

# Quidhampton Parish Council



**Minutes of the Meeting of Quidhampton Parish Council**  
**Held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**At 7.30pm in Quidhampton Village Hall**

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**Present:** Cllr Jackie Peters (JP), Cllr Julia Thomas (JT), Cllr Steph Kershaw (SK), Cllr Mike Donohue (MD), Cllr Daniel-Nelson Smith (DN-S), Cllr Sam Martin (SM), Cllr Ken Taylor (KT)

**Plus:** Sasha Stagg – Clerk (SS), Pauline Church (PCH)

**Members of the public:** Dave Ball, Tat Jenkins

**49/25 Apologies for absence:** None

**50/25 Open Forum:**

- Dave Ball raised the issue of bird poo on the swings in the recreation ground and asked if it was possible to install bird spike above the swings to prevent this.
- Tat Jenkins attended to listen to any progress on improving crossing the road by entrance to the woods, and also the renewal of the 'no dogs' signs in the recreation ground.
- John Cater asked whether there was any legislation regarding where buses are allowed to stop, where currently it is difficult as there are no markings on the road and cars are parking very close to the stop. SS to write to Salisbury Reds and Highways to ask whether relevant road markings could be painted. **Action SS.**
- Daniel Nelson-Smith expressed his concern where Salisbury Reds have recently changed their timetable meaning that there is no bus in the morning that serves children attending Lower Bemerton School. SS to write to Salisbury Reds, and PCH to speak to the Wilts Transport Team who are also responsible for getting children safely to school. The timetable changes make no sense and she will lobby to put it back to where it was. **Action SS & PCH.**
- It was suggested that for future meetings the Parish Council have an attendance list for any members of the public attending. **Action SS.**

**51/25 Declarations of interest:** JP declared her interest in agenda item 56/25 regarding vegetation at the corner of Lower Road.

**52/25 To receive a report from Cllr Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council):**

- The Avenue in Wilton is due to close on 14/7/25 between 9am-12pm to adjust ironworks and paint road markings.
- Salisbury City Hall, the largest entertainment venue in Wiltshire, is due to re-open in October 2025 where currently roof repairs are being undertaken and the Fisherton

Street entrance is being prepared to re-open. It is subcontracted by Mecca but owned by Salisbury.

- Road closure – Kingsway, Wilton 31/7/25 for Network Rail bridge inspections.
- As announced in the news, the UK government is to provide household support for those most in need. Full details eligibility criteria and what help is available is on the Wilts Council website.
- Plans are still in place for cycle path improvements which will be at the back of the car park at Coronation Square. As a result, the road will likely be resurfaced and greatly improved, with no reduction in resident parking.
- Ricky Rogers is currently working with Highways to make improvement for pedestrians walking to and from Lower Bemerton School, with better road markings and road layout. Due to next meet on 11<sup>th</sup> July where John Glen will also be in attendance.
- Cllr Church advised that she is currently the Chair of Area Board and will remain so for the next 4 years.

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The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were unanimously approved.

**Matter arising:** None

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#### **Governance**

- i) The following new councillors were co-opted on to the Parish Council and all signed a declaration of acceptance of office:
  - Ken Taylor – Proposed by Cllr Peters, seconded by Cllr Thomas
  - Daniel Nelson-Smith – Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Kershaw
  - Sam Martin - Proposed by Cllr Kershaw, seconded by Cllr Peters
- ii) Following on from previous discussions regarding the current parish council website and remarks from the annual audit, whilst Cllr Nelson-Smith had made some good improvements it was agreed that full overhaul needed to be made as soon as possible. SS advised that she had been in touch with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party website provider who specialises in parish council website and was just awaiting a response. Cllr Nelson-Smith also advised that through his own connections he would potentially be able to secure a full rebuild at a very favourable price. SS to chase 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider and update councillors as soon as she has any further news. **Action SS.**

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#### **Highways**

- i) Cllr Peters advised that the SID was currently out of action due to the issue with it's batteries which are failing almost as soon as they are charged. Cllr Martin now has access to the SID laptop and all SID data. SID data is used to work out where traffic enforcement is needed, with The Avenue in Wilton being the most ticketed road in Wiltshire, and gives crucial evidence for certain interventions.  
It was unanimously agreed that the parish council should proceed with replacing the SID batteries and getting a solar panel fitted. SS to get back in touch with Elan City to confirm previous quotes and to proceed with the work. **Action SS.**
- ii) There had been a good response from villagers offering to help with Community Speedwatch when it is hopefully reinstated. SS had thanked all those who responded and advised that we will be back in touch in due course. Before commissioning a traffic survey, Cllr Church to enquire whether the recent survey that was spotted in the village can be used for these purposes.

It was noted that anyone who used to volunteer, who no longer wishes to be involved, should hand back any speedwatch equipment that they may have such as fluorescent tabards. **Action PCH.**

- iii) Following the suggestion that a concave mirror could possibly be installed on Lower Road to aid safe pedestrian crossing, it was established that Highways had no objection if it were placed away from the immediate roadside, concerns were however expressed by Cllr Peters that there may be an insurance issue if a driver were to have an accident. It was agreed that the main problem was the hedgerow which had grown significantly and needs cutting back. Once done then the Parish Steward could potentially keep on top of it. Other safety measures were also considered and it was agreed that a pedestrian warning sign could be helpful. SS to contact Paul Shaddock to ask what he recommends and what the associated costs would be. A LHFIF application could then potentially be considered if deemed appropriate. **Action SS.**

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#### Village Maintenance

- i) Cllr Donohue reported that he had been to view the red phone box at The Guild in Wilton that was potentially being offered to the village. Aesthetically it looks nice and much better than the current phone box, however it would need some renovation. Cllr Peters to phone Peter Edge to ask if there had been any further developments and to confirm if The Guild would donate it to the village. **Action JP.**  
*John Cater left the meeting and expressed his thanks for all the work that the Parish Council is currently doing.*
- ii) The vegetation at the corner of Lower Road and the A3094 badly needs cutting back. A community project had been considered but it was agreed that it was too dangerous as very close to the main road. Cllr Nelson-Smith to obtain some quotes to carry out the work. **Action DN-S.**
- iii) There have been continuing intermittent problems regarding the emptying of the dog poo bins. SS advised that she had been in touch with her contact at Grist Environmental and he is actively monitoring the situation. SS had been informed by Grist that they are currently in discussion with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to carry out the bin emptying, however this was likely to come at a greater cost. Situation to be kept under review.
- iv) It had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that the footpath that runs from Footshill House to the back of the pub, whilst not impassable, is very overgrown. SS to clarify whether we pay Bawden's to clear this section of the path, or if it is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. **Action SS.**

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#### Recreation Ground

- i) Cllr Thomas reported that all was in order with her weekly playground checks and that there were no areas of concern.
- ii) Following reports that birds had been roosting above the swings, and pooing on the swings themselves, it was agreed to purchase some spikes to go above the swings to prevent this happening. SS spoke to RoSPA who recommended this course of action. Cllr Nelson-Smith to purchase spikes and cable ties, and install, to be reimbursed by the Parish Council. **Action DN-S/SS.**

- iii) SS reported that she had attempted to get in touch with Mark Game re the stock fencing but was unable to locate any contact details. Cllr Nelson-Smith advised that his Mum, Liz, would have a word with him. The fencing does need to be done and alternative arrangements will have to be made if he isn't able to do it.
- iv) SS advised that she had received a notice from Wilton Estate, confirming that the annual rent for the recreation ground will be increased from £110 pa to £120 pa wef September 2025. Increase was unanimously approved.

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## Finance

- i) Cashflow and Payments report was unanimously approved.

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Period: 13 May to 8 July 2025				
Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
30/05/2025		Bawdens	Grounds maintenance May 25 inv 30734	76.03
31/05/2025		Bawdens	Footpath maintenance between Skew Rd & Egham Place inv 30756	177.60
31/05/2025		Bawdens	Footpath maintenance between Skew Rd & Egham Place inv 30755	199.20
31/05/2025		Paul Cripps	Google office May 25	50.04
01/06/2025	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary & office allowance May 25	323.56
30/06/2025		Bawdens	Grounds maintenance June 25 invoi 30825	76.03
30/06/2025		Paul Cripps	Google office June 25	50.04
01/07/2025	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary & office allowance June 24	323.56
02/07/2025		Quidhampton Village Hall	Hire for 2025 inv 047	190.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,466.06</b>

- ii) SS advised that the local government payscales had increased and SCP 22 was now £16.93 per hour. Based on contractual hours that would take SS salary to £4,401.80 pa. Councillors unanimously agreed to approve this increase, and to pay the sum of £438.55 in back pay to SS.

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## Village Emergency Plan

There was no update as Chris Edge was currently on holiday, although it Cllr Peters advised that he had now managed to retrieve the necessary maps.

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## Correspondence/AOB/Urgent Matters/Round Table

- The way in which villagers can best voice their concerns and feedback was discussed, in particular those who can't access technology. It was suggested that councillors could be allocated to different areas of the village, to become more active and visible. Additionally, a circular could be distributed around the village, a list of councillor responsibilities could be printed off and displayed, and a suggestion box could be placed in the phone box. Also, to organise a few more social gatherings.
- Cllr Nelson-Smith to do a poo bin campaign, raising awareness of the difficulties and associated costs in providing bins, and also to encourage people to use them sensibly (eg take full poo bags home if the bins are empty, or dispose of them in one the council litter bins on Lower Road). Additionally, new signs saying 'dogs not permitted' in the recreation ground to be ordered and installed. **Action DN-S.**
- Cllr Taylor advised that Bea was always happy to send any communications out on behalf of the parish council.

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**Next Parish Council**

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

Meeting ended 9.10pm.

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