

Minutes
Charlton St Peter and Wilsford Joint Parish Council Quarterly Meeting
Thursday 2nd May 2024
To follow AGM
Wilsford Village Hall

Present: Neil Golding (NG) Chair, Clarissa Reilly (CR) Vice Chair, Tim Fowle (TF) RFO,
Simon Newton (SN), Jo Lord (JL), Evie Lindsay (EL)

Also Present: Cassie Fowle (CF) Clerk, Paul Oatway (PO) Local Councillor,
Mary Gilmore, Sharon Prance, Alma Fowle, Luke Fowle, Yosh Reilly,
Christopher Beese, Richard Lowe, Julian de Segundo, Simon Trott,
Charlotte Martin, Kim Bowen

1. Apologies for Absence

- Apologies were received from Terrance Dixon

2. Minutes of the meeting held 8th February 2024

- These were agreed and signed by the chairman

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

3.1. Wiltshire Local Plan Review

- PO - There were no further updates on the local plan

3.2. Broadband issues In Wilsford

- It is currently unclear if Wilsford will be included in the broadband upgrades happening across Wiltshire, installed by Gigabit. The project is funded by the government and the company is appointed by central government rather than Wiltshire Council.

3.3. Vehicle Traffic in Wilsford

- CR has identified there still is an ongoing problem with the speed of vehicles in Wilsford. She will set up a community speed awareness group and a very generous local business based in Woodborough has donated the funds to purchase a speed monitoring device. A survey will be conducted over the course of the next 3 months and will be reported at the next meeting.

3.4. Dog Poo bins

- CR has been liaising with the clerk from Manningford, Woodborough and Beechingstoke PC about a company they use for their dog poo bin collections.
- There is a suggestion 2 bins are installed, the costs for which would be; £120+ VAT per bin & £220 for installing both (this cost could be reduced if Yosh Reilly installs them). The cost for a fortnightly collection will be £345 inc VAT annually.
- CR will continue the conversation with the residents of Wilsford and if they feel there still is a problem, a grant request will be made to the PAB in June if residents feel the installations should go ahead.

4. Highways

- Sporadic hedge cutting has happened in some places but not as much as is needed. MG has been in touch with Thomas Hayward from Highways who felt that it was not as much of an issue when he drove past. CR took photos showing the hedges are up to 4m in some places. No response has been received from Wiltshire council at the time of the meeting.
 - The flood warden is in possession of hedge cutter, CR will speak to the landowner to see if Yosh can sort problem rather than waiting for highways.
 - The council would like it noted that highways response is poor following having had no response since April.
- CSP – no new reports from CSP. The planned road surface patching has been cancelled but there are talks about top dressing the whole of village, councillors are unsure what this will achieve unless the springs underneath the tarmac are managed. .
- A meeting was arranged by PCAP with Richard Clewer (Leader of Wiltshire Council) NG and CR were invited. Several things were discussed including potholes, highway matters generally, state of A342, road strategy and safety.
 - Minutes of this meeting will be available as an appendix to these minutes.
 - RC stated that WC cannot control use of A roads by freight traffic. Therefore, WC can't put a weight limit on Upavon to Devizes and are not responsible for classification of roads, RC suggested the Ministry of Transport is contacted.
 - PO feels that we are quite lucky RC actually attended, but very little was actually achieved. There is a lack of understanding of north / south routes in the county, all the WC focus is on the A350. The traffic problems on A338 are also ongoing, he will keep on the case and pursuing this issue.
- An application for a weight limit on Wilsford/ Hilcott road should be done through local transport group.

5. Environmental Issues

- The Hemlock is beginning to grow again - signage will be put up and a notice will be sent out in the Redhorn news.
- Ash dieback- both the Guinness estate and the church have had trees chopped down which were causing issues. Removal is planned in CSP in the next few weeks.

6. PROW Update

- A number of open actions which are left open for monitoring including the visibility over hedges. 4 new actions have been added since the last meeting – a rabbit hole on millennium walk, hemlock growth, ground condition around bridleway to North Newnton and a path across field which has been ploughed over.
- MG- The countryside access forum is a rights of way project combining 7 parishes and is organised by WC. The aim of the group is a more joined up approach to the protection and maintenance of PROWs, in due course it will be opened to more parishes.
- The orange illuminated sign at the end of the Chirton bridleway has now been moved following feedback from the public.

7. Website

- If the village hall wished to combine their website with the parish council this would be very easy to do. For the moment the village hall will continue with their current website.

8. Planning Matters

- An application has been submitted by The Malt House today, this was discussed in Wilsford local meeting.

9. WC Report from Paul Oatway

- WC finances – nationally a lot of local authorities are on the verge of going bankrupt. PO reassured those present that WC is financially stable with strong reserves and the budget has been balanced this year, services which are existing will be continuing.
- Highways – Money is there but the contractors who have the contract are using materials which are not fit for purpose. In the next 2 years £10 million allocated to potholes, in addition to £27 million from the government received for resurfacing.
- PO discussed the road conditions at Connock where works have been carried out to repair and resurface the particularly damaged part of the road. This road has been degrading for years and PO has asked Richard Clewer to come and look at the state of the roads in the West of the county. WC states there is funding for repairs to the roads, it just seems to be going to patching and mending rather than dealing with issues properly. The PC would like to thank PO for his hard work and persistence in getting the works at Connock completed.
- Flooding – the council have purchased diggers for more works to ditches across the county.
- Gulley sucker – WC has invested in an additional 2 vehicles; the program of works is still in its infancy but it is a positive step. A reactive service is available alongside the programmed works. PO will provide an email which can be contacted to request the gulley sucker to come and attend a blocked drain.
- The WC App – The WC reporting app was discussed at the meeting with Richard Clewer, this app has a lot of faults and often crashes. CR suggested that the clerk of each parish should get a notification when an issue is reported in their parish and when the contractor will be attending the reported problem.
- The Connect2 bus service is a success story and has seen 50,000+ journeys since it's relaunch.
- PO asked to be kept in the loop around the solar proposal above Wilsford.
- PO gave those present an idea of where the WC money goes this included; Economy and Regeneration, Children's Social Care, Education and Skills, Public Health and the Cost of Living, Foodbank grants, Ensuring all local libraries and mobile libraries will continue to open, Leisure centres, Air quality monitoring, Waste Services, Environment and Children and Adult social care.

- PO and TF discussed the flooding earlier in the year with approx. 60/70 acres of land under water and sewage discharges into the river Avon at North Newnton and Patney by Wessex Water. PO is conscious of the large amounts of water which is held back in the valley to protect homes and buildings. Jerry Kunkler is planning to invite the Environment Agency to a PAB to discuss how they manage rivers in the valley. PO will let the council know if this happens, it was generally agreed that more transparency is required.
 - TF spoke about the loss of funding to Visit Wiltshire as a great shame and loss to local economy.
10. PAB Report
 - SN reported that those present reiterated their displeasure at the of state of local roads, a thermal camera is being made available to residents to help with improving efficiency of homes and the latest round of funding for new projects has been released
 11. RFO's report
 - This was dealt with during the AGM.
 12. Emergency Plan
 - SN raised the issue of how emergency vehicles will be impacted by severe flooding in CSP should they need to access a property.
 13. Neighbourhood Development Plan
 - Ongoing
 14. Any other business
 - 14.1. Climate Emergency - the council agrees that it stands by its previous recognition of a climate emergency.
 - 14.2. Horse Chestnut trees have come back to life after years of limited growth, it seems the recent weather may be to answer for this.

Declarations of Interest

Note: Members who are bound by the provisions of the National Code of Conduct are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests and, where necessary, leave the meeting during consideration of any relevant matters.

Future PC meeting dates; • 29th August 2024 • 21st November 2024 • 6th February 2025	PAB Dates • 17th June 2024 – Evie Lindsay • 23rd September 2024 – Jo Lord • 25th November 2024 – Tim Fowle • 3rd March 2025 – Neil Golding
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RFO Report for 02/05/2024
Financial year 01/04/23 to 31/03/24

Opening Balance	01/04/23		£1594.06
Precept	26/04/23	£1450.00	£3044.06
Clerks Fees	09/06/23	-£650.00	£2394.06
Zurich (Insurance)	01/09/23	-£196.00	£2198.06
Transfer to wyvern Account	05/11/23	-£240.00	£1958.06
Donations Air Ambulance	06/02/24	-£145.00	£1813.06
Closing Balance 30/03/24			£1813.06

Wyvern Account 01/04/2023 – 30/03/24

Opening Balance			£1129.40
Inbox Creative Website costs	01/04/23	-£20.00	£1109.40
“ “ “ “	01/05/23	-£20.00	£1089.40
Then monthly			
Transfer from current account	05/11/23	£240.00	
Closing balance 30/03/24			£1129.40

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Budget For 2024/2025 year

Opening Balance	01/04/24		£1813.06
Precept	17/04/24	£1450.00	£3263.06
Clerks Fees	05/07/24	-£650.00	£2613.06
Zurich Insurance	01/09/24	-£196.00	£2417.06
Transfer to wyvern account	05/11/24	-£240.00	£2177.06
Donations	06/02/25	-£145.00	£2032.06
Closing Balance			£2032.06

Wyvern Account 01/04/24—30/03/2025

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Precept has been received for this year.
I currently know of no other planned expenditure.

Tim Fowle

RFO CWPC 29/04/24