlight
7. **Planning:** Postponed Decision :

Application 14/01451/FUL
Extension to form double garage,
ancillary living accommodation within loft above garage

Mr Richard Powell Assigned Officer: Mr Philip Baker

considered at a Planning Meeting on 12 March, but the PC decided to postpone its decision to allow Cllrs to visit the site, in view of (a) objections raised by neighbours (b) alterations to plans, not yet submitted to the Planning Authority, Wiltshire Council, so not sent to the PC for comment.

7. Planning contd

The Chairman repeated her advice to the Cllrs, in particular that the PC is not the Planning Authority but gives advice based on local knowledge; differences between the PC and the case officer may be referred to Committee; applicant can ultimately appeal to Planning Inspectorate. Cllrs' comments were concerned with neighbours' privacy, over-development, intrusion in the street scene near the centre of the village, plus the undesirable precedent of building annexes and possibly converting garages to living accommodation. The main issues were felt to be building so close to the site boundary and changes to the whole aspect and street scene.

Decision - OBJECT for the reasons above.

The Clerk then suggested a Planning Meeting on the 26th to consider 2 Applications just received : 14/02417/FUL – extension, double garage with boot-room at rear, 26 High Street, Mr David Simmons; 14/02338/FUL – 2-storey extension to existing dwelling, 34 Bulkington, Mr Alex Breach.

All agreed, Clerk to book Village Hall and inform applicants.

8. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant said that as the PF Cttee is meeting on the 20th she could not give a report today,

9. Section 137 LGA 1972:

Application received from the PCC for a grant towards the cost of Churchyard grasscutting.

The Clerk said that as a grant of £120 had been paid in 2013, if the PC Approved another, it should be paid in the new financial year, ie after 1 April.

All agreed that no rise in grant was possible in view of the fact that the Precept had not risen.

That the PC make a grant under S.137 of £120, to be paid after 1 April:

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Oliphant

Seconded: Cllr Mrs C Crawford

All in Favour

10. Finance:

Clerk and Chairman discussed and decided against changing to internet banking : for about 25 cheques issued by the PC in a year it is best to keep the present system –

all cheques or orders for payment to be signed by 2 of 3 named signatories.

All agreed- the Clerk to ensure the Financial Regulations in Standing Orders make this clear.

The Clerk distributed summary Accounts to date – the Financial Year still has 12 days to run – and stressed that Balfour Beatty have still not produced an invoice for June-Sept P F maintenance.

Wiltshire Council were paid for April and May - £145.99 (inc £24.33 VAT) - on 3rd July 2013.

Cllr Mrs Crawford suggested a reasonable estimate for the rest of the season of £600 inc VAT and all agreed; allowing for this, the PC should still be “in the black” over the year, with reclaimed

VAT to come early in 2014/15. Clerk to continue her efforts to reach Balfour Beatty.

Received since last Meeting - Accounts with Lloyds Bank				
Date	From	£	£ VAT	
10 Feb 14	Interest on Deposit Account	0.24		
9 Mar 14	Interest on Deposit Account	0.21		
Paid since last Meeting				
	Payee	£	£ VAT	cheque
30 Jan 14	Calum Ogilvie – Reimbursement Domain Name Purchase	96.82	-	85

[HSBC Current Account 80200085 closed November 2013]

10. Finance contd

Authorised at this Meeting				
Date	Payee	£	[VAT]	cheque
19 Mar 14	Mrs FA Price – Clerk's ½ year pay [inc rise agreed Sept '13]	750.00	-	86
	- Clerk's ½ year expenses	181.77	-	87

To be paid after 1 April, in 2014-15 Financial Year:

£120.00 S.137 Grant to PCC, and when billed, possibly also in 2014-15:

Balfour Beatty Living Places - PF and Pond grasscutting – estimated £600 inc VAT

The Notice of the Annual Audit has arrived from the External Auditors Grant Thornton – the Accounts and underlying documents should be available for inspection from 7 May until 5 June; the Auditor's appointed date to receive the Annual Return is 9 June.

The Parish Council should Approve the 2013-14 Annual Return at the Annual Meeting on 21 May.

11. Any Other Business:

- World War I Commemoration: Sue Noad has emailed suggestions about village cooperation, asking for 2 Cllrs to be involved, and sent a draft programme – she emphasised not a celebration. Cllrs Mrs Oliphant and Mrs Read volunteered to join a working party. Cllr Mrs Read believes the commemoration on 4 August will be scaled down to a Church Service. Cllr Barratt is strongly against any suggestion of a party. Cllr Ogilvie said that any celebration should wait until 2018, and all agreed.
- The Chairman has not responded to a BBC approach to enter an Allotment gardening competition programme – Bulkington has no allotments, nor competitive gardeners as far as she is aware.
- The Chairman reported that Mr Difford is too busy to repair the old Notice Board so she will get a quotation for a new one.
- Cllr Mrs Read wished to thank Mr and Mrs Boulton for their work organising the refurbishing of the Village Hall kitchen.
- Cllr Mrs Read also wished to record thanks to Cllr Ogilvie for his work on the village website domain name – he replied that Sue Barratt did more of the work and the PC must thank her.
- Cllr Barratt said work on the War Memorial is complete except for the lettering, and
- Clerk will draft a letter of thanks to the Baillies to be signed and sent by the Chairman, while Cllr Ogilvie will organise a small plaque recording the village's thanks, to be fixed to the rear of the plinth – estimated cost around £50.
- Cllr Ogilvie asked for volunteers to help in planting the beech trees on Saturday – Cllr Mrs Crawford or her husband and, if possible, Cllr Mrs Oliphant responded, Cllr Elliott will provide a post-driver.
- Cllr Ogilvie reported that fly-tipping in the lay-by on 11 February was promptly cleared
- Cllr Ogilvie said the Emergency Plan is on the website – he asked Cllrs to comment at the next Mtg.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next Meeting 21 May

**Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
including Election of Chairman for 2014-15
will follow the Annual Parish Meeting**

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont Devizes SN10 4RT

DRAFT

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council,
held in the Village Hall at 7.40pm on Wednesday 21 May 2014

Present: Cllr Mrs Oliphant in the Chair - until **1. Election of Chairman for 2014-15**
Cllrs S Barratt, Mrs J Flynn, and C Ogilvie

1 member of the public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

No **Open Forum** because of the Annual Parish Meeting just concluded, in which Pc Thomas had given her report; and Cllr Seed had spoken about Area Board grants and low flying at Keevil: he has arranged to meet Mrs Oliphant in the next few days with information about all these matters.

1. Election of Chairman for 2014-15:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant accepted nomination, and the vote followed:

That Cllr Mrs Oliphant be elected to serve as Chairman for the coming year

Proposed: Cllr Ogilvie Seconded: Cllr Mrs Flynn **Elected Unanimously**

2. Election of Vice-Chair: The Council unanimously decided to continue without one

3. Dates of Meetings for 2014-15:

The Council accepted the Clerk's suggestion of moving to the second Wednesday of the month:
2014: 9 July; 10 September; 12 November;
2015: 14 January (Precept-setting); 11 March (Preliminary Accounts); 13 May (Elect Chairman)

4. Apologies for Absence:

received and accepted from Cllr Elliott, Cllr Mrs Crawford and Cllr Mrs Read

5. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Mrs Oliphant and C Ogilvie for the Playing Field

6. Minutes of 19 March Meeting :

Accepted as a true record and signed.

7. Reports:

- a Trees on the Common and by the Bus Shelter have been dealt with
- b Loose tile on Bus Shelter roof needs replacing
- c Railings near Bus Shelter – Cllr Ogilvie to raise matter with Stuart Renfrew

8. Correspondence: relevant emails already forwarded to Cllr[s] concerned.

- i Wiltshire Council: Consultation on Car Parking Strategy – really only relevant to towns – documents from <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>
- ii Keevil Minutes 12 May
Annual Parish Meeting – included 13-14 Accounts, fuller report in PC Mtg
Annual Parish Council Mtg
 - [a] Cllr Jerry Wickham re-elected Chairman – but will not continue after May 2015 because of work on Wiltshire Council, Cllr Francis Banfield re-elected Vice-Chairman
 - [b] Police Report – can supply and fit “purse chains”, crime generally low.
 - [c] Cllr Seed – grants to be had from Melksham Area Board
 - [d] Proposals for new Playing Field – consultation going ahead
 - [e] Drains still giving trouble – Wiltshire Council to deal with problem?

8. Correspondence: contd

- ii Keevil Minutes contd
 - [f] considering defibrillator
 - [g] may install high-speed broadband box at Pyatts Corner – consulting WC and BT
 - [h] 70th Anniversary of Arnhem – set off from Keevil – special commemoration 6th September
- iii WALC September newsletter :
 - Changes to Audit & Accountability – small PCs to be exempt
 - Village Halls Survey – *to AR*.
 - How to Respond to Planning Applications & Planning Explained copies available – *Clerk to get from Katie Fielding?*
 - iv Police Commissioner Meeting Dates – Trowbridge 4 June, 5.30pm - *Cllr Elliott to attend*
 - v Lloyds Bank – changes to names of Business Accounts – does not apply to Parish Council as its turnover is well under £50K
 - vi DEVELOP – list of forthcoming courses
 - vii SPLASH – newsletter, recruiting volunteers and appeal for donations. Charity mainly to support activity programmes for young people during school holidays - Chairman said that some children in Bulkington certainly need something to occupy them, and Cllr Mrs Flynn said she would have a word with children and parents about the programme.
 - viii Bobby Van Trust - newsletter
 - ix St John Ambulance – appeal for funds

9. **Planning:** No Applications or Wiltshire Council Decisions to report.

10. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant reported

- Playing Field has £1,143.93 in the Bank
- Playing Field Calendar of events is on the website
- Maintenance events planned for 31 May; 26 July; 21 September – with Fun Day; and 1 November
- Planning for the future, to make PF more attractive to all village children, is imperative – to this end a questionnaire will go out to all.

World War I Commemoration – Cllrs Mrs Oliphant and Mrs Read attended a meeting in Tidworth, which produced some interesting ideas and information -

Service in Tidworth on 30th July for whole County

Wiltshire Soldiers website trying to ensure that every one of the County's dead has a marked grave

2,000 Wiltshire casualties – a School can be assigned a particular man to research his details and make a cross with his name etc

A joint meeting with the PCC produced the following suggestions for the actual anniversary:

9.30am Service in Church

9.30pm Outdoor Service at the War Memorial, then activity on the Playing Field [to be finalised]

Poppy seeds to be planted in the bonfire pit

Every household to be given a cross to write a name on and plant on the PF – from 1pm.

Crosses to be bought from the British Legion @ £2.50 each including p&p

Sign/banner “BULKINGTON REMEMBERS” at either end of village

Cllr Ogilvie suggested all this was a bit too elaborate - the Chairman said she and Cllr Mrs Read will work with the Rev Maureen Allchinn to ensure an appropriate commemoration.

Cllr Mrs Oliphant will organise the banners if they are decided on, and also suggested a new bench on the Field, marked “Bulkington remembers” - or possibly 4, one for each Remembrance Sunday during the 4 years of the conflict.

The Chairman added that the PC must think carefully about 2018 and how to mark the Centenary of the *end* of the War; money may need to be raised, and she will consult Cllr Seed about financing this as well as the benches mentioned above.

10. William Breach Centenary Playing Field: contd

Cllr Mrs Flynn wondered about planting commemorative trees – like the Jubilee Oak, and she thought it a good idea to involve children.

Cllr Barratt thought an artwork made of barbed wire might be appropriate, and then spoke passionately against *any* commemoration of the *start* of the War – he is against engraved benches, distribution of crosses or the like.

Cllr Ogilvie said he shared these sentiments on the whole.

The Chairman said there should certainly not be a celebration but for example a bench with an appropriate inscription could serve to concentrate the mind.

The Parish Council remained divided, and the Chairman said she would go back to the joint PC/PCC Committee, as the right body to approach the Area Board about any funding required.

11. Section 137 LGA 1972:

Application from the PCC for a grant of £120 towards the cost of Churchyard grasscutting, **approved** at March Meeting. **See 12. Finance**

12: Finance:

The Clerk presented the Annual Return for 2013-14 for approval before going to the External Auditors: it has been approved and signed by the Internal Auditor, who found no problems. All documents will be available for inspection until 5 June; no request to see them received so far. After that date any question must go to the Auditors Grant Thornton.

Section 1 – Accounting Statements 2013/14:

certified as properly presenting receipts and payments - *signed* Responsible Financial Officer
confirmed as Approved by the Council at this Meeting – *signed* Chairman

Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement 2013/14:

Confirmed as showing that the Council maintained a sound system of internal control, all present agreeing and answering “yes” to statements 1-8, and “NA” to statement 9 - the Council is not a trustee: *signed* by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO

(Section 3 – External Auditor's Report will be returned to the Council when Audit is complete)

Section 4 – Internal Auditors Report:

Agreed that the Council had achieved all objects of internal control with the exception of sections F – NA because no petty cash is kept, and K – NA because the Council is not a trustee
signed Internal Auditor Mrs M A Kimber

The Bank Reconciliation showed no outstanding Creditors or Debtors.

Cllrs heard and accepted the Explanation of Variances in Payments and in Receipts between March 31st 2013 and March 31st 2014 figures – Boxes 3 and 6 on the Return

Report for this Meeting::

Received since last Meeting		
Date	From	£
9 Apr 14	Interest on Deposit Account	0.21
25 Apr 14	Wiltshire Council : Precept + Grant	4,611.49
9 May 14	Interest on Deposit Account	0.27

12: Finance: contd

Paid since last Meeting				
date	Payee	£	[inc VAT]	Chq 0000
28 Apr 14	Calum Ogilvie – Memorial plaque	26.00	-	88
28 Apr 14	David Young – Memorial lettering	150.00	-	89
14 May 14	BBLP – grasscutting to end May	686.22	[114.37]	90

Authorised at this Meeting				
date	Payee	£	[inc VAT]	Chq 0000
21 May 14	WALC – WALC & NALC 2014 subs	102.10	[17.02]	91
	Community First Trading - Insurance	704.63		92
	Mrs M A Kimber – internal audit	30.00		93
	Bulkington Village Hall – hire for 13 Mtgs	130.00		94
	NALC – Local Council Review 2014 sub	17.00		95
	Bulkington PCC – S.137 Grant	120.00		96
	Community First – 2014 sub	36.00		97

When billed – Caledonia Play, “magpost” for Playing Field, £156 inc carriage and VAT - PF to reimburse ex-VAT cost

13: Any Other Business:

- Cllr Mrs Flynn reported that on Footpath 8 a stile put up by the new landowner is too high for elderly walkers – or for dogs. When contacted about replacing it with a kissing gate or something similar the landowner was not at all amenable, indeed one walker said he was abusive. Wiltshire Council's Paul Milford has told him of the standard design and the Council will *enforce* change if nothing is done by the end of May – grants can be given for kissing gates.
- Cllr Mrs Oliphant said that dogs are increasingly a problem – owners *must* pick up after them, and keep to the designated paths.
Farmers growing for silage on Common Land should put up notices warning the public that the grass is a crop, and asking for cooperation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

Next Meeting 9 July

to include Annual Risk Assessment
and
Review of Standing Orders

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk : Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont DEVIZES SN10 4RT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

Present : Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair - when she arrived, having been delayed on urgent family business
Cllrs S Barratt, Mrs C Crawford, Mrs J Flynn, and C Ogilvie

Cllr J Seed (Wiltshire Council)

Pc Emily Thomas and 1 other officer.

1 member of the public – from Neighbourhood Watch

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

[As the Chairman had been delayed, it was decided to start at 7.10 with the Clerk's Financial Report, then, if she had still not arrived, go on to any Questions/Comments from the public, Police and Cllr Seed, but for ease of reference these Minutes will follow the Agenda order]

- 1: **Apologies for Absence** : received and accepted from Cllr R G Elliott, Cllr Mrs A Read
2. **Minutes** : Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting confirmed at July 2013 Parish Council Meeting
3. **Chairman's Report:** by Cllr Mrs S Oliphant, Chairman of the Parish Council 20013/14

As in previous years, pressure on our budget has been a focus for us as costs increase and we strive to manage our expenditure without requesting an increase in our Precept. So, I would like to start by thanking my fellow Cllrs for their unanimous decision not to increase our Precept. Thanks also to our diligent Clerk for her excellent management of our funds.

Our 3 new Cllrs have taken up their positions with enthusiasm and commitment and as a Parish Council we have striven to apply the 10 principles of our Code of Conduct (Integrity, Leadership, Objectivity, Judgement, Accountability, Openness, Respect, Stewardship, Lawfulness and Selflessness) to every aspect of our business to ensure that Bulkington remains the sort of village we *all* want to live in.
For more details on the rôle of the Parish Council please see www.Bulkington.org.uk .

We have seen a number of Planning Applications and I thank my fellow Cllrs for their objective approach and their local knowledge, which I am sure the Planning Department at Wiltshire Council find most helpful when determining an application.

The Parish Council is not a Planning Authority and *does not have executive power to accept or reject applications*, but under the Local Government Act 1972 *is able to make observations* to the Planning Authority (Wiltshire Council) upon applications in its Parish.

Whether Cllrs like an application or not is irrelevant as we make an objective review of all aspects of the application including its position in relation to the existing and neighbouring buildings, its design, whether it creates a loss of privacy or light to nearby properties, its appearance in the street scene, whether it affects local drainage or parking and the overall needs and requirements of the village.

For more details on the rôle of the Parish Council please see www.Bulkington.org.uk .

Our Playing Field Committee once again have a healthy bank balance and a published calendar of maintenance and community events. They are currently planning some research amongst Villagers to determine their future focus and activities to ensure that this wonderful resource is enjoyed by the whole community.

For more details of events please see www.Bulkington.org.uk

The War Memorial is at the heart of our village. Thank you to Cllrs Ogilvie and Barratt for the work that they did to restore the stonework and the memorial plaque, and we are indebted to former residents Deborah and Jack Baillie, who very generously sponsored the costs for the repairs to the stonework. The Memorial is once again a fitting tribute to those villagers who lost their lives in the First World War and will feature in our Remembrance Event later in the year.

For more details of our Remembrance Event please see www.Bulkington.org.uk

Thank you to Cllrs Ogilvie and Barratt, and special thanks to Sue Barratt for the hours of work they have put into the website. This is a fabulous community resource and I urge you all to make full use of it.

Bulkington is a working village and our thanks as ever go to the farmers and landowners who manage the land, hedges, ditches lanes and footpaths around the village. It is easy to take our surroundings for granted and we count ourselves lucky that our landowners take their responsibilities seriously and give their time and resources to improve our environment. Can I ask every one, but especially the dog owners, to remember that what appears to be a field of grass is actually next year's animal feed and to keep to marked paths throughout the growing season.

My thanks also to Cllr Jonathan Seed for his ongoing support and to our Policing Team for their sustained commitment to maintaining a policing presence in our Village. It is disappointing that they are unable to attend our meetings, but I am sure a new year will bring a new focus.

4. **Financial Report** by the Clerk Mrs F A Price:

The Annual Return for 2012/13 was accepted by the Auditors, Grant Thornton, in August 2013 - no fee for small Councils - the Internal Auditor's fee was £30.

Summary figures for the last 2 years, **nb** 2013/14 *not yet fully audited*.

	2012/13	2013/14
	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	6,119	6,133
+ Precept	4,500	4,500
+ Other Receipts	1,400	2,710
- Staff/Admin Costs	1,898	1,814
- Other Payments	<u>3,988</u>	<u>4,629</u>
Balance Carried Forward	6,133	6,900

[**nb** Brought fwd inc £11.97 in HSBC A/c - given to Playing Field and A/c closed October 2013]

Total Fixed Assets : Playing Field and Equipment, War Memorial and Bus Shelter: £50,080 - includes the £35,250 Insured Value of the Play Equipment.

Both Receipts and Payments were affected by Picnic Table - £343 carried over from Jubilee, and VH guttering - £1,540 ex-VAT reimbursed, and total VAT paid £576.56.

Major problem was Wiltshire Council's handover to BBLP of the grasscutting contract at the end of May 2013 – no Invoice by the end of the financial year, eventually came in May 2014.

This bill for nearly £700 inc VAT for June '13 to end May '14 (very nearly = the striking rise in the Balance Carried Forward) has to be paid in 2014/15, which means a major distortion of the Accounts.

The best quotation that could be obtained for June '14 onwards was about £1K inc VAT, making a total grasscutting cost of some £1.7K - the PC's reserves mean that this will not bankrupt us, but general price rises will put pressure on the Precept, so that it will be a real struggle to keep it at £4,500 for another year.

One bit of better news is that Staff and Admin costs are actually very slightly *down* on last year, despite a rise of £100 for the Clerk, and some extra costs connected with the Election although uncontested - Meeting for new Council to Accept Office and Register Interests, Training for one of the new Cllrs.

The Parish Council also spent £63 on the latest edition of Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration which is vital to keep pace with changing regulation and practice.

The External Auditors charge no fee for small PCs – ie under £10K Receipts or Payments – and the Internal Auditor's fee remains at a very modest £30.

The main repairs to the War Memorial were paid for by a generous gift from Mr and Mrs Baillie, leaving only minor expenses such as repainting the lettering for the PC to cover.

Altogether, the PC's financial situation remains reasonably healthy, but any major project would have to be paid for by a grant - remember the amount of time and effort this took for the PF equipment – and constant care has to be taken not to exceed our means.

5. Questions and Comments from the Public.

Neighbourhood Watch had nothing to report – the Parish Council is clearly working effectively.

Pc Thomas said that she should be contacted through the Police Rural network at Hampton Park, Melksham, SN12 6QP.

She had little to report – only 3 crimes in Bulkington out of hundreds across the county last year - but she had a warning that people should keep doors shut when they were out working in the garden or garage to foil opportunistic thieves.

The Sports day will be on 4 August.

Cllr Seed reminded everyone that the Area Board gives grants for local projects, and added that he is always ready to help.

He will try to find a copy of the contract between BBLP and Wiltshire Council.

Replying to Cllr Barratt's query about the Keevil runway plans, Cllr Seed said these are “on hold” while a new feasibility study is carried out.

Meanwhile, he will try to get the MOD to announce night flying dates – as used to be done.

Cllr Ogilvie will put any information on the Village Website.

With no further questions or comments the Annual Parish Meeting ended at 7.30,
and the Parish Council proceeded immediately to the Annual Meeting of the Council

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont Devizes SN10 4RT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,
held at Wickleaze Farm because Village Hall not available,
7.30pm 9 July 2014

Present: Cllr Mrs Oliphant in the Chair

Cllrs S Barratt, Mrs C Crawford, RG Elliott, Mrs J Flynn, and Mrs A Read

no member of the public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

Open Forum

- Clerk relayed PC Thomas's e-mailed Report – no recent crime in Bulkington, but
 - spate of thefts of catalytic converters from Citroën Xsara and Peugeot cars in Melksham and Semington. She advised -
 - park in a (lockable) garage wherever possible, and/or fit security devices to protect catalytic converter – thieves are after the platinum the device contains.
 - Where a caravan is normally parked in a driveway, when the owner is away on holiday he should ask neighbours to park a car in its place, and take other measures to make the house look lived in. Preferably a caravan should be stored on a secure site, rather than parked in a drive.
1. **Apologies for Absence:** received and accepted from Cllr C Ogilvie, Pc Thomas
 2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Oliphant - Playing Field, Cllr Mrs Read – Village Hall
 3. **Minutes of 21 March Meetings :**
 - [a] Annual Parish Meeting: accepted as true record with 1 correction – Cllr Mrs Crawford not present
 - [b] Annual meeting of the Parish Council: accepted as true record,
[note – the Chairman did not sign the Acceptance of Office until 24 June]
both sets of Minutes signed by Chairman
 4. **Reports:**
 - No Progress on TLZ/new runway at Keevil expected before Planning applied for in October – Chairman circulated the contractors' latest communication
 - Tiles on Bus Shelter roof – Cllr Mrs Crawford reported a temporary repair, and Cllr Elliott will discuss possible major work with his son.
Clerk to try to find out who were the original builders, in 2000.
 - Balfour Beatty appear to be cutting Pond and Cross areas, as part of their Wiltshire Council contract for road verges etc.
 - PC's new Contractor is cutting the Playing Field and has promised an extra cut round the Memorial just before Remembrance Sunday.
 - Problem for “buggy” users reported – roadside footpath from about no 41 to the Church impassable – overgrown hedges/bushes/trees.
Clerk to draft letter to homeowners asking them to cut back growth to clear footpath.
 5. a **Annual Review** of Risk Assessment and Internal Audit;
b **Confirmation** of Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

The Clerk outlined all these, especially noting the changes to Code of Conduct and Standing Orders after Parish Council adopted Wiltshire Council model and Standards Board for England abolished. The Chairman emphasised the PC's adherence to the Wiltshire Council Complaints Procedure. Cllrs unanimously declared themselves satisfied.

6. Correspondence: relevant emails circulated to Cllrs concerned

- i Rural Services Network : Questionnaire on Rural Housing Policy Review.
The Chairman suggested possibly doing a Housing Needs Survey, then asked Cllr Mrs Crawford to speak as this is her professional field.
Cllr Mrs Crawford pointed out that any survey should cover people with family or other connections with the village who might want to move back to the village and into new houses.
However, Bulkington does not have good enough infrastructure – in particular sewers – or transport links to cater for increased population, and the PC owns no land which can be built on.
Wiltshire Council does have some land in the area and is quite keen to develop it.
She suggested any Survey of Need should cover all villages served by the School, and added that she could possibly get a speaker to talk about Community Land Trust.
The Chairman said she would contact Steeple Ashton PC.
Best course is to contact Cllr Seed suggesting survey should cover his whole Summerham and Seend constituency - generally **agreed**.
- ii Local Works – Empowering Parish Councils to sell Electricity: Bulkington PC has no scheme for generating electricity.
Cllr Elliott said his Solar Panels application was not successful- scheme too small – but he could confirm that underground cable connecting panels to the south with the National Grid in Bulkington has now got landowners' agreement and will go ahead.
- iii Cllr Mrs Crawford might be able to attend the Meeting with contractors re Keevil Airfield.
- iv WALC July newsletter:
 - new Community First website – <http://www.communityfirst.org.uk>
 - any photographs of local projects etc for proposed new WALC website to go to Katie Fielding on kfielding@communityfirst.org.uk .
- v NALC -Policy Consultation on Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014: available for Cllrs to consult, chiefly concerns admission of Public and Press to meetings.

7. Planning: No Applications or Wiltshire Council Decisions to report.

8. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant reported

- Playing Field has £1K in the Bank
- Marquee repaired and available to hire
- New gazebo acquired
- Magpost installed
- Maintenance events planned for 19 July; 21 September – with Fun Day
- Bonfire – 1 November
- Funds need to be raised either to buy new Play Equipment (esp for younger children) or, perhaps preferably, improve that already in place.
- Goalposts have been repaired by Mr Whiteley, but thanks to an unfortunate misunderstanding of the invoicing and payment system he paid for the materials out of his own pocket.
The PF Cttee will arrange to reimburse him in full – the VAT cannot now be reclaimed.

9. Section 137 LGA 1972: No Application received

10: Finance:

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return for 2013-14 was approved, without comment or query, by the Auditors Grant Thomton on 19 June – no fee.
Notice of Conclusion of Audit and copies of the Return were posted on the Notice Board on 24 June and were available until 9 July – the day of the PC Meeting.
She remarked on the greatly improved speed of the Audit process.

10: Finance contd

Report for this Meeting::

Received since last Meeting		
Date	From	£
6 Jun 14	HMRC – 2013-14 VAT reclaimed	576.56
9 Jun 14	Interest on Deposit Account	0.34
8 Jul 14	VH – fire extinguisher check ex-VAT reimbursed	124.26

Paid since last Meeting				
date	Payee	£	[inc VAT]	Chq 0000
10 Jun 14	Caledonia Play – Magpost for PF	156.00	26.00	98

Authorised at this Meeting				
date	Payee	£	[inc VAT]	Chq 0000
9 Jul 14	Protect Fire Equipment Ltd – VH extinguisher check and service	149.11	24.85	99

When billed – new outside Notice Board : £288.16 inc VAT

The Clerk did not give a detailed Report on Progress against Budget but said that the general situation is satisfactory – with the exception of the BBLP grasscutting bill for June 2013 to May 2014, which distorts both the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Accounts. However, the PC's Reserves will easily prevent any actual deficit.

11: Any Other Business:

- Cllr Mrs Flynn said dogwalkers and others report continuing problems with a stile on Footpath 8. The Chairman will ask Cllr Seed to approach the landowner.
- Cllr Mrs Oliphant has obtained a quotation for a replacement outside Notice Board - solid oak frame, size A2, toughened glass, which Cllrs agreed was reasonable - see **10. Finance**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Next Meeting 10 September

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs F A Price 1 The Croft Urchfont Devizes SN10 4RT

DRAFT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
10 September 2014

Present: Cllr Mrs S Oliphant in the Chair

Cllr Mrs C Crawford, Cllr R G Elliott

No member of the public

Clerk Mrs F A Price in attendance

Open Forum

The Chairman reported that Charles Bartholomew has completed work on clearing the surface of Fullwood Lane, for which she will thank him.

She then moved immediately to the normal Agenda.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** received and accepted from Cllr J Seed [Wiltshire Council] and Police; Cllrs Barratt, Flynn and Ogilvie – away from Bulkington, Cllr Mrs Read – health problem.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Oliphant – Playing Field
3. **Minutes of 9th July Meeting:** Accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman
4. **Reports:**
 - Housing Needs Survey – Cllr Seed to possibly co-ordinate responses from all the Parishes in his Summerham “constituency”
 - Stile on footpath – the Chairman said that as the owners of the land beyond have sheep in the field they are unlikely to make the stile easier for dogs.
 - She suggested that she and Cllr Elliott should write an article for Spotlight pointing out the need to control dogs on farmland – *and pick up after them*.
 - Cllr Elliott added that according to the Country Code dogs on farmland should be on a 2 metre lead through the summer months, and can be excluded altogether from 1st March to 31st July.
 - The Chairman said there was no progress to report on the new Notice Board.
5. **Solar Energy – cable under Fullwood Lane:**

The Chairman reported the latest situation: Stokes Marsh Solar Ltd and SSE need to lay a cable linking the Edington solar farm with the National Grid; they have reached agreement with the landowners involved (R Breach, P Coles and RG Elliott) but need permission to lay cable under Fullwood Lane; the SSE legal team want documentary evidence of ownership of the Lane. Wiltshire Council has confirmed it does *not* own the Lane, which implies the Parish Council can grant access as far as it is able.

The Clerk has been unable to find any useful documents; the Lane was classified as a Bridleway in 1982, and the OS map modified in 2000 shows it as a “Track”.

Solicitors Trethowans have been appointed to go through all documents, the developers to cover costs – the Chairman and Cllr Elliott signed the appointment of the solicitors.

The suggested arrangements are that the cable will go *under* the Lane, with all disturbance of the surface and hedges to be made good, and appropriate notice of the work will be given.

£500 is suggested as payment for an “easement”.

The Chairman suggested putting this money towards a new outside Noticeboard – all agreed - she will ask Cllr Mrs Read.(who looks after the current board) to approve and organise the work.

6. Correspondence: relevant emails circulated to Cllrs concerned.

- i Wiltshire Council:
Open Spaces Study - Cllrs decided on responses to questions relevant to Bulkington, which the Chairman will return by email to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Wiltsparishes> from Parish Newsletter – Reporting and Recording PC and TC Mtgs, admission of Press, etc Bulkington's Standing Orders comply;
Green Bin Waste Collection – consultation on changes – deadline extended to 1 October;
Bus Pass consultation – valid after 9am *or* after 9.30am Mon-Fri? Deadline 26 September.
Changes to Bus Services – mostly near Bath
- ii Melksham: Extended Services – Fundraising Big Walk Melksham to Bath – Sat 16 September
- iii Keevil Minutes: Cllr Seed's report on Runway – construction unlikely to start before 2016; information about flights can be got from <http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton>
- iv Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation - Cllrs decided on responses, and the Chairman will submit the completed document.
- v Community First: AGM Wed 24 September in Devizes Town Hall from 5.30pm – no Cllr to attend.
- vi SWAN Advocacy Org. UK – launching event for new Dementia Advocacy Service in Wiltshire - Wednesday 24 September, Antrobus House, Amesbury, 3-5pm – no Cllr to attend.
- vii Woodland Trust – offer of trees to plant in open spaces – contact for full information at <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

7. Planning: No Applications or Decisions received.

8. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

Cllr Mrs Oliphant reported that the Playing Field Cttee has more than £1,000 in the Bank, but possible expenditure on new equipment and so-on may amount to over £8,000 – grants will have to be applied for, which is a lengthy process.
The Fun Day on Sunday 21 September, not primarily a fundraising event, will include new items eg Photographic, Flower Arranging and Baking Competitions as well as the popular Tug of War.
The Clerk added that the Goal Post invoice, paid in error by David Whiteley on his personal account, was correctly addressed to the Parish Council, so the VAT can be reclaimed.
The PC will pass it on to the PF Cttee as a donation and Mr Whiteley can be reimbursed in full.

9. S.137 LGA 1972: No application received.

Cost of Remembrance day wreath plus Donation to Royal British Legion - £50.
Authorised without a vote.

10. Finance:

The Clerk presented her Report on Progress against Budget for the first half-year – copies will be distributed with the Minutes to those Cllrs not at the meeting.
Summary (including payments made and/or authorised in September):
approximately £3,250 spent, against £5,440 received in first half-year – so £2,190 left.
VAT paid, to be reclaimed at end of month, £200+.
The muddle over PF Grasscutting charges – BBLP's bill for June 2013 to May 2014 was presented and paid at the May Mtg – meant an *underspend* in 2013-14 and so an unusually large sum brought forward - £6,900. This should mean that even after paying the new contractor for grasscutting from June 2014 the Parish Council will not actually go into the red.
Cllrs had no queries, and went on to the Report for this Meeting:

Received since last Meeting:		
Date	From	£
9 Jul 14	Interest A/c 27214460 [net]	£0.32
11 Aug 14	Interest A/c 27214460 [net]	£0.36

10. Finance contd

No payments since last Meeting

Authorised at this Meeting:				
Date	Payee	£	[inc VAT]	Chq no 000
10 Sep 14	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's ½ year salary	700.00	-	100
	Mrs F A Price – Clerk's ½ year expenses	132.00	-	101
	PCC of Seend – <u>Spotlight</u> production expenses	50.00	-	102

When billed: Playsafety Limited [RoSPA] PF Safety check – approx £120 inc VAT
Royal British Legion – wreath and Donation - £50
Fireworks for November Display – PF to reimburse ex-VAT – approx £450 inc VAT

11. Any Other Business:

- Cllr Mrs Crawford asked about progress on the Bus Shelter roof – all repairs have been done. The PC thanked Cllr Elliott for organising this.
- Cllr Mrs Crawford said she had heard complaints that tractors were speeding through the village, at over 30mph. Others felt this was not the case – in narrow roads speeds can appear greater than they really are. Cllr Elliott added that the legal limit for tractors and the like is actually 20mph.
- The Chairman has been informed that Philip Coles will soon apply for Change of Use of some redundant chicken sheds to Storage of caravans/camper-vans etc; another shed to be turned over to Light Industrial use – both possibilities likely to cause increased traffic, especially in Mill Lane.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting 12 November