

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the OVERBURY AND CONDERTON PARISH  
COUNCIL held on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 6.30pm in Overbury Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Mrs G Milway – Chairman  
Mrs Ruth Darling  
Mrs Steff Le Marechal  
Mr Steven Voysey

In attendance: Miss R Long – Clerk to the Parish Council

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(a) Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to complete/update their registers of interests.

(b) To declare any Personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature

(c) To declare any Prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature

There were no Declarations of Interest for this Meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26 June 2023, which had been circulated to Councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

(1) Vacancies for two councillors to represent the Overbury Ward of the Parish Council

No co-option had yet been arranged to fill either of the two Councillor vacancies to represent Overbury on the Parish Council.

(2) Proposed Children's Play Area

Representatives from Overbury Cricket Club have not yet come back to the Parish Council with advice they hope to obtain from the Cricket Association's Governing Body.

(3) Road Works at Watergrip Lane in Conderton

It is assumed that the resurfacing work has been completed.

(4) Housing Development at The Close, Conderton

The Clerk reported that no further information with regard to this planning application has been received.

(5) Response to Mitton Bank Housing Development planning application

The Clerk reported that the following response to the application had been submitted:

1. The site for the proposed development is off the B4080, which is the preferred route from Beckford via Conderton, Overbury, Kemerton and Bredon to Tewkesbury, the alternative A46 being choked all day with traffic joining and leaving the M5 at Junction 9. The queuing long distance lorries and vans etc. is due to recent and ongoing commercial and residential developments between Aston Cross on the A46 and the M5 with no adequate provision for the huge increase in traffic.
2. The Bredon Hill villages are within the Cotswold AONB and their roads are already used as a "rat run" by traffic avoiding the A46, particularly during the extra morning and evening traffic, and also when the M5 is restricted or closed, with the inevitable speeding and safety issues.
3. Other major concerns are the further loss of rural landscape on the edge of the Cotswold AONB and the damage to wildlife habitat, including the iconic mature hawthorn trees lining both sides of the road, together with the likelihood of increased flooding towards the town of Tewkesbury, flooding already being of serious and increasing concern for the inhabitants of the town.
4. The developers lost their appeal against the refusal of their very similar previous planning application less than 12 months ago.

These comments have been acknowledged by Harriett Baldwin, MP, and Councillor Adrian Hardman.

(6) Overbury Playing Field

Consideration of the renewal of the Lease of the field from Overbury Enterprises to the Parish Council, and the Parish Council's sub-lease of the field to the Overbury Cricket Club, remains to be brought forward for future meetings.

## 5. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wychavon has introduced The Triple 5 scheme to celebrate the eateries that gain the top level 5 Food Hygiene Rating and maintain it for at least three inspections, which is a six year cycle. The list of Triple 5 rated businesses are shown on the Worcestershire Regulatory Services website.

## 6. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(1) Footway Construction Works are to be carried out in Overbury by Ringway from 6 November for a period of approximately nine days, depending on weather etc.

(2) Notices have been distributed to parish councils for display on noticeboards to inform the general public how to find out about the rules governing footpaths, bridleways, general byways and restricted byways, with contact details for reporting any concerns.

## 7. WORCESTERSHIRE CALC (County Association of Local Council)

(1) The AGM has been arranged for Tuesday 17 October at Droitwich Spa.

(2) The Parish Council has been circulated with the official Guide for taking part in the the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on 6 June 2024.

## 8. SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE POLICE

The Parish Council has been circulated with the usual Rural Beat, Safer Neighbourhood Team and Economic Crime Unit newsletters dealing with scams and frauds with useful contact details for help. The Chairman and Clerk also attended two meetings with the West Mercia Police at Bredon Village Hall, when residents had the opportunity to discuss their local security, safety and social concerns. The Parish Council had also received a letter from the Safer Neighbour Inspector for Wychavon and Malvern, Inspector Dave Wise, who reiterated their commitment to the Local Policing Community Charter to support their 122 parishes.

## 9. CLEANING OF THE OVERBURY AND CONDERTON BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk reported that Daniel Hutt has kindly volunteered to take on this task from his sister, which the Councillors were very pleased to accept.

## 10. FINANCE

(1) **Current Finance Report** – statement enclosed with Agenda papers

		£
<b>Balance brought forward from 26 June 2023 meeting as per Minutes</b>		<b>6756.16</b>
<b>Receipts since June Meeting</b>	<b>£</b>	
Overbury Cricket Club	154.79	
Worcestershire County Council – grass mowing	1037.19	1191.98
		<b>7948.14</b>
<b>Payments since June Meeting</b>		
HMRC – tax on Clerk’s salary	37.40	
Clerk – 3 month salary	150.00	
Overbury Enterprises: Sports field water cost increase	13.42	
Wychavon District Council: Election expenses	50.00	-250.82
		<b>7697.32</b>
<b>Payments now due</b>		
Clerk refund for printer ink cartridges	21.98	
HMRC – tax on Clerk’s salary	37.60	
Clerk – 3 month salary	149.90	
Overbury Enterprises – Cost of Street Market skip	381.60	- 591.08
		<b>7106.24</b>

### **Balance carried forward to next meeting**

**7106.24**

Note: The payment to Overbury Village Hall for a 50% share of the cost of building insurance was not agreed due to a query on the increase over previous years.

**(2) Audit Procedure for 2022/23**

The Clerk reported that the External Auditors had accepted the Parish Council's notification of Exempt Status for the year ended 31 March 2023. No queries with regard to the published accounts had been received.

**11. CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

No urgent decisions were made since the June meeting.

**12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

There were no Councillors' reports or items for future agenda.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 8 January 2024 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed.