MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday, 13 November 2023 at Melksham Without Parish Council Offices, Melksham Community Campus (First Floor), Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors John Glover (Chair), David Pafford (Vice Chair of Council), Alan Baines, John Doel, Mark Harris, Shona Holt, Stefano Patacchiola JP, Peter Richardson, Robert Shea-Simonds and Richard Wood

Officers: Teresa Strange (Clerk) and Lorraine McRandle (Parish Officer)

In attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder (Bowerhill)

283/23 Welcome, Announcements & Housekeeping

Councillor Glover welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted everyone present was aware of the fire evacuation procedures for the building. The meeting was being recorded to aid the production of the minutes and would be available on YouTube and deleted once the minutes had been approved.

The following announcements were made:

 Updates on the Levelling Up Bill: This has now been approved in law. However, awaiting more detail as most of it has not yet been published as yet. The House of Lords had asked for an amendment to allow for remote Council meetings to take place, however this was not approved by the House of Commons, on the basis they want people to attend in person.

In terms of planning reforms, whilst there are changes, these do not include those relating to the 5 year land supply that councils were

- hoping for, however, there could be more on this in the Autumn Statement next week.
- Councilor Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council to undertake a Q & A session on Tuesday, 28 November, 6.00pm-7.30pm at Melksham Campus.
- Melksham Area Board meeting (focusing on highways) to be held on Wednesday, 6 December at Semington Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm (but 6.30pm for informal networking.
- The Friends of Shurnhold Fields AGM will be held 15 November at Melksham Without Parish Council offices at 7.00pm.
- Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) presentation to be held on 14 November, regarding the Council's investments which all Members were invited to.
- Pre-App meeting to be held14 November at 3.30pm with Bloor Homes.

284/23 To receive Apologies and approval of reasons given

Apologies were received from Councillor Chivers who was in hospital but had stated if released earlier today, would attend the meeting and Councillor Russell who had had a fall over the weekend.

It was noted Councillor Hoyle was not present and under Section 85 of the 1972 Local Government Act, a councillor vacates office if they fail to attend a relevant meeting for 6 consecutive months after their last attendance, unless before the expiry of that period the council approves a reason for their absence.

Councillor Hoyle last attended a meeting on 27 March 2023, with the Council accepting his apologies in April and on 22 May (Annual Council meeting). Therefore, as Councillor Hoyle was not in attendance at this meeting, the Clerk would be declaring a casual vacancy the following day.

Councillor Glover confirmed he had previously spoken to Councillor Hoyle regarding his attendance at meetings and the 6 month rule, with Councillor Hoyle stating he would attend a future meeting, but had not done so. However, it was noted he was engaged in overseas work recently.

Resolved: To accept and approve the reasons for absence of Councillors Chivers and Russell and to note casual vacancy following the non attendance of Councillor Hoyle.

285/23 To consider holding items in Committee due to confidential nature

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items **7a**, **8c**, **9a**, **9b & 12b** of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Resolved: For items 7a, 8c, (for contractual reasons) and 9a, 9b & 12b (staffing matters) to be held in closed session.

286/23 Declarations of Interest:

a) To receive declarations of interest

Both Councillor Holt and Councillor Wood as Chair and Member of Berryfield Village Hall Committee, declared an interest in agenda item 8a regarding the Asset Management Minutes and Min 277/23 regarding Berryfield Village Hall.

As the Asset Management Committee minutes of 6 November 2023 were to be approved at the meeting and made reference to a possible location for a bench at Wellington Drive (Min 282(a)/23), as a resident, Councillor Glover declared an interest.

b) To consider for approval any Dispensation Requests received by the Clerk and not previously considered

None received.

287/23 Public Participation & Invited Guests

Standing Orders were suspended.

Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder, Bowerhill

Community Governance Review

This had been instigated as New House Farm sat on the left-hand side of A365, and whilst most of the properties on this side of the road were in Melksham Without Parish (Bowerhill Ward), this property was in the Seend Parish (Devizes Rural Ward). Having been approached by Democratic Services who were seeking examples where

boundaries could be tidied up, had put this one forward and would inform the resident in due course.

Planning Matters

The planning application by Milestone for a temporary depot at Bowerhill had been approved (Pl/2023/01008).

With regard to a proposed footpath to the rear of Melksham Oak School, it was understood a planning application was due to be submitted shortly.

Highway Matters

Councillor Holder informed the meeting he had raised concerns with Wiltshire Council at the number of road works taking place or planned in and around Melksham and the various diversions associated with these, noting resurfacing works were due to take place on Queensway shortly to add to existing problems and had received a response from the Director of Highways to his concerns which he read out at the meeting:

'There is a large amount of planned road works in and around Melksham and you will no doubt be very much aware of the ongoing disruption caused by the road works on Spa Road near the Snowberry Lane junction. These are essential works to divert the Openreach telecoms apparatus in advance of the completion of the roundabout by the developer. The open excavation between the traffic signal heads is required to build the box to joint all of the cables, until all of the cables had been pulled through, the box work cannot be completed.

The realignment of the roundabout cannot commence until these diversionary works are finished. Wiltshire's Highways Network Management Team have been working closely with Openreach to encourage them to complete the works with due expediency. There have been a number of conditions imposed on the permit to work, that for several reasons have not been complied with. Our team is, and continue to be, in daily conversations with Openreach to source a solution for the completion of the works as soon as possible.

Most of these works were always going to be very impactful on the network due to their location, disappointingly Openreach have failed to properly resource and plan these works. Discussions have been escalated at senior level within Openreach, as of today we have instructed to commence with the box construction ahead of the final jointing of the cables. Once the box work is complete the road will be returned to normal use by the end of next week. Openreach will then return in the New Year to complete the jointing of the new cables once we are satisfied with their permit application.

During the construction of the joint box next week, there will appear to be no visible activity at times, but this will be because the concrete for the chamber has to cure for 3 days before the inspection lid is installed and the road reinstated around it. Openreach have been instructed to complete these works by close of play on Friday 17th November, as after that their works would otherwise clash with other planned works.

As alluded to, there are a number of other planned works which are being carefully coordinated to avoid any conflict with the ongoing Openreach works.

- 1. Resurfacing works are planned for Queensway which will involve a road closure between 20th November and the 1st December. Queensway will not be closed whilst there is any active traffic management on Spa Road though, should Openreach works over run.
- 2. There are urgent Wessex Water works in Spa Road near Warwick Crescent junction. These works are urgent and were originally planned for later November. Unfortunately, these works do require a road closure, due to where the chamber is in the middle of the road. The Network Management Team have negotiated that these will now not take place until 7th January 2024.
- 3. A3102 Sandridge Road Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks have some works to install a connection to a pumping station. These were planned for next week but we have pushed this back to after 20th November, but these should not be too disruptive as they are being done with two way traffic signals that we have stipulated will be manually controlled at peak times.
- 4. Melksham is being used as the diversion for the Staverton Wessex Water closure. This was due to continue until mid-December, but it is well ahead of schedule and should be complete next week, but once Staverton is open once more there should be generally less traffic in the area. It is hope that Staverton will be open during the week beginning 13th November.
- 5. Snowberry Lane, Openreach planned to do some works there with traffic lights next week. This permit has been refused due to it clashing with their other works at Spa Road.
- 6. Eastern Way Independent Fibre Networks need to do an excavation in the footway on 14th November but there should be no traffic control required, so no impact on flow of traffic on our network.

- 7. Saturday 2nd Melksham light switch on no planned works should be "live" on that night.
- 8. Due to the Spa Road Openreach works, we have also had to postpone some retexturing works on the A365 The Spa Roundabout these will be reprogrammed for a more convenient time.'

Standing Orders were reinstated.

It was noted there were also roadworks planned for 3 days on Semington Road and on Bowden Hill, which would be diverting traffic around Melksham. Eden Grove, Whitley was also due to be closed for several days, to enable resurfacing work to take place.

It was advised Members attend the Area Board meeting on 6 December, which would have a highway focus, if they wished to raise concerns.

It was understood the planned roadworks on Spa Road at the junction with Warwick Crescent did not start when expected, and unless people were on Facebook, they would not have been aware of the change, as no letters had been posted through residents' letterboxes, to make them aware works would not take place until the new year.

With regard to the Community Governance Review, Councillor Baines noted whilst New House Farm on the A365 was in Melksham Without Parish, the rest of the farmland associated with the farm was located on the other side of the road in Seend Parish and therefore this explained why just this dwelling was included within the Parish of Seend.

 Wiltshire Councillor Phil Alford, Melksham Without North & Shurnhold

Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder tendered Wiltshire Councillor Phil Alford's apologies.

 Wiltshire Councillor Jonathan Seed, Melksham Without West & Rural. To note report from Councillor Seed

Councillor Seed had provided a report which Members noted.

288/23 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9 October 2023.

Resolved: To approve and for the Chair to sign the Full Council minutes of 9 October 2023.

289/23 Planning:

a) To approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 October and 6 November and Confidential Notes to accompany the minutes of 23 October.

Resolved: To approve and for the Chair to sign the Planning Committee minutes of 23 October and 6 November and the Confidential Notes to accompany the minutes of 23 October 2023.

b) To formally approve Planning Committee recommendations of 23 October and 6 November

With regard to the minutes of 23 October Councillor Wood expressed frustration Planning Enforcement did not appear to take seriously the concerns raised by both the Council and a local resident that the double garage currently being built at 489 Semington Road was being constructed in such a way to imply it could become a dwelling.

It was also noted the recommendation relating to Buckley Gardens (Min 240/23) to write back to Wiltshire Council insisting signage stating 'no construction traffic' be installed on the entrance to Shails Lane fell, as the developer (David Wilson Homes) had agreed to install the signage.

Resolved: To formally approve the Planning Committee recommendations of 23 October and 6 November 2023.

To make Wiltshire Councillor Seed aware of the Council's concerns that the proposed double garage appears to look more like a dwelling and the responses from Enforcement.

c) Melksham Neighbourhood Plan (JMNP2). To receive update on Regulation 14 Consultation on the reviewed draft plan.

Councillor Glover informed the meeting Katie Lea from Place, Neighbourhood Plan consultants had undertaken a quick review of the Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill and how it might impact the Neighbourhood Plan (JMNP2), with a specific question on the change to meeting basic conditions being forwarded to the plan health check consultants who are providing technical support.

The Clerk explained the Neighbourhood Plan had to meet several basic conditions, which were set out legally and had to conform with all planning policy, including the recently approved Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill and therefore this aspect had been added to the current Health Check being undertaken as part of technical support, prior to going to Examination, in order to check the plan complied to planning policy.

Those who attended the various consultation events provided an update and noted the events had been well attended.

Thanks were expressed to those staff from both Councils who had attended the consultation events.

d) Wiltshire Council's Local Plan Review. To approve response to the consultation.

Councillor Glover explained the response to the Local Plan was still work in progress, however the high level spatial aspects, strategic housing number and allocations had been completed by planning consultants, however, there was still some elements of the response to check, which the Clerk was working on, noting the deadline to submit a response was 22 November.

Therefore, Members were asked to approve the response, which had so far been produced and give the Clerk dispensation to produce the final response to be approved via email.

It was noted the Centre for Sustainable Energy had produced a response to the Local Plan on behalf of Wiltshire Climate Alliance with the Clerk asking if the Council wished to support their comments in the Council's response to the Local Plan.

Councillor Glover felt as most Members may have only just had sight of the CSE document, suggested Members reviewed it and provide feedback by Friday 18 November, as to whether they supported the document or otherwise, in order to have a collective way forward.

It was noted there was some elements of the Local Plan Wiltshire Council had failed to justify, with little evidence they had weighed up all the options, before choosing what had been proposed and therefore was a major flaw in the whole document, it was felt there were also elements which did not comply with national planning policy.

Thanks was given to the Clerk and the planning consultants for their work reviewing the Local Plan and providing a comprehensive response.

Councillor Glover noted with regard to the Centre for Sustainable Energy response under Spatial Planning, it referred to 'The management of growth would be based on a sustainable pattern of development, focused principally on Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury. Market towns and local service centres will have become more self contained and supported by the necessary infrastructure, with a consequent reduction in the need to travel' and expressed concern the allocation of 5ha of employment land in Melksham in the

draft Local Plan would not be enough to provide employment to stop out commuting.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Wiltshire Councillor Holder to speak to this item who explained having spoken to businesses on Bowerhill Industrial Estate they had highlighted a need for at least 7-10ha of additional employment land in Melksham, to allow for existing businesses to expand and in order to attract new businesses within the life of the draft Local Plan and to be ideally situated adjacent to the industrial estate.

However, in the draft Local Plan an area of land to the East of Melksham had been identified and therefore had queried this with Wiltshire Council who had clarified the land to the South of Bowerhill was under 'option' with a developer for housing development. Therefore, this land could not be identified as employment land, because it was not available and Wiltshire Council had to find an alternative location for an employment land allocation in the draft plan, which had been a challenge, as it was difficult to find more employment land.

Councillor Pafford felt the 5ha allocation of employment land East of Melksham was not the right location. However, the Cooper Tires site had been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan (JMNP2) for development which, with Wiltshire Council's support could provide part of their land for employment purposes as well, which would go towards an employment land allocation, therefore negating the need to use greenfield land East of Melksham, as highlighted in the draft Local Plan.

Councillor Glover sought clarification why Wiltshire Council could not 'designate' the land South of Bowerhill as employment land, in order to allow for the expansion of Bowerhill Industrial Estate.

Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder explained Wiltshire Council were unable to 'zone' land or compulsory purchase land for such purposes as they were previously able to do, as Local Authorities had this ability removed from them some time ago, which was particularly frustrating.

Councillor Pafford noted Cooper Tires land was not available when Wiltshire Council produced their draft Local Plan and if it had been available at the time, Wiltshire Council may possibly have looked at the site for providing an element of employment land.

Councillor Baines noted within the draft Local Plan it was acknowledged the Cooper Tires site was due to close at the end of the year. Therefore, they could not say they did not know about it and it should have been considered as a potential site for employment land allocation.

Councillor Richardson queried if there was an opportunity to talk to the developers who had an 'option' on the land South of Bowerhill Industrial Estate, particularly as it was not allocated for development in the draft Local Plan about potential for employment land opportunities.

Wiltshire Councillor Holder stated he understood discussions were due to take place with the developer on being able to create employment land opportunities.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder left the meeting during this item at 7.53pm.

The Clerk summarised the response to the Local Plan collated so far and those elements previously discussed and approved by the Planning Committee and highlighted which aspects of the plan were found to be unsound and where additional information was required to provide a more comprehensive response.

With regard to an employment land allocation in the draft Local Plan, it was queried if Wiltshire Council had considered spatial options for employment land and tested reasonable alternatives, ideally through the sustainability appraisal process, as there was no evidence this had been done. Noting a sustainability appraisal looked at the number of hectares of employment land for Melksham, it did not look at any reasonable alternatives, therefore what was the justification and evidence for allocating employment land East of Melksham.

With regard to Wiltshire Council working collaboratively on the Cooper Tires site allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan, a suggested response had been provided by the Planning consultants, it was agreed to amend the response as follows:

'This is not sound as Wiltshire Council have not met National Planning Policy Framework guidance on working collaboratively with JMNP2, especially in relation to the allocation at Cooper Tires (and Wiltshire Local Plan allocations that may affect its viability). They have not acted positively in line with national planning guidance to develop conforming to Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies.'

The Clerk sought a steer if Members wished to request a review of the settlement boundary at Berryfield, which was classed as a small village but was still subject to several new housing developments, noting Wiltshire Council had confirmed they were not doing settlement boundary changes in the Local Plan, however, could put settlement boundary changes in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members agreed to a settlement boundary review for Berryfield, as well as Melksham Town and Bowerhill.

It was noted the settlement boundary around Shaw/Whitley may also need to be changed to accommodate the housing allocation in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted there was nothing in the draft Local Plan regarding preventing coalescence between settlements, despite the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group being told a gap between Seend and Bowerhill could not be included in a 'Green Gap' policy in the Neighbourhood Plan, but would have to be considered at a strategic level, ie in the Local Plan. Members agreed to raise this within the response to the Local Plan.

Resolved: To approve the responses collated so far and to give delegated powers to the Clerk to complete the response and circulate to Members by the end of the day on Monday, 20 November to review, prior to submitting to Wiltshire Council on Wednesday, 22 November.

290/23 Asset Management

a) To approve the Minutes of the Asset Management Committee meeting held on 6 November.

Resolved: To approve and for the Chair to sign the Asset Committee minutes of 6 November 2023 and Confidential Notes to accompany the minutes.

b) To formally approve Asset Management Committee recommendations of 6 November

Regarding Min 274/23 Wessex Water Positive Footprint and Recommendation 2 re Shurnhold field, the Clerk explained she had spoken to the contractor regarding the proposed car park and they were happy to still be involved.

With regard to the offer from Wessex Water of surplus Type 1 sub base for the car park, the Clerk explained she had spoken to the contractor regarding this offer and they had felt the stones needed to be of a sizeable quantity to be worthwhile as it would tear up and damage the ground due to given recent weather conditions. Wessex Water would be informing the Council what they had, in order to aid the contractor and Clerk to make a decision.

282(a) Re Benches, Councillor Glover suggested as the locations of benches on Bowerhill were quite large areas, they needed to be more specific, particularly if informing residents.

Resolved: To approve the recommendations of the Asset Management Committee meeting held on 6 November 2023.

To contact Bowerhill Residents Action Group (BRAG) with the list of sites to ask for suitable locations of benches within the areas approved.

c) To approve the land transfer of Davey Play Area.

The Clerk explained Taylor Wimpey had confirmed the Parish Council could maintain vehicular access over the private drive and was reserved in the Land Transfer documentation.

Resolved: To approve and for 2 councillors to sign the Land Transfer document.

d) 3G provision in the Melksham area.

It was explained 2 meetings had taken place recently, with both the football and rugby clubs having identified a need for 2 x 3G facilities. Concern at the condition of the 3G pitch at Melksham Oak had also been raised at the meetings, however, there was no written evidence of the condition of the pitch.

The Clerk explained no notes had been provided, however had agreed she would bring back to the Parish Council to see if they would want to take to the school.

It was noted whilst there was evidence of a need for a 3G pitch in the Melksham area in documentation provided by Wiltshire Council, whilst organisations were stating there was a requirement for another pitch, there was no official evidence from Wiltshire Council. However, it was noted Wiltshire Council were about to undertaken a playing field audit which might highlight the need.

As a Governor, Councillor Pafford stated he was happy to approach the school once there was evidence of the concerns. The Clerk agreed to approach the various organisations to request they write back with their concerns, in order Councillor Pafford could make the school aware.

Frustration had been expressed at the meeting that this project could only go forward if Section 106/Community Infrastructure (CIL) funding was available, which it was not at present and would take a few years to come forward, given the level of funding required.

Discussion ensured on 3G pitch provision and a sustainable location for such provision.

291/23 Staffing

a) To approve the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 30 October and Confidential Notes to accompany the minutes.

Resolved: To approve and for the Chair to sign the Staffing Committee minutes of 30 October.

It was noted there were no Confidential Notes to approve.

b) To formally approve the Staffing Committee recommendations on 30 October.

Councillor Pafford informed the meeting he had been asked to investigate, in his role as a School Governor at Melksham Oak, what they constituted as 'gross negligence' and 'gross insubordination' but had not had an opportunity to do this.

Councillor Patacchiola clarified gross negligence would be so serious and above something which would be tolerated and therefore would be dealt with differently.

Resolved: To formally approve the Staffing Committee recommendations of 30 October.

c) To note the National Joint Council (NJC) have agreed a pay award of £1,925 per annum for all Local Government Services employees for 2023/24 and to consider budget impact and the Chair's allowance in line with increase.

Councillor Glover, as Chair of the Council declared an interest in this item, as he was in receipt of the Chair's allowance, which would be affected by the increase, and had to have regard to Wiltshire Council Members' allowance increases.

The Clerk explained the increase equated to £1 an hour for each staff member, which meant a £7000 increase on the staffing budget and equated to a 5-9% increase, depending on the staff member, with only 2% being allocated in the budget for pay increases. As the pay award was higher than the 2% allocated in the budget, suggested the increase come from the Staffing Contingency Reserve.

Resolved:

- To note the pay increase with any shortfall in budget to come from Staffing Contingency Reserve
- 2. To await what Wiltshire Council do with regard to an increase in their Members' Allowance in order to inform the chairs allowance.

292/23 Community Governance Review (CGR): A Governance Review is being sought in relation to New House Farm near Redstocks moving from Seend Parish, Devizes Rural West Division to Melksham Without Parish (Bowerhill Ward).

a) To consider a response to the review.

It was queried if in Governance terms, there would be an improvement if this change was implemented, noting only the farmhouse would be moved into another parish, whereas the rest of the land associated with the farm would remain in Seend parish.

Resolved:

- 1. Not to support the request.
- 2. To inform Seend Parish Council, whilst the Parish Council recognised the logic behind the request, did not support it, with the request not being instigated by them in the first instance.

b) To nominate a representative to liaise with Wiltshire Council

The Clerk explained whilst the Council had not supported the request, Wiltshire Council were seeking a nominated representative to liaise with Wiltshire Council.

Resolved: To nominate the Clerk as the Council's representative to liaise with Wiltshire Council if necessary.

293/23 Finance:

a) To note Income/Expenditure reports for October.

Members were informed whilst the Council had recently changed internet providers to XLM, they were trading as Daisy, which appeared on the accounts.

Resolved: To note the Income/Expenditure reports for October.

b) To appoint cheque signatories/online authority for November payments.

Resolved: To appoint Councillors Glover and Shea-Simonds as cheque signatories/online authority for November, with Councillors Pafford and Shea-Simonds authorising the Chair's Allowance payment.

To approve transfer of funds between bank accounts and fixed term deposits.

As several Members were meeting with the CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities) the following day and therefore may want to invest funds with them the Clerk suggested all funds go into a fixed term deposit until the December meeting and then Members decide at the December Full Council meeting whether to invest with the CCLA or not.

The Clerk advised to move money from the Unity Instant Access Account to the Unity Current Account to cover forthcoming bills over the next 3 months.

Resolved: To move £652,000 from the Lloyds Current Account into the Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit until the next Full Council meeting (4 December)

To move £58,000 from the Unity Instant Access Account to the Unity Current Account.

d) Wiltshire Council, Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024 consultation. To consider a response to proposed changes. https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/Interview/227f8d85-5991-4336-8054-34b824e9fe09

Wiltshire Council had informed Councils, as the proposal to change the Council's Council Tax Support (CTR) Scheme, was currently in consultation they would not be able to confirm Council tax bases until a decision was made at Cabinet on 12 December.

Wiltshire Council had provided an indicative tax base number for the next financial year and a worst case scenario tax base figure in anticipation of the changes to the scheme, as an example, the Clerk indicated this would result in a difference of £1,286.95 to the Council precept based on this year's figure.

Resolved: To note the information provided by the Clerk on the effect on the Council's tax base and not to respond to the consultation.

e) To note National Association of Local Council's (NALC) Briefing Analysis of Council Tax Levels of Local Precepting Authorities 2023/24.

Members noted the information contained within the Briefing Analysis.

294/23 Highways

a) Parish Steward. To consider requesting more Parish Steward Days each month.

Councillor Glover explained following discussions with the Parish Steward recently it was noted this Council were making full use of their allocation, however, other councils were not. Therefore, wondered if there was merit in seeking additional days per month and to raise this at the next Area Board meeting, which would have a Highways focus and to also raise this with the Head of Highways who was attending a Clerk's Branch meeting.

Resolved: Members agreed to the Clerk raising the issue of extra Parish Steward days at the next Area Board meeting and with the Head of Highways.

b) Speed Indicator Device (SID) Installation

THIS ITEM WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION.

The Clerk explained the current contractors, having taken a fortnight to collect the devices from the office in July, had still not installed the devices, despite being chased on several occasions.

Whilst they had been undertaking the quarterly play inspections, they had not undertaken the safety surfacing clean as requested.

Resolved: To write to the Council's current contractor to inform them they were in breach of their contract and if they did not improve, the Parish Council would have no option, but to change contractors for all of the Council's services currently undertaken by them.

c) Living Streets Pavement Parking Campaign.

The Living Streets Campaign were seeking support to call on the Transport Minister to take urgent action on pavement parking. Whilst this had been implemented in London, it was yet to be implemented elsewhere in the Country.

Resolved: To support the campaign to call on the Transport Minister to take urgent action on pavement parking.

d) To receive feedback, following site visit to Wiltshire Council Highway Depot/Milestone on 2 November.

Those who visit the site agreed it was a useful and worthwhile visit.

295/23 Emergency Response

a) To receive update on flooding in the parish, following recent heavy rain and Storm Ciaran.

The Clerk explained whilst there had been an increase in water levels in Shaw & Whitley, as recorded on the telemetry system, there had been no flooding. However, there was an issue with internal property flooding in Beanacre from overflowing sceptic tanks connecting to highway drains in times of high water levels, but backing up due to a blockage, resulting in pumps being installed, in order to clear water off the A350 which had required traffic lights to be installed.

It was noted both Wiltshire Council's Highways and Drainage Teams had worked tirelessly in order to clear the water and assist those affected by internal property flooding, which was not helped by a water pipe possibly being pierced by works being undertaken in the area.

The Clerk explained the flood wardens had been deployed on 28 October in Shaw & Whitley in the evening due to high levels of water being recorded on the telemetry system, however, all was okay.

With regard to Storm Ciaran whilst there was a check in with 15 volunteer flood wardens who could be called upon if necessary, luckily, they were not required.

DBS checks were currently being undertaken for new flood wardens and renewing of others with photo ID cards being issued on completion of a clear DBS check.

Resolved: To send thank you letters to by the Wiltshire Council's Highway and Drainage Teams.

296/23 Community Engagement

a) Explore Wiltshire Heritage App.

The Clerk provided an update on the meeting held on 1 November which had discussed how to add Melksham information to the App, with the onus being on town/parish Councils taking responsibility for this. Therefore, it was felt volunteers were needed to add the information, however, a moderator would be required, to approve what they would include on the App.

With regard to next steps, a list of people to invite to the next meeting and who could drive this project forward was currently been drawn-up by the Clerk, as there was no one else had come forward.

With regard to a museum, there was discussion that perhaps some form a display could be located in a prominent location which could be changed on a regular basis.

Resolved: It was agreed this project needed to be progressed by the Town Council and not the Parish Council.

b) Health & Wellbeing Group, Melksham Area Board.

Members noted the minutes of meeting held on 19 October and the data summary information provided.

c) To note usage data for Melksham LINK Scheme.

Members noted the usage data for the Melksham Link Scheme.

d) To note Census information on health and wellbeing in the parish.

Members noted the Census information provided on health and wellbeing in the parish.

e) Michelle Donelan MP

The Clerk informed the meeting, Michelle Donelan MP wished to meet with representatives of the Parish Council, however, had suggested a new date of 15 December to be confirmed rather than 8 December as originally suggested.

The following topics for discussion were agreed:

- Melksham Hospital
- Lack of support for the A350 by-pass
- Thoughts on Wiltshire Council's draft Local Plan
- Updates on implementation of proposed planning changes through the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Both Councillors Glover and Pafford gave their apologies for the meeting on 15 December.

f) Street Tag Wiltshire. To consider taking part in this initiative.

Resolved: For the Parish Council not to get involved given the level of work required by officers.

g) Digital Connectivity: To consider submitting comments to Consultation on Improving Broadband for very hard to reach (closing date 27 November 2023).

Resolved: To note the response of NALC to the consultation and not to submit comments to the consultation.

297/23 Public Transport

a) Rail Station Ticket Offices.

Following consultations and the overwhelming support to keep ticket offices open, it was noted the Government had scrapped plans to close Ticket Offices. However, it was understood a different proposal may be coming forward and therefore this needed be kept an eye on.

b) Bus Survey update.

The Clerk explained under delegated powers she had provided a response to the survey, which had been sent on behalf of the Council and included having buses in the evenings and weekends, something to dovetail with the railway station so buses can get there and times to meet the trains. The response also included timings to meet shift work times, discounted fares for those in full time education and concessionary tickets for term time only, not just annual, as well as cross boundary too, as Wiltshire wide tickets do not work if people are trying to get to Bath, RUH or college for instance.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm	Signed
Meeting Gosed at 3.30pm	olgrica
	Chair, Full Council, 4 December 2023

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Receipts f	or Month 7			Nominal Ledger Analysis							
Receipt Ref	Name of Payer		nt Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre		Transaction Detail		
	Balance Brough	nt Fwd :	129,750.12					129,750.12			
/3580-BACS	Banked: 02/10/2023	35.00									
/3580-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield 30 rent		
/3581-BACS	Banked: 02/10/2023	35.00									
/3581-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1310	310	35.00	Allotment rent 6B Berryfield		
/3582-BACS	Banked: 02/10/2023	70.00									
	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310		Briansfield plot 10 rent		
/3582-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield plot 11 rent		
/3583-BACS	Banked: 02/10/2023	70.00									
/3583-BACS	Allotment Holder		70.00			1310	310	70.00	Berryfield 7A rent		
	Banked: 02/10/2023	35.00									
/3584-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield 4 rent		
/3585-BACS	Banked: 02/10/2023	35.00									
/3585-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield plot 5 rent		
/3586-BACS	Banked: 02/10/2023	18.00									
/3586-BACS	Allotment Holder		18.00			1320	310	18.00	Briansfield plot 1A rent		
/3587-BACS	Banked: 04/10/2023	104.50									
/3587-BACS	Bath Road Wanderer		104.50			1210	210		Pitch hire- Inv364-24th Sept		
						1210	210	66.00	Pitch hire-Inv.374- 1st Oct		
	Banked: 06/10/2023	132.00									
/3588-BACS	FC Devizes United		132.00			1210 1210	210 210		Inv.367- 16th Sept pitch hire Inv.367- 30th Sept pitch hire		
/2500 BAGG	Banked: 09/10/2023	66.00				1210	210	00.00	inv.307-30th Sept pitch file		
	Banked: 09/10/2023 Bath Road Wanderer	66.00	66.00			1210	210	66.00	Inv.374-8th October pich hire		
		220.00	00.00			1210	210	00.00	inv.574-biti October pictrime		
	Banked: 09/10/2023 Future of Football	330.00	330.00			1210	210	110.00	Evening sessions-W/C 25th Sep		
- 0080-BACS	. attaile of a cottodil		330.00			1210	210		Evening sessions-W/C 2nd Oct		
						1210	210		Evening sessions W/C 9th Oct		
	Banked: 09/10/2023	138,000.00									
M20567748	Fixed Term Deposit		138,000.00			210		138,000.00	V3505-Fixed Term deposit retur		
V3591-INTE	Banked: 09/10/2023	108.13									
V3591-INTE	Lloyds Bank		108.13			1080	110	108.13	Interest from Fixed deposit		
V3616-REFU	Banked: 09/10/2023	17.59									
V3616-REFU	Plusnet		17.59		2.93	4384	220	14.66	Refund for WIFI		
V3616-REFU	Banked: 09/10/2023	-17.59									
V3616-REFU	Plusnet		-17.59		-2.93	4384	220	-14.66	WIFI REFUND- WRONG CB		
500177-CAS	Banked: 10/10/2023	17.81									
V3592-058	BASRAG		17.81			1130	110	17.81	Halloween poster photocopying		

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Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	£ Amn	t Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail		
500176-CAS	Banked: 10/10/2023	210.00									
V3593-048	Allotment Holder		35.00			1310	310	35.00	Berryfield 17A rent		
V3594-050	Allotment Holder		70.00			1320	310	70.00	Briansfield plot 8 rent		
V3595-056	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield plot 3 rent		
V3596-057	Allotment Holder		35.00			1310	310	35.00	Berryfield 5B rent		
V3597-055	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield plot 6 rent		
500178-CHQ	Banked: 11/10/2023	280.00									
V3598-CHQ	Allotment Holder		70.00			1310	310	70.00	Berryfield 14A rent		
V3599-CHQ	Allotment Holder		140.00			1310	310	70.00	Berryfield 1B rent		
						1310	310	70.00	Berryfield 2B rent		
V3600-CHQ	Allotment Holder		70.00			1310	310	70.00	Berryfield 2A rent		
V3602-WIFI	Banked: 12/10/2023	26.83									
V3602-WIFI	Plusnet		26.83		4.47	4190	120	22.36	Refund for WIFI		
V3603-BACS	Banked: 16/10/2023	35.00									
V3603-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Briansfield plot 9 rent		
V3606-BACS	Banked: 16/10/2023	70.00									
	Allotment Holder		70.00			1320	310	70.00	Rent plot 27 Briansfield		
	Banked: 18/10/2023	330.00							The state of the s		
	Future of Football	330.00	330.00			1210	210	110.00	Inv.377- 16th & 17th September		
TOOUT BROOK	Tatale of Football		330.00			1210	210		Inv.377- 23rd & 24th September		
						1210	210		Inv.377- 30th Sept & 1st Oct		
V3608-BACS	Banked: 18/10/2023	440.00									
V3608-BACS	Future of Football		440.00			1210	210	440.00	Inv.378-October Matches		
V3609-BACS	Banked: 23/10/2023	66.00									
	Bath Road Wanderer	-	66.00			1210	210	66.00	Part inv.374-22nd Oct match		
	Banked: 27/10/2023	330.00									
		330.00	222.00			4040	240	440.00	In.: 270 Ontober Comm 24 Ont		
V3610-BACS	Future of Football		330.00			1210 1210	210 210		Inv.379- October Camp 24 Oct Inv.379- October Camp 25 Oct		
						1210	210		Inv.379- October Camp 26 Oct		
V3611-BACS	Banked: 30/10/2023	198.00									
		150.00	198.00			1210	210	66.00	Inv.375- 14th October		
V3011-BACS	Staverton Rangers		190.00			1210	210		Inv.375- 14th October Inv.375- 21st October Pitch hi		
						1210			Inv.375- 28th October pitch hi		
	D I I - 20/40/2022	25.00						33.50	militare Zear estader piter in		
	Banked: 30/10/2023	35.00	25.55			4000	242		Death for all 104 Discussion		
V3612-BACS	Allotment Holder		35.00			1320	310	35.00	Rent for plot 21 Briansfield		
Total I	Receipts for Month	141,077.27		0.00	4.47			141,072.80			
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	Cashbook Totals	270,827.39		0.00	4.47		_	270,822.92			

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10/10/2023	Fixed Term Deposit	M20578427	261,000.00			210		261,000.00	V3601- Transfer to fixed term
16/10/2023	SSE	V3578-DD	1,480.40		70.48	4312	220	1,409.92	Inv.513-Pavilion gas
16/10/2023	Daisy	V3604-DD	44.72		7.45	4384	220	37.27	Inv.044-Pavilion WiFi
16/10/2023	Daisy	V3605-DD	60.07		10.01	4190	120	50.06	Inv.043-Canpus wifi
19/10/2023	SSE	V3579-DD	290.56		13.83	4312	220	276.73	Inv.864-Pavilion gas
31/10/2023	Suez	V3615-DD	68.78		11.46	4770	220	57.32	Inv.677- B'hill waste away
	Total Payments for Month			0.00	113.23			262,831.30	
	Balance C	arried Fwd	7,882.86						
	Cashb	ook Totals	270,827.39	0.00	113.23			270.714.16	

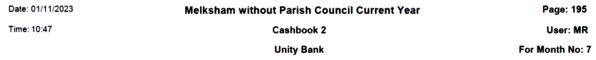
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Receipts for Month 7				ysis			
Receipt Ref Name of Payer	£ Amn	t Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
Balance Bro	ought Fwd :	70,597.80				70,597.80	
/3616-REFU Banked: 09/10/2023	17.59						
/3616-REFU Plusnet		17.59		2.93 4384	220	14.66	Pavilion WIFI REFUND
Total Receipts for Month	17.59		0.00	2.93		14.66	

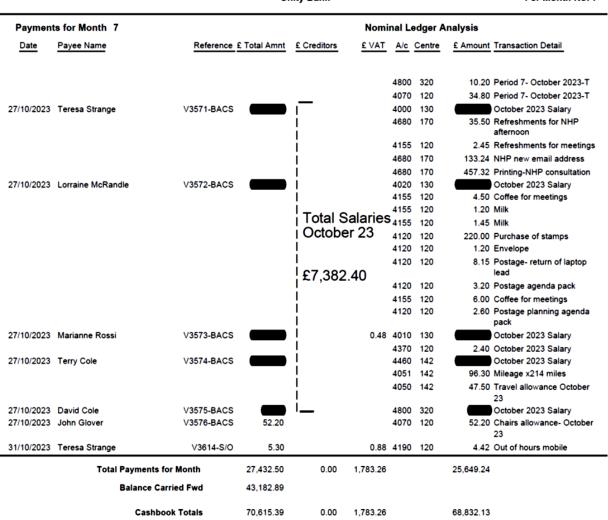
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Payment	ts for Month 7				Nomi	minal Ledger Analysis					
Date	Payee Name	Reference £	Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail		
02/10/2023	Teresa Strange	V3613-S/O	5.30		0.88	4190	120	4.42	Reimburse out of hours mobile		
16/10/2023	Lloyds Bank PLC	V3577-BACS	598.15		83.13	4685	170	14.36	Community Support phone line		
						4685	170	59.99	Emergency support domain		
						4150	120	9.99	Envelopes		
						4150	120	33.93	Leaflet display stand		
						4150	120	73.28	A3 frames for maps		
						4150	120	8.32	Pens		
						4150	120	23.31	Tower extension lead & A4 leaf		
						4381	220	19.75	Bin bags and soap for pavilion		
						4175	120	103.20	Office 365 subscription annual		
						4190	120	36.90	Office phone charges		
						4175	120		Office 365 monthly subscriptio		
						4120	120	5.90	Postage highway agenda pack		
						4175	120	5.50	Council website domain		
						4120	120	16.40	Planning committee agend pack		
						4200	120	12.99	Online meeting subscription		
						4140	120	3.00	Monthly fee		
27/10/2023	Agilico	V3553-BACS	73.12		12.19	4130	120	60.93	Inv.994-Office photocopying		
27/10/2023	GB Sport & Leisure	V3554-BACS	43.32		7.22	4490	142	36.10	13538-Bearing Hornchurch seesa		
27/10/2023	Heating Associated Services	V3555-BACS	2,796.72		466.12	4721	220	2,330.60	Inv.948-Replacement expansion		
27/10/2023	Jens Cleaning	V3556-BACS	420.00			4381	220	420.00	Inv.1076- Changing rooms clean		
27/10/2023	JH Jones & Sons	V3557-BACS	198.56		33.09	4721	220	165.47	Inv.3733-Padlocks for goa pos		
27/10/2023	JH Jones & Sons	V3558-BACS	1,765.12		294.19	4402	320	66.16	Inv.3761-Allotment grass cutti		
						4400	142	244.09	Inv.3761-Play area grass cutti		
						4780	142	57.75	Inv.3761-Play Area bin emptyin		
						4781	220	87.54	Inv.3761-JSF bin emptying		
						4401	220	761.38	Inv.3761-JSF Grass cuttin		
						4400	142	38.13	Inv.3761-Kestrel Shrub Mainten		
						4409	142	179.67	Inv.3761-Hornchurch gras cutt		
						4820	142	36.21	Inv.3761-September paris main		
						347	0	-36.21	Inv.3761-September paris main		

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						6000	142	36.21	Inv.3761-September parish
27/10/2023	JH Jones & Sons	V3559-BACS	384.00		64.00	4820	142	320.00	Inv.3753-Shurnhold Fields gras
						347	0	-320.00	Inv.3753-Shurnhold Fields gras
						6000	142	320.00	Inv.3753-Shurnhold Fields gras
7/10/2023	JH Jones & Sons	V3560-BACS	463.56		77.26	4400	142	246.00	Whitworth Play Area grass cutt
						4780	142	140.30	Whitworth Play Area bin empty
7/10/2023	Shaw Village Hall	V3561-BACS	60.00			4680	170		Inv.139- NHP Consultation room
	Tollgate Security Ltd	V3562-BACS	760.80		126.80	4212	220		Inv.944-Annual alarm monitorin
7/10/2023	Wiltshire Council	V3563-BACS	2,843.25			4270	140	-,	138-Office rent-1.10.23- 31.12.
	Community Heartbeat Trust	V3564-BACS	198.00		33.00				Inv.439-BYF V Hall defib suppo
	Complete Weed Control	V3565-BACS	2,062.80		343.80				Inv.058-Parish weedspray
7/10/2023	Aquasafe Environmental Ltd	V3566-BACS	300.00		50.00				Inv.006-PPM Visit September 23
	-					4212			Inv.006-PPM October 23
27/10/2023	Elan City	V3567-BACS	109.31		18.22				Mounting bar 2x Pathfinde Way
							142		Additional mounting bar A365
7/10/2022	Diamonfatu I tel	\/2560 BACC	1 022 00		172.00	4540			Inv.744-Delivery of bars
7/10/2023	Playsafety Ltd	V3568-BACS	1,032.00		172.00	4410			Play area & MUGA inspections Inv.416-Shaw Playing field
									ins
						4820 347			Shurnhold Field annual inspect
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						0000	142	73.00	inspect
7/10/2023	Wiltshire Pension Fund	V3569-BACS	2,089.35			4045	130	1,593.08	Period 7- October 2023
						4000			Period 7- October 2023
						4020			Period 7- October 2023
						4010			Period 7- October 2023
7/10/2023	HM Revenue & Customs	V3570-BACS	2,765.75				130		Period 7- October 2023
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Receipt Ref Name of Payer Balance Broom	£ Amnt Received ught Fwd : 525,000.00	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c Centre	£ Amount 525,000.00	Transaction Detail
Banked: 10/10/2023	261,000.00					
M20578427 Current Account & Insta	ant Acc 261,000.00			200	261,000.00	V3601- Transfer to fixed term
Total Receipts for Month	261,000.00	0.00	0.00		261,000.00	
Cashbook Totals	786.000.00	0.00	0.00		786,000.00	

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Paymen	its for Month 7							
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
09/10/2023	Current Account & Instant Acc	M20567748	138,000.00			200	138,000.00	V3505-Fixed Term deposit retur
	Total Payments for M	onth	138,000.00	0.00	0.00		138,000.00	
	Balance Carried	d Fwd	648,000.00					
	Cashbook 1	Totals	786,000.00	0.00	0.00		786,000.00	

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Balance Bro	ought Fwd: 113,824.62			113,824.62	
Banked:	0.00				
	0.00			0.00	
Total Receipts for Month	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cashbook Totals	113,824.62	0.00	0.00	113,824.62	

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Date	Payee Name	Refe	rence £ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
			0.00					
	Tota	al Payments for Month	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
		Balance Carried Fwd	113,824.62					
		Cashbook Totals	113,824.62	0.00	0.00		113,824.62	