



## BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Councillors; N. Leaves (NL), P. Mountain (PM), C. Springthorpe (CS), V. Shillaker (VS) and Tim Wendels.

**In Attendance:** Clerk L-J Campbell and one member of public.

Agenda/Min/yr.	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>
	<b>Representation from the Public</b>
1/001/21 <b>Apologies</b>	All Councillors present. It was noted that Cllr Keith Simpson has resigned due to ill health and the PC wished to thank him for his long and exceptional service to the PC and community.
02/002/21 <b>Election of Chair and vice Chair</b>	Cllr Nick Leaves was elected Chairman and Cllr Paul Mountain elected Vice Chairman and both signed their Acceptance of Office.
3/003/21 <b>Declarations</b>	None declared.
4/004/21 <b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 were agreed as a true record and will be sent to the Chair for signing.
5/071/20 <b>Matters arising</b>	All items covered under the relevant items.
6/072/20 <b>Reports from District and County Council</b>	It was noted that Cllr Jackson had written to Severn Trent in objection to closing down the community room due to maintenance issues and he has asked MP Robert Jenrick to write to Severn Trent in this regard. Cllr Wendels has contacted Planning Officer Lisa Hughes for an update on Bulcote Farm but there has been no response to date. Cllr Wendels reported that the Planning Committee has changed how it works and applications for committee will not have to go through a working panel first. (Cllr Wendels left at 19h30).
7/073/20 <b>Local Road Issues</b>	7.1 Highways and footpaths: NL will contact Cllr Jackson regarding the offer of CCTV footage on the drainage. 7.2 Village road signs: NL will follow this up with Cllr Jackson. 7.3 Street light West Wall: PM and NL met with a lighting engineer who has proposed a lighting scheme for two additional lights; NL has submitted a grant application to cover half the cost of £1500.
8/074/20 <b>Finance</b>	8.1 The bank reconciliation has been completed and approved. 8.2 The Clerk presented the Council with the income and expenditure and two payments for authorization totaling £294.22 were approved for payment. 8.3 Bank update: The Unity Trust bank account is now open. It was agreed that one year's precept of £7K will be left in the HSBC account as a reserve and the remaining funds will be transferred to the UTB account and used as the current business account; All agreed.

	The Clerk will prepare the annual figures for Audit to be signed off at the June meeting.
9/075/20 <b>Community matters</b>	<b>Flooding issues:</b> There was nothing to report. <b>Village hall:</b> The pre-application is with planning; ongoing. NL will get in contact with Severn Trent to see if they can offer a solution regarding a meeting room. <b>Village handyman:</b> NL has located a local handy man, Michael Wheat; The PC agreed to use his services on an ad-hoc basis, as and when needed. Cllrs to inform NL of any maintenance issues in the village; it was agreed that the road signs need cleaning, the waste bin installed near the Church and the surrounds of the legend board need maintenance.
10/076/20 <b>Planning</b>	10.1 Applications – none at the time of setting the agenda. 10.2 Decisions: none at the time of setting the agenda.
11/077/20 <b>Correspondence</b>	All correspondence was distributed electronically upon receipt; there was nothing requiring action from the PC.
12/078/20 <b>Any Other Business</b>	The Clerk to inform NSDC about the resignation of Keith Simpson and start the statutory requirements for co-opting a Councillor.
14/080/20 <b>To Note</b>	<b>Next meetings:</b> The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7 pm, Venue to be confirmed. Meeting closed by the Chair at 20h04

*LJ Campbell, Clerk to Bulcote Parish Council*