

A meeting of the **Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council** took place at Biddestone Village Hall, Biddestone on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.00pm. The following members were present:

IN THE CHAIR: S Bruce (SB)

PRESENT: Cllrs A Walton (VC), A.Williams (AW), D.Webb (DW), M Chrystal (MC)

In attendance: G Gill (GG) Clerk, Barry Cox (BC) & Christine Cotswold Wardens & 17 members of the public

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81	To Receive & Approve Apologies for Absence: Baroness Scott (JS), Cllr A Juniper (AJ), G Brown (GB), A Short (AS),	SB
82	Declaration of Interests – None	
83	To Approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 th October 2018 – Proposed by VC as a true record and APPROVED . Signed and dated by Chairman.	
84	To Receive & Act Upon Rolling Action List - Noted Addendum #1	
85	To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Approved: None received	
86	To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Received:	
86.1	18.09562/TCA Pool Farm, The Green, Biddestone SN14 7DG Proposal: A -Elm Tree reduce in size by 30% C& D Leylandii- prune all trees by10% E Indian Bean Tree – prune by 10% F Birch tree – prune by10%	
87	Finances	
87.1	To Receive for Approval Statement of Balances for: Accounts #1 £49572.29 & #2 £5003.40	
87.2	To Approve Accounts for Payment October/November 2018 Clerks Salary & HMRC Tax, £207.65 D.Taylor Ground Maintenance £25, Royal British Legion Wreath £20, Christmas Lunch Grant £60.00, Ink Cartridge £19.99 Proposed for payment by SB and APPROVED	
87.3	To Receive and Discuss Grant Request from The Broadsheet – Following a presentation from The Broadsheet Committee it was proposed that the Parish Council, subject to the publication of its minutes in each Broadsheet, would fund the Broadsheet £600.00 annually. APPROVED	
87.4	To Receive Clerks Annual Assessment – SB and VC had meet with the Clerk to discuss the increasing volume of work brought about by new legislation and devolution of services from Wiltshire Council. It was proposed to extend the Clerks hours to 6 hours per week with immediate effect. Any additional hours undertaken due to projects to be paid in addition as they arose. APPROVED SB to inform B20 Ltd.	
87.5	To Receive and Discuss 1 st Draft 2019/20 Precept - Reviewed and 2 nd Draft to be presented at December meeting for finalisation and adoption.	
88	Actions Required from Representatives & Working Party Reports: (Reports circulated prior to meeting)	VC
88.1	Following the Parish Plan survey an Open Meeting to be arranged to present the Plan to the public. The Parish Council to meet to prepare a Corporate Plan based on the survey findings. VC to arrange a date in late November for the later.	
89	Highways - Updates on parking, conservation and winter weather requirements::	
89.1	The Butts - Historical notes on the origins of the name were presented to the Chairman. Following the legal advice received it was AGREED that there would be a NO Parking policy adopted for The Butts and the common land maintained as a wild life area.	
89.2	Little Challows – Tree Surgery Following the retraction of grass cutting and tree pruning by Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council is in the process of registering Little Challows as Common Land. D.Taylor to undertake grass cutting. A quote had been obtained for the removal of 1 tree and a reduction of all other trees by 50% of £2,500 -	

	£3,000. The residents of Little Challow to be consulted on the proposed tree work and their opinions presented at the December Parish Council meeting..	SB
89.3	Cuttle Lane -No further action.	
89.4	The Pond – Willow Trees The ‘Agatha Raison’ Production Company had approached the Parish Council for future filming of four further episodes between March and July 2019. SB to check with the Company whether the pollarding of the willow trees would be problematic.	SB
89.5	Snow Plan Update – SB to finalise the plan.	SB
90	Rights of Way Update on Maintenance Schedule – With Wiltshire Council funding diminishing it was believed that the routine maintenance of stiles, signage and posts would fall to the Parish Council. The Cotswold Wardens will continue wherever possible to give volunteer support in keeping the Rights of Way and Bridleways open for the general public to enjoy. BC pointed out that some footways didn’t go anywhere and in at a previous meeting had indicated that he would like, where possible, to make circular walks. BID8 – Footpath to The Meeting House, Slaughterford – It was AGREED that in the interest of public safety this path should be closed. SB to contact Stephen Leonard Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer for an update on Wiltshire Council’s future plans	SB
91	Clerks Report - Councillor Notes 370, 371 -Noted	
	There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30pm.	