

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JULY 2020 AT 7.30 PM, MEMORIAL HALL, GREAT
BEDWYN

Present: Cllrs. Howell (Chair), Barry, Sheerin, Brunskill, Kershaw, Clack, Younger, Nicholson.
3 members of the public.

Public Participation –

1. A representative of the VHC updated the Parish Council on Covid preparations for re-opening the Village Hall. The Parish Council thanked the VHC for their work.
2. The speed watch supervisor is resigning from his role and there is now a vacancy.

265.20 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

266.20 – MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

267.20 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None – Cllr Brunskill declared an interest in agenda item 6, Shawgrove and agenda items 7 & 8, St Mary's Church.

268.20 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Cllr Howell reported that there are two councillor vacancies which will be advertised in the Parish News. Action Cllr Howell.

269.20 – SPEED BUMP, SHAWGROVE

The Council discussed a resident's request for a speed bump at Shawgrove and agreed it would like to establish that there is public support from the other residents in Shawgrove. The Council will write to the resident. Action: Cllr Howell.

270.20 – ST MARY'S CHURCH – TREE WORKS

The Council discussed a request from St Mary's PCC for £845 to cover the costs of tree works and agreed to spend the money using the powers granted to it under the Open Spaces Act 1906 s.9 (b).

271.20 – ST MARY'S CHURCH – BELL RESTORATION

The Council considered a request from St Mary's PCC for a grant of £1000 from unallocated reserves towards the restoration of the bell and agreed that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the expenditure is in the interests of the inhabitants of Great Bedwyn and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. The Council passed a resolution to spend the money.

272.20 – VILLAGE HALL BLINDS

The Council discussed a request from the Village Hall Committee for a grant of £152.56 and agreed to spend the money using its powers under the Local Government (Misc) Act 1976.

273.20 – FOOTPATHS

The Council considered the Footpaths Group's request to write to landowners reminding them to check that any rights-of-way crossing their land. The Council agreed it would like further information on the matter. Action: Cllr Sheerin

274.20 – PLAYGROUND

- a. The playground report was received.
- b. The Council approved the following expenditure – Equipment repairs £750; bark top up £590+vat; wood preservation: £250

275.20 – ALLOTMENTS

- a. The allotment report was received.
- b. The Council considered the proposed for the removal of 2 trees and stump grind, gate repair and signage, new noticeboard. The council approved the the purchase of the noticeboard and will await quotes for the tree removal, gate repair and installation of noticeboard. The Clerk reported expenditure of £540 (£300 net cost to the Council) under Financial Regulation 5.6(b) for the clearance of an abandoned allotment. The expenditure was approved by the Council.

276.20 – PLANNING REPORT

The planning report was received.

277.20 – FINANCE

- a) The Finance Report was received.
- b) The cheques were approved.

Meeting closed at 20.47