

	children are waiting until the no ball games sign is removed.	
Report from Unitary Councillor	Wiltshire Councillor Graham Wright confirmed the response to the Local Plan had been drafted, that new grass cutters were in action for Wiltshire council and the pop-up youth event in October was a success. He and Cllr Paul are chasing the installation of the agreed double yellow lines. There was concern that the bus survey was not made available earlier and it was suggested that information about the survey is put on Facebook and the council website to make it as accessible as possible.	
Minute No.	Minute	Action
84/23	ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – apologies were received from Cllr Healing and accepted.	
85/23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.	
86/23	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The council approved the minutes of the meeting on the 26 th of September 2023.	Clerk to put on website.
87/23	PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE – the council accepted the following minutes: - a. Finance committee minutes for the 18 th of July 2023 b. Staffing Sub-committee minutes for 20 th June 2023	Clerk to circulate draft minutes to all as soon as they are available.
88/23	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – the chairman advised the new Speed Indication devices were in place and some had been repaired. The tubs on Bulford road were moved back into place last week. There are a number of overgrown hedges around the village and the office can send out the first letter before referring to Wiltshire Council to remedy by cutting and charging the homeowner if it remains an obstruction. The litter Pick on the 21 st went well and the Allotment meeting on the 14 th was well attended and the summer Allotment BBQ will take place next year.	

<p>89/23</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS –</p> <p>Cllr Stafford confirmed the fishing platform needed repair but as the water level is now very high this will have to wait until it has dropped so that the platform can be accessed safely.</p> <p>Speedwatch – Cllr Wright is now co-ordinating in place of Cllr Paul. There are some checks to do before the Speedwatch team can set up near the Ham.</p>	
<p>90/23</p>	<p>REPORT FROM THE CLERK –</p> <p>The Clerk advised the litter pick was successful and ID Verde were extremely helpful providing litter pickers and bags for the day and collecting all equipment and the rubbish without charge.</p> <p>The clerk is obtaining quotes for encapsulating the asbestos in the hall. The replacement SIDs were ordered and arrived last week. There is a large water bill for the Hall due to the leak and Wessex water have been approached for a leak allowance.</p> <p>A new water heater was installed at the Pavilion last week.</p>	
<p>91/23</p>	<p>ACCOUNTS -</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and cheques and debits September 2023</p>	
<p>92/23</p>	<p>PROPOSALS –</p> <p>The chairman requested moving the agenda item 92/23 g to the top of the list to enable the public present to hear the item first and leave if they wished to do so. The council agreed to the request.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Hire Charges for 2024/25. b. The Allotment charges for 2025/26. c. The Cemetery fees for 2024/25. d. The Fishing Fees for 2024/25. e. To note the contents of the internal Auditor’s interim report. f. The transfer of £25,000 into the energy project EMR. g. To pursue the new lease for Fargo Road Play Park. 	<p>Fishing Rules to be posted at River Park. Clerk to transfer to ear marked reserves. Clerk to Chase.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. To note the playpark inspections for September and October 2023. i. To note the purchase of replacement SID's. j. To note the hiring of an assistant youth worker. k. To approve the council's response to Wiltshire Council's Local Plan. l. Not to appoint a volunteer Tree warden. m. The co-option of Cllr Wright to the Staffing Subcommittee for the duration of the consideration and recommendations following the LCC staffing and Governance review. n. The adoption of the National Joint Council for Government Services, National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service otherwise known as the "Green Book". 	
<p>93/23</p>	<p>PLANNING -</p> <p>There were no planning items.</p>	
<p>94/23</p>	<p>DISCUSSION –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Council are aware a Biodiversity policy is required by the end of the year. A draft policy will be prepared by the Clerk and circulated before the next meeting. b. Security and keys for the buildings was discussed. The Clerk confirmed there is a list of every key holder in the office and only regular hirers have keys. c. The old library site has been used to store the rubble from the churchyard wall, until it can be repaired. Wiltshire Council will then decide what is to happen to the site. Cllr Silk asked if the site could be considered for a community asset which could be used by local groups with a parking area at the front. Cllr Wright said it was unlikely Wiltshire Council would hand over the land when there is a need for affordable local housing. d. The Council discussed parking in the village, the tubs on Bulford Road were moved back into their original positions last week. The problems at the top of Bulford Road are due to the lack of parking provision and residents parking on the pavements. Parking on the high street was also discussed as people stop near the cash point at Sainsbury's and at the bus stop next to the village hall. The parking problems in the village were relayed to PC Mike 	<p>Clerk to prepare policy.</p>

	<p>Handscomb, the police can deal with offences but not inconsiderate parking. Issuing residents parking permits was considered. Amesbury are trialling leaflets to residents asking them to park respectfully which if they work the council could trial too.</p> <p>e. The council discussed having office 365 for all members, to set up a share point with different user areas. The Clerk will look into the cost of this for all members.</p>	Clerk to investigate
95/23	<p>CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence to discuss.</p>	
96/23	<p>The meeting moved into Confidential business under section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss the next item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information.</p>	
97/23	<p>THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 28th November 2023</p>	

_____ **CHAIRMAN** _____ **DATED.**