

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUTLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 IN THE CHURCH ROOM, BUTLEIGH.**

**PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT : T Willmott (Chairman). K Otton, A Coleman.**

**OTHERS PRESENT : M Acland-Hood, D Sharland, M Stringer, C Simpson, P O'Donoghue, Mr & Mrs B Foster, K Maddock, J Trimmer.**

**APOLOGIES: None**

**VISITING COUNCILLORS REPORTS: Clare Sully Somerset Council, Alex Wiltshire Somerset Council. – Report circulated Ken Maddock Mendip District Council.**

**Pre- meeting statements and questions from members of the public in respect of business itemised on the Agenda : D Sharland-** the site of the Speed Indicator Device- road safety issue exiting Sour Down Farm.

Comments regarding the planning application 2022/2489/REM on Sub Road – Sewage matters.

**K Maddock** – Expressed a wish to support well founded local objections to the planning application 2022/2489/REM.

**C Simpson-** Planting a tree for the Queen, possibly an apple tree in the Churchyard. Referred to the PCC.

**PLANNING**

2022/2393/LBC	Insert new window to side elevation. Division of bedroom to provide shower room. Removal of internal partition and insert new balustrade to staircase. <b>Support.</b> Proposed T Willmott Seconded A Coleman All in favour	M Acland- Hood Wootton Hill Farm, Butleigh Wootton
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**STATEMENT OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to make and to have recorded any Declarations of Interest made in accordance with the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct Order adopted on 7th August 2012. (Based on District/ County Model ) (Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011).**

**URGENT BUSINESS :** None

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**, having been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record. Proposed A, seconded K Otton, all in favour. Minutes to be posted on the Village Website.

**MATTERS ARISING :** None

**CO OPTION** of Mary Acland-Hood as Parish Councillor. Proposed T Willmott, seconded K Otton. Mary was welcomed as a Parish Councillor  
Casual Vacancies x 4

**PLANNING:**

2023/0042/HSE	2 storey side extension, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor rear extension and alterations. <b>Support.</b> Proposed T Willmott, seconded A Coleman	Mr Hughes Orchard House, Barton Road
2022/2489/REM	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2018/2648/OTS for the erection of up to 32 dwellings. <b>Propose Objection.</b> Proposed, T Willmott seconded. A Coleman All in favour The District Councillor, K Maddock and all members of the public present in favour and support of the statement of objection. Appendix 1 of the minutes.	Gallion Homes Ltd, Land at Sub Road
2022/2396/TCA	T1 Willow. Pollard to 50% lower than previous pollard point. <b>Propose Leave to Planning Officer.</b> Proposed, T Willmott	N Padgett Little Orchard, High Street, Butleigh

	seconded A Coleman. All in favour	
2022/2477/TCA	T1 Robina pseudoacacia. Large trunk/limb on S side – Remove lowest lateral limb & install dynamic bracing. T” &T3 – Taxus baccata – Cut both to existing hedge height. T4 -Europaea – Lift canopy to allow 3m clearance. T5- J.nigra-Lift canopy to allow 3m clearance. <b>Propose Leave to Planning Officer.</b> Proposed T Willmott, seconded A Coleman. All in favour	Church of St Leonard, Church Path, Butleigh
<b>Decisions by MDC:</b>		
2022/2160/HSE	Erection of single storey rear and 1.5-storey side wraparound extension. Single storey side to south west elevation and replacement of front porch. <b>Approved.</b>	C Lillis 3 Mounsdon Close, Butleigh

All left the meeting with the exception of D Sharland and K Maddock

**HIGHWAYS** (KO) Note: Flooding at Back Lane, Butleigh Wootton- in hand with County Highways. More pipework to be done and potholes in February reported by K Maddock.

Excess water in Baltonsborough Road near to Court Gardens- reported by K Maddock to SCC Highways who did not find a problem with the drains. 2 drains are blocked. K Maddock to follow up.

Cedar Walk culvert has been cleared. Surface repair work required.

Sewer repairs in Butleigh Wootton ongoing.

Abandoned vehicles in Watchwell Drove – 2 considered to meet the description of abandoned and will be removed, however, there are 30 vehicles there at present – reported by K Maddock.

Willow Trees on verge at Watchwell Drove require pollarding. Clerk to write to SCC Highways regarding Highway Safety.

Speed Indicator Device height noted.

**REQUEST FOR A GRIT BIN** – Butleigh Wootton Hill. Cost £175.50 plus VAT. County Highways supply the grit. Proposed A Coleman, seconded T Willmott, All in favour

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO EXTEND THE 20MPH IN HIGH STREET.** No injury collision data on record. An informal consultation and feasibility study would need to take place and the Traffic Regulation Order would cost in the region of £6000 to include speed surveys, advertisement and legal work. Clerk to write again.

**FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE (AC)** Gate to be replaced at Whitelands.

**FINANCE REPORT (Clerk)**

<b>CURRENT AC</b>		<b>BR AC</b>	
BALANCE	£ 5548.79	BALANCE	£ 5649.82
- Glasdon Bins	£ 1065.60	Interest	£ 8.81
- Som Gdn Services	£ 550.00		
- Butleigh PCC Rent	£ 144.00		
+ BPFA rent	£ 4.00		
	<b>£ 3793.19</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 5658.63</b>

Proposed T Willmott, seconded A Coleman. All in favour.

**DOG BINS** – To be installed.

**BPFA REQUEST TO SITE A STORAGE CONTAINER BEHIND THE PAVILION AT BACK TOWN PLAYING FIELDS.** Planning application to be submitted for the grant application body. No Objection in principle – Proposed T Willmott, seconded A Coleman, all in favour.

**BPFA Multi Terrain Run 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**CORRESPONDENCE: Rose and Portcullis – email received.** Owners are still determined to find a tenant. Community Asset discussions.

**LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

**MATTERS OF REPORT** (Items for the next meeting)

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Chairman  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## Appendix 1

At its meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February the Council voted unanimously to oppose the application 20232/92489/REM seeking approval of reserved matters with regard to the development on Sub Road, Butleigh. The 10 members of the parish present subsequently voted unanimously to support the Council's decision.

In coming to its decision, the Council noted that the plan submitted in support of the application was substantially and materially different to that submitted in the original application on which the Inspector granted permission. The Council re-affirmed its objections on the following grounds:

1. The proposed "cut and fill" works to meet the requirement re roof levels, while addressing the issue of the housing closest to Barton Road, merely pushes the problem onto the northern boundary of the site. Thus, the proposed level of the housing adjacent to Holm Oaks will be higher than the existing fence level.
2. The current plan removes the provision of landscaping (trees) between the new housing and the existing housing (Holm Oaks) on the northern boundary and on Sub Road.
3. We believe that the new proposed drainage system will prove to be inadequate and cause flooding elsewhere in the village.
4. The proposed phosphate mitigation is untested and unproven.
5. In order to meet one of the requirements set by the Inspector, the plan envisages a pedestrian access/through the Holme Oaks' play area. The land in question is owned by the Council and leased to the Butleigh Playing Fields Association in order to provide a safe play area for the Community. The Council discussed its concerns about the proposed access with the Developers and invited them to come back with some fresh proposals. To date we have not had a reply. The Council will not consider giving permission for pedestrian access until its concerns re the safety of the young people using the play area; the provision of suitable landscaping; the ongoing maintenance of the proposed access pathway; and its concerns re the impact of the proposed new housing on the houses adjacent in Holm Oaks are met.

On these grounds, together with the detailed objections lodged by a number of individuals within the community, the Council re-affirms its objections to the proposals contained in the application.