

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
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Present: Cllr Howell (Chair) Cllr Kershaw, Cllr Barry, Cllr Brunskill, Cllr Younger, Cllr Clack, Cllr Sheerin, Cllr Stone. Cllr. Wheeler (Wiltshire Council). The Clerk. 7 members of the public.

Public Participation

1. A resident asked about a SID – it is in the budget, but it requires a metro count.
2. A resident asked about the GWR car park project – no update yet from GWR.
3. A resident asked about changing parish boundary – no update since last meeting.

236.20 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nunn, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Bushby

237.20 – MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 November 2019 were signed as a true record.

238.20 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

239.20 – CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT 31 MARCH 2019

The Council received the External Audit report and noted that in the opinion of the Auditor, PFK Littlejohn LLP: *‘the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.’*

240.20 – BUDGET SETTING 2020/21

The Council received the budget and accompanying report and passed a resolution to approve the 2020/21 Budget and Future Forecasts for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

241.20 – PRECEPT 2020/21

The Council passed a resolution to adjust the 2020/21 precept in line with the Finance Chairman’s Budget Report. The Precept will be set at £20,000.

242.20 – BLINDS, VILLAGE HALL

The Council consider a request from the Village Hall Committee to purchase blinds and thereafter to donate them to the Village Hall and agreed to spend up to £500 using the powers granted to it under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19.

243.20 – BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Council discussed a resident’s request to enter 2020’s Best Kept Village Competition and agreed to enter the competition. A working party was set up comprising of the Clerk, the Cllr Brunskill, Cllr Kershaw and three residents; other residents may be invited to join.

244.20 – COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING

It was agreed that any Councillor who wishes to attend the meeting, may do so.

245.20 – PLAYGROUND REPORT

Nothing to report.

246.20 – PLANNING REPORT

Councillor Clack reported on the Planning Committee’s responses to following planning consultations –
19/10281/FUL – 5 Rosemary Close, SN8 3PF, Loft conversion – no comment.
19/11159/FUL – 16 Brook Street, SN8 3LZ, rear extension – no comment.
19/10647/VAR – Croquet Club, Farm Lane, SN8 3LU, variation of conditions - Object
19/10971/FUL – 7 Forest Hill, SN8 3LP, new dwelling – Object.

247.20 – FINANCE

a) Finance Report –

Bank Balances	£
Treasury Account	44340.40
Business Int Ac	<u>14645.32</u>
	<u><u>58985.72</u></u>

b) Cheques –

Cheques					
Payee	Description	Chq No	Gross	Vat	Net
Vision ICT	web hosting	1487	150.00	25.00	125.00
St Mary's Church	Tree	1488	1290.00		1290.00
Dck Accounting	Payroll	1489	30.00	5.00	25.00
Mobility & Friendship Group	grant	1490	350.00		350.00
Mark Harrod Limited	Football goals	1491	547.20	91.20	456.00
SLCC	subs	1492	126.00		126.00
Clerk	Salary	1493	-		-
Total			2493.20	121.20	2372.00

c) Budget Review –

The Council reviewed the 2019/20 budget and agreed to spend up to £500 from the remaining maintenance budget on the Parish Council shed compound. The Council also agreed to vir £437 unspent playground maintenance to the allotments budget, the money is to be spent by the 31 March 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting is Thursday, 19 March 2020