

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the OVERBURY AND CONDERTON PARISH
COUNCIL held on Monday 20 March 2023 at 6.30pm in Overbury Village Hall**

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

Councillors were reminded of the need to keep up to date their Register of Interests, and to declare any Personal Interest or Prejudicial Interest relating to any items on the Agenda. There were no Declarations of Interest for this Meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23 January 2023, which had been circulated to Councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

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

As there were no nominations for two more councillors to represent the Ward of Overbury, it is hoped to co-opt to fill these vacancies after the 4 May elections have taken place.

(2) The Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May

The Clerk reported that a committee from the community has been formed to consider the options for a community celebration of this momentous occasion, the current favoured event being The Big Lunch in the village hall on Sunday 7 May, possibly with other activities before/after the main event.

(3) Management of the Proposed Children's Play Area

Mrs Laura Aggett, who is organising the raising of funds for the project, will address the Councillors at the end of this meeting.

5. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

(1) The Parish Council has been reminded of the new law that anyone voting at the 4 May election will need to produce a photo ID, which will be checked before casting a vote is permitted.

(2) The District Council has announced that nine of the District Council's facilities have received Diamond status at the "Loo of the Year Awards", the highest award in the competition.

6. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council has applied for a Temporary Road Closure for Watergrip Lane in Conderton to repair a blocked drain in the area – no date yet announced.

7. WORCESTERSHIRE CALC (County Association of Local Councils)

A copy of the Association's latest Update (23-03) had been circulated to Councillors. The newsletter includes articles on the Civility and Respect project team's progress; the new Log-in procedures for access to CALC and NALC (National Association of Local Councils) websites; DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport) websites for advice on organising events to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla; advice to make a parish council's communications more effective.

8. SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE POLICE

The Parish Council has received and circulated as required the regular weekly Fraud Updates from the Economic Crime Unit; Rural Beat Newsletters; information from the Safer Neighbourhood Team; Neighbourhood Watch Alerts etc.

9. FINANCE STATEMENT

Balance brought forward from 23 January 2023 meeting as per Minutes		£ 8265.11
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Receipts since January Meeting

Worcestershire County Council – daffodil bulbs for parish	200.00	8465.11
	£	

Payments since January Meeting

Ruth Hutt – Cleaning of bus shelters	100.00	
Wychavon DC – cleaning of dog bins	301.03	
CJ Milway – “no dogs” signs on cricket field	20.77	421.80

Balance carried forward to March Meeting		8043.31
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No further payments or receipts identified as at 20 March so same balance of £8043.31 carried forward to May 15 2023 meeting.

The Finance Statement was accepted by Councillors.

10. OVERBURY PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Mrs Aggett presented copies of a suggested plan for the proposed new Play Area, together with a quotation for its purchase and installation in the sum of £37834.23 plus VAT.

After discussion Councillors had the following main concerns:

1. The suggested play equipment would need a large area of land and there was as yet no confirmed site for its construction.
2. Is there sufficient interest in the parish for such a large new play area?
3. Extra traffic would be attracted into the village with the inevitable problems with parking.

It was agreed that Mrs. Aggett would carry out the necessary further research and report back to the Parish Council in due course.

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

No urgent decisions were made since the January 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 will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which was arranged for Monday 15 May 2023 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed.

