

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2022. This meeting was held in the Community Centre.

Present: Mrs Georgina A'Bear, Mrs Anita Heatley, Mrs Bridget Johnstone, Mr William Lack, Mr Phil Springate, Mr John Williams,

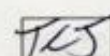
Also Present: Clerk, Cllr Tamara Reay, Mr Steve Vaux

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2022/168 Apologies	Mr Terry James, Mrs Pamela Akerman, Mrs Carol Dickinson, Mrs, Jackie Hamblin, Mr Martin Wiltshire	
2022/169 Declaration of Lobbying (i) Declaration of changes to the Register of Interests (ii) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda (iii) Requests for Dispensation	(i)-There were no changes of declarations to the Register of Interests. (ii) - There was one declarations of interest in items on the agenda from Mrs Georgina A'Bear regarding Planning Application PL/2022/06119. (iii)- There were no requests for dispensations.	
2022/170 Local Councillor's Matters	<p>Cllr Reay provided the following update on local matters:</p> <p>Wiltshire Council Supports Residents with Cost of Living The Council is taking action to support people across Wiltshire with cost-of-living issues. Assistance has been provided to residents through schemes such as the Household Support Fund (£2.7m to vulnerable households), the Energy Rebate to residents in Council Tax bands A-D and the School Holidays Activity and Food programme. The Council is focused on supporting residents, businesses (including schools) and Wiltshire Council staff. Area Boards are being asked to work with their communities to ensure local support is in place for the most vulnerable, including food banks. The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub will support residents with financial wellbeing concerns. The 09:30hrs restriction on concessionary fare bus passes has been lifted, thus supporting the elderly and vulnerable to access essential services, and Warm and Safe Wiltshire will continue to offer free and impartial energy advice to reduce fuel poverty.</p> <p>Strategy for Helping People with Mental Disabilities Enjoy Fulfilled Lives The Wiltshire Independent Living Strategy maximises the independence, choice and control for people with a mental health condition, learning disability and/or autism spectrum condition by providing the right accommodation and support in the right place at the right time. The strategy will reduce dependence on residential care and ensure people are supported to live independently, with their own tenancy wherever this is possible. This means developing new supported accommodation and providing innovative, flexible care to enable people to live in the community.</p>	

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	<p>£1.3m Extra Funding to Tackle Substance Misuse The Council has secured additional funding to tackle illicit drug use, including enforcement, diversion, treatment and recovery. Funding is in addition to the core substance misuse services already delivered in Wiltshire. The funding will ensure enhanced focus on improved outcomes for young people and adults substance misuse services - with a particular focus on the transition period to adulthood and criminal justice.</p> <p>Electric Vehicle Charging Points Steve Vaux gave an informative presentation on the opportunity to obtain a government grant towards providing community charging points. The scheme known as the On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme (ORCS) requires applications to be submitted before 1st April 2023. It was suggested the initiative may need to be owned by one of the Parish Councillors. Details of the scheme have been circulated to all Parish Councillors and this topic will be an agenda item at the next parish council meeting. Councillors should consider residential areas which might be suitable for these charging points so that assessments can be requested on the most appropriate at the November meeting.</p> <p>Bus Stop at Padfield Porksies Wiltshire Highways are considering a potential opportunity to provide an additional bus stop on A361 west of Sells Green to better meet the needs of local residents.</p> <p>School Travel Plan Clir Reay has contacted the school to arrange a meeting to complete the Plan.</p>	All
2022/171 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th August were circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>Acceptance of the Minutes of this meeting as an accurate record was proposed by William Lack and seconded by Georgina A'Bear. All Councillors present voted in favour. A shortened version of the minutes will be placed in Spotlight.</p>	Clerk
2022/172 Matters Arising Not Already on the Agenda	<p>Damaged Stile in Row Lane The Chairman agreed to liaise with Penny England / Land Owner to resolve this issue.</p> <p>Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Mrs Georgina A'Bear attended their AGM and advised that CPRE will seek to raise funds to enable continuance of Best Kept Village competition.</p> <p>Berhills Lane The hedge behind the parking area adjacent to the junction of A365 has overgrown to extent that vehicles are partially parking on the road. Due to the traffic speed in this vicinity, it is potentially causing a danger. Bridget Johnstone has agreed to identify the hedge owners and the Clerk to send a letter.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Bridget Johnstone / Clerk</p>
2022/173 Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish	None	

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2022/174 Highways and Rights of Way	<p>Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG) The next LHFIG meeting is scheduled for 4th October.</p> <p>School Access The Parish Council has made two requests to meet with the School Authorities, both have been declined. The White Horse Federation Director of Estate & Facilities stated that, <i>"This meeting seems fairly pointless to me as you are not willing to consider the more viable options."</i> The viable options refer to Wiltshire Council Highways improvement to the A361 through the village. The Parish Council has had many discussions over the years with Highways about improvements at the pinch-point but a chicane, traffic lights etc are not feasible options.</p> <p>Despite the meetings being declined, the Parish Council will continue to try and convene a meeting with the School Authorities to review the school's insurance issue with public access and the possibility of a fenced pathway through the school grounds. The Parish Council will also contact Salisbury Diocese who are the owners of the school land. However, without formal support of the School Governors and Friends of Seend School (FoSS) it remains unlikely the Parish Council will change the decision of the School Authorities. With that in mind Phil Springate will contact the Chair of the School Governors. The Clerk to put a note in Spotlight updating Parishioners.</p> <p>Inmarsh High Friction Surface The Parish Council accepted Wiltshire Highways recommendation not to place additional signage in the vicinity of the crossing as it resides within the 30mph village restriction. Highways also advised that they would not consider deploying mirrors as there are potential liability issues associated with them as they can get dirty / covered in condensation etc. hence there will be periods where they aren't able to serve the purpose intended.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch Volunteer training continues.</p> <p>Bollands Hill Traffic Survey The Clerk to email the survey form to the volunteers undertaking the survey. Georgina A'Bear kindly agreed to deliver high visibility vests to the Chairman to pass on to each volunteer. The clerk to collate the results for the next meeting.</p> <p>Rusty Lane Highways advised the earliest date for resurfacing Rusty Lane will now be early December. Highways are also looking to improve the surface drainage and remove dead trees at the lower end of the lane.</p> <p>Bradley Lane Bridleway (SEEN46) The Clerk to write to Wiltshire Highways and request guidance as to how part of the existing Bridleway from Rusty Lane to Spiderweb Paddock can be upgraded to a cycle path.</p>	<p>Chairman/ Clerk</p> <p>Chairman/ Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Phil Springate Clerk</p> <p>John Williams</p> <p>Clerk / Georgina A'Bear</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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2022/175 Neighbourhood Plan	Steve Vaux addressed the P.C. The CLT will need a Housing Needs survey completed to understand local housing needs. He also asked when the Neighbourhood Plan would be reviewed. There is no firm date but it was suggested 5 years from being 'made'. Steve Vaux requested that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be amended to exclude the McDonalds site.	Georgina A'Bear
2022/176 Planning	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p>PL/2022/06119 - New House Farm, Seend - Improvement of farm and house access off the A365 and creation of farm and residential access track with closure of existing access.</p> <p>Resolution: William Lack proposed this application be approved with the following comments listed below. This was seconded by Phil Springate. With the exception of one councillor and one abstainment due to a declared interest, the remaining councillors present voted in favour.</p> <p><u>Comments</u></p> <p>The Parish Council notes Highway's concern regarding the excessively large splay/apron. However, there are large splays/aprons elsewhere within the parish. This is a working farm and the new entrance would be on non-productive land. If the owners enlarged the existing entrance as suggested, they would have to give up some of their garden / play area. The owners want to make it a safer place for their children and wish to separate off the agricultural vehicular access so vehicles can manoeuvre away from the house and front door. This appears not to have been acknowledged as a consideration. To extend the existing entrance would not alleviate the safety of the children or pedestrians as agricultural vehicles and HGVs would continue to travel close to the front of the house.</p> <p>PL/2022/06445 & PL/2022/06765 (Listed building consent) – Seend Head House, - Conversion, repairs and upgrade to single storey outbuilding from garden stores to home office</p> <p>Resolution: Georgina A'Bear proposed this application be approved with the Condition that the outbuilding remains ancillary to the main house. As the building is Grade 2 listed – renovating the outbuilding would make it safer and improve its visual appearance. It would bring a new use (studio) to a redundant building whilst both improving and enhancing its safety and sustainability without detracting from the historical aspect of the main house or character and appearance of the location. This was seconded by Phil Springate. All councillors present voted in favour.</p> <p>PL/2022/06821 – Watts Leaze, Trowbridge Road, - Proposed garage/storage</p> <p>Resolution: Phil Springate proposed this application be approved with the Condition that the garage remains ancillary to the main house. The Parish Council also notes that work has already commenced (22/06/22). This was seconded by John Williams. All councillors present voted in favour.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>



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	<p>PL/2022/06853 - Rew Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend Cleeve, Seend, - Notification for Prior Approval under Class Q for a Proposed Conversion of Agricultural Building into 2 New Dwellings.</p> <p>Resolution: Georgina A'Bear proposed this application be approved noting the Public Protection comments. This was seconded by John Williams. All councillors present voted in favour.</p> <p>PL/2022/07010 - Parking Area Dial Close, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NP - T1 Cherry & T2 Sycamore - Dead wood and crown thin, Crown raise to 3m of footpath 5m of road</p> <p>Resolution: Phil Springate proposed this application be approved. This was seconded by William Lack. All councillors present voted in favour.</p> <p>New Website Planning Tracker A note to be placed in Spotlight advising parishioners of this useful tool to search and review Planning Applications.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2022/177 Tree Maintenance – Dial Close	<p>School Boundary The tree work in Dial Close adjacent to the School Boundary has been scheduled for Thursday 10th November.</p> <p>Entrance The Parish Steward has cut back the lower branches and the Clerk/Parish Steward have raised a request to Wiltshire Highways to tend the larger overhanging limbs.</p>	
2022/178 Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment	<p>Bike Racks A new bike rack has been installed between the Community Centre parking area and Tennis Courts. Two Bike Racks have been installed adjacent to the Play Area in the Lye Field. The remaining racks are due to be installed adjacent to the Telephone Box next to the Three Magpies Pub in Sells Green and adjacent to the east bound (Devizes) bus stop in Sells Green.</p>	John Williams
2022/179 Correspondence	<p>Seend Cleeve Telephone Box The Parish Council was advised that Mr and Mrs Bond have cleaned and painted the telephone Box in Seend Cleeve. All the Parish Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken. The Chairman to write to Mr & Mrs Bond.</p>	Clerk / Chairman
2022/180 Parish Steward	<p>Overhanging Tree on SEEN49. The Clerk to request the Parish Steward cut the lower limbs of the overhanging tree on this bridleway.</p> <p>Give Way Sign at the junction of Bollands Hill and Bell Cross Roads The Clerk to request the Give-Way Sign be straightened and adjacent overgrowth trimmed.</p> <p>Layby on A361 west of Seend Fork The Clerk to request a litter pick of the hedge adjacent to this Layby via the MyWilts app.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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2022/181 Financial Matters	<p>Cheques for Signature</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CHEQUE PAYEE</th><th>AMOUNT</th><th>REASON</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mr C Stirland</td><td>£627.32</td><td>Clerks Salary</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr C Stirland</td><td>£345.00</td><td>Clerks Expenses (July - Sept)</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolution: John Williams proposed acceptance of the cheques, seconded by Phil Springate. All councillors who were present voted in favour.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation to end of August 2022, circulated to Councillors, came to: £34,908.68</p>	CHEQUE PAYEE	AMOUNT	REASON	Mr C Stirland	£627.32	Clerks Salary	Mr C Stirland	£345.00	Clerks Expenses (July - Sept)	
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2022/182 Items for Note	<p>Annual Precept Meeting The Precept meeting has been rescheduled and will now take place on Tuesday 15th November at 7pm in the Kennet Room at the Community Centre (Only members of the Precept committee are required to attend).</p> <p>Community Land Trust Development Site – Seend Cleeve John Williams advised that additional scaffolding will be deployed on site from 10th October. This scaffolding will be approximately 2 meters higher than the actual new building structure and will support a temporary cover to ensure the work area below is kept dry. The CLT AGM will take place on 27th October in The Pavilion.</p> <p>White Lines on Bollands Hill The Clerk has requested Highways complete the white line renewal on Bollands Hill.</p> <p>Community Land Trust Seend Cleeve – New Street Name The CLT has requested the new development in Seend Cleeve be called Hook Hollow in recognition of the people who provided the land. The landowner has given consent. William Lack proposed acceptance of the new name, seconded by Bridget Johnstone. All councillors who were present voted in favour. The Clerk to complete and return the required forms to the CLT.</p> <p>Dog Waste Bins The Clerk to contact Wiltshire council for a copy of the procedure process for the provision of additional Dog Waste bins within the parish.</p> <p>Horse Riders using Mobile Phones Several horse riders have been seen using their mobile phones whilst riding on public highways within the parish. Whilst it is not illegal to use such devices whilst riding on the public highway, the British Horse Society has publicly stated, "As vulnerable road users, it is vitally important horse riders and carriage drivers adhere to the rules of the Highway Code when riding on the road. Rule 53 states that equestrians should keep both hands on the reins, unless when signalling, so they should not be using mobile phones while riding, unless in an emergency. In addition, riders should always concentrate on their surroundings so they can react quickly to any circumstance." The parish council requests riders concur with this guidance issued by the British Horse Society.</p> <p>Devizes Area Board The next Area Board meeting is scheduled for 5th December 2022</p>	<p>Precept Committee</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Pam Akerman/ John Williams</p>									

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	<p>Village Post Office and Shop The Parish Council would like to ask parishioners to make use of this facility as much as possible. In the current climate and without community support, the village is at risk of losing this valuable asset.</p> <p>Seend Branch of Royal British Legion Seend RBL celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Pete Lamb and the Heartbeats band will be coming on Sat 12 Nov, 7.30 to perform at the Community Centre. Hot casserole, cheese and biscuits are included in the ticket price £12. Tickets are available from Robin Heatley 01380-828491 or Seend Post & Provisions.</p>	
2022/183 Date of next meeting	<p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.10pm</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 25th October 2022 at 7pm.</p>	



Terry James (Chairman)
Date: 25th October 2022

