

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14th MAY 2024 6.00PM
IN GREAT BEDWYN VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sheerin, Cllr White (Council Chairman), Cllr D Cooper. (as Council Vice Chairman)

1. Election of Chairman for the Committee for the current meeting.

Cllr Sheerin was proposed as Chairman for the current meeting. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

The role of Committee Chairman will be voted on, at each meeting.

2. Welcome and public participation.

The usual time limit was extended due to interest from the public in speaking.

Mr J Hitchman, shared information on recent flooding issues.

- Canal and River Trust (CRT) has committed to clearing the siphon under the canal. It is expected that this work will alleviate much of the collecting of the water from further up the village. Particularly around the Bonds' house and village hall.
- Estate manager Mr. Stipe has been very cooperative in discussing possible schemes near Jockey Green to pond water.
- Role of GBPC can be to fund small scheme components (see survey item for this meeting) help network and share information between different groups and residents.

A range of points were made by the public.

- Are the white gates on far end of church street unnecessary?
- Is it possible to have speed cameras on Farm Lane?
- Blocked gulleys across village. Possible for GBPC to fund? Jonathan Hitchman to speak to Wiltshire Highways on clearing of gulleys.
- Simon from Meadow Farm is now part of the network and is helping to discuss flood mitigation.

3. Apologies for absence and vote to approve them.

Cllr Sanday and Cllr Sims sent apologies, both for illness. The apologies were approved by the committee.

4. Declarations of interest. There were none.

5. Approval of 16th Jan 2024 minutes.

A proposal was made to approve the minutes from the Jan 24 meeting. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

6. Action Points.

Owner	Minute ref	Action
Cllr White	Dec 7	Combine flood plan information ready for approval at the next Full Council meeting. CLOSED
Cllr White/Cllr Wyatt	Dec 9	Provide exact spec for the marker gates for approve at the next committee meeting. Cllr Wyatt to provide exact spec information and Cllr White to confirm the site location is suitable. DEALT WITH ON MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA. CLOSED.
Clerk to make arrangements	Jan 7	Ask Mr Hitchman to join the village walk around for flood issues. DONE
Clerk to make arrangements	Jan 7	Ask the residents of Picadilly if they can help mitigate flood risks. CLOSED, NOT NEEDED.
Cllr Wyatt	Jan 10	Draft a letter to BT with council concerns. Send draft to committee and Clerk before sending to BT. CLOSED. NOT NEEDED
Clerk	Jan 11	Arrange for LHFIG paper to be submitted for extra footpath from Mill Close towards Crofton. PENDING.
Clerk	Jan 12	Add items to next agenda. 30mph zone at Crofton end of Church St. Along with consideration of white marker gates and re-painting of white lines.

7. FLOOD PLAN. Discuss and vote on quote for ariel flood area inspection and report.

A proposal was made to approve the quote from DroneEnvironmental for £1650 plus VAT. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

8. FLOOD PLAN. To receive the report from Cllr D Cooper on flood issues at Jockey Green and surrounding areas.

The report highlighted the need for GBPC to play an active role in stakeholder networking and to encourage brand investment in flood mitigation.

9. FLOOD PLAN. To receive the report from Cllr White and Cllr Sheerin from the recent village tour to assess flood issues.

The report highlighted similar to item 8 and also Cllr Sheerin did a walk around for lighting and pavement concerns.

It was agreed that a public survey of some sort should be commissioned to ascertain views on lighting and pavements.

10. Review the suggested requirement to move the 30mph signs at the Crofton end of Church Street. To also consider white marker gates and line re-painting.

The committee concluded that there was no need for the 30mph signs to be moved, and no need for white marker gates in this location.

The committee did conclude that the white lines in this location should be re-painted. The Clerk will log this with WCC.

11. Items for the next agenda.

Public forum to be created to bring together all stakeholders for a meeting on safety around the parish.

Clerk to get quotes for gully cleaning. (Whilst it remains understood that this work remains a WCC remit)

A public survey is needed to gauge the requirements for pavements and lighting. The survey can be added to the council website, and replies can be encouraged via the Drs suggestion box.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm

The Clerk will arrange for the Handyman to check the manhole closest to the siphon as part of his current maintenance workload.

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.

Action Points

Owner	Minute ref	Action
Clerk	Jan 11	Arrange for LHFIFG paper to be submitted for extra footpath from Mill Close towards Crofton.
Clerk	May 9	Clerk to talk to Cllrs about the survey creation for lighting and pavements – could use free survey monkey facility.
Clerk	May 10	Log with WCC that the white lines at the Crofton end of Church Street need re-painting.
Clerk	May	Ask Handyman to check the manhole closest to the canal siphon as part of the maintenance work.
Clerk	May 11	For next agenda – the arranging of a public forum to bring together all stakeholders with regards to safety in the parish
Clerk	May 11	Get quotes for gully cleaning for next meeting date
Clerk	May 11	For next agenda, the creation of a public forum event for village safety.