

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the OVERBURY AND CONDERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at 6pm on Monday 21 March 2022 at Overbury Village Hall**

PRESENT: Mrs G Milway Chairman
 Mrs Ruth Darling
 Mrs Steff LeMarechal
 Mr Stephen Voysey

Miss R Long - Parish Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Richard Southby had sent his apologies for his absence due to continuing medical treatment. This was accepted by the Councillors present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to keep up to date their Register of Interests, and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests and Other Disclosable Interests in items on the Agenda and their nature. There were no Declarations of Interest for this Meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 January, 2022, which had been circulated with the Agenda papers, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS

(1) Overbury Footpath Surface Repair

The Chairman reported that none of the necessary repair work has yet been started, but she will continue to chase for a start date.

(2) Possible purchase of Defibrillator for Conderton

The Old Cobblers Barn opposite the Yew Tree has an electricity supply, so further research will be carried out to assess the type of defibrillator and the suitability of the location.

(3) The RoSPA safety survey of the swings and the cricket field has not yet been received.

(4) An extra waste bin for Pigeon Lane has been purchased and the bin attached to the wall of the Red House in Overbury has been relocated to the post for the 30mph sign near the village hall.

5. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

(1) Electoral Review

The Review is to ensure that the current wards reflect local communities so there are no wards more than 10% away from the average number of electors per ward and that each councillor represents an average of 2,372 electors. The consultation is open until 21 March and the final recommendations will be published on 5 July this year.

(2) Community Based Transport

An event is being organised in April to outline ideas to communities who may wish to develop community-based transport schemes and access to the Ticket to Ride funding.

(3) Cash Grants to help celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed that the Parish Council does not need to apply for funding.

(4) Planning Application

An application has been submitted by Overbury Enterprises for the alteration of Brake Cottage in Overbury from residential use to form a flexible multipurpose function room. The Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

(5) Council Tax Freeze

A freeze on Wychavon's share of the Council Tax bill means a £1.9 million benefit for residents to be used for new affordable housing and support for the economy and communities of Wychavon.

Note: The reduction in the Precept applied for by this Parish Council resulted in the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax bill being reduced by 16.6%.

Other General Information Circulated:

Bulky Waste collections to restart; the Wychavon Parish Games are back this year; Malvern Hills and Wychavon businesses are looking to expand and are offering apprenticeships; the circulation by e-mail of the Community Development Artworks e-

newsletter is to be discontinued in favour of other sources for Arts information.

6. **WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The County Council has been seeking new volunteers to become members of the Schools' Appeal Panel which makes decisions on pupils refused places at or excluded from Worcestershire schools.

7. **TEWKESBURY BOROUGH PLAN**

As part of the Plan, the Borough Council has circulated the details of the Public Consultation to consider the Local Heritage List Selection Criteria.

8. **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Consultation on the Final Draft of the SWDP Review will take place in July this year, parallel with which will run the Publication and Public Consultation of the SW Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Policies and Site Allocation Plan.

9. **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

Neighbourhood Watch Alerts and Newsletters are regularly circulated to the Parish Council, together with Weekly Fraud Updates and SCAM Warnings – the Clerk in turn forwards this information to Councillors.

10. **WORCESTERSHIRE CALC** (County Association of Local Councils)

The Chairman, Mrs Milway, attended the Zoom Wychavon Area Meeting on 2nd March, the main concern for discussion being the various issues surrounding the problem of tackling speeding traffic.

11. **FINANCE**

The sum brought forward from the January meeting is £8524.45.

There have been no receipts since this balance and only two payments have been made, being the purchase of trees in the sum of £100 for the Community Orchard in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and £369.06 to Wychavon District Council for the new waste bin at Pigeon Lane and the relocation of the waste bin at The Red House wall to the 30mph road sign below. This leaves a current balance of £8055.39 brought forward to this meeting.

The following payments were then agreed:	£
Overbury Enterprises: Rent for Playing Field and Cricket Club Pavilion (to be recharged to CC)	154.79
Chairman's Annual Expenses	125.00
Clerk's 3 month Salary and tax payment	187.50
Overbury Enterprises – printing	30.00
Overbury Village Hall – hire charge	85.00

Total £ 582.29

These payments will leave a bank balance of £7473.10.

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

No urgent decisions were taken since the last meeting.

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

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

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Parish Council at 6pm on Monday 16 May 2022 at Overbury Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed.