



# Wroughton Parish Council

*serving Downside, Redhill & Wroughton*

Newsletter 2023



## Your Parish Councillors:

- Maria Abdul-Wahab
- Georgie Bigg
- James Coffey
- Perran Jervis
- Simon Lovell
- John Morgan
- Joachim Steinbach
- Barrie Taylor (Acting-Chair and Chair of Planning Committee)
- Sarah Treweek
- Laurie Vaughn
- Helen Ward
- Deborah Yamanaka (Vice-Chair of Planning Committee)

## So, what is the Parish Council responsible for?

- Owns and manages, directly or indirectly, buildings such as the Memorial Hall, the caretaker's cottage, the old fire station and open spaces such as the Recreation Field with its Pavilion.
- Owns and is responsible for all the play equipment in Wroughton village. All equipment is inspected regularly, maintained and when needed, new equipment provided.
- Maintains various green spaces in Wroughton such as the Church Walk play area, the Glebe Field, Mike Bush Paddock, the old surgery site and the village Green in front of The Plough.
- The Planning Committee submits comments to NSC on planning applications in the parish.
- Owns 140 streetlights in the parish.
- Owns the Broad Street public toilets.
- Provides and empties 14 dog bins.
- Provides allotments for residents.
- Provides the Christmas Tree and lights on the Village Green as well as the lights for Redhill's Christmas tree.
- The Parish Council submits responses to many consultations. These cover a variety of topics, all of which have a direct local impact.

## So, what else has the Parish Council been doing over the last year?

- Obtained significant grant funding from North Somerset Council and Bristol Airport's Community Fund to install new play equipment on the Recreation Field. This was also partially match funded by the Parish Council.
- Provided funding for two youth clubs, run by the YMCA (at Barley Wood) and Young Bristol (Youth Club on Wheels at the Recreation Field, due to restart this Summer).
- Installed a new metal fence along Church Walk.
- Installed two replacement defibrillators for Redhill Village Hall and the Pavilion and have agreed to replace the unit at the Scout Hall with an updated model.
- The Parish Council has recently agreed to install 'part-night cells' to turn the streetlights off from midnight to 5.00am. This is for environmental reasons.
- Worked with NSC and District Councillor Hogg to agree a final design for a new footway and safety scheme in Silver Street. This was grant funded and has now been installed.
- Again worked with NSC and District Councillor Hogg to install parking restrictions in Church Road, Redhill, to try and combat airport parking.
- Continuing discussions with NSC and planning for the spending of the Section 106 money from Whiting Way (the Cox's Green development).
- Continued work on fighting Bristol Airport's expansion plans.
- Supported the appeal against a possible housing development at Butts Batch.
- Carried out essential tree works behind the Memorial Hall and at other green spaces.
- Continuing to support Rewilding Wroughton.
- Provided a new picnic bench outside the Pavilion.

## Make a change, become a Parish Councillor!

Local elections are taking place on 4 May.

This is an opportunity for you to represent your community and help shape it. Candidates can submit their nomination papers from 21 March to 4 April. For more information contact us or see our website.

### Parish Council Staff

Fiona Burke – Clerk

Judith Bishop – Assistant Clerk

Eddie Kinsey – Parish Orderly

### How to contact the Parish Council

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Every Parish Council meeting is open to the public and anyone can speak for a short, specified amount of time under public participation. It's helpful to let the Parish Clerk know in advance if possible.

### Parish Council Finances

The Parish Council's finances are strictly regulated and are subject to annual internal and external audits. Our accounts are available on request.

In 2022/23 grants were given to: Wrington Memorial Hall, Redhill Village Hall, Felton Village Hall, YMCA, Young Bristol, Royal British Legion, Bravo Medics, Great Western Ambulance Service, Parish Councils Airport Association, All Saints Church (for a 'Warm Room'), Wrington Village Fair for the Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch and for the Coronation Big Lunch. The Council welcomes grant applications from local organisations. Please get in touch.

### Finance Report 2022/23

As the Council's accounts for the financial year 2022/23 have not yet been finalised, the following is a brief forecast of the financial position on 31 March 2023.

#### INCOME

Precept	£119,481
Revenue Grant	£393
Capital Grants	£30,000
Community Infrastructure Levy	£0
Bank Interest	£491
Allotments	£754
Parks & Open Spaces	£109
Sundry	£0
Total Income (note 5)	<u>£151,227</u>

#### EXPENDITURE

Administration (note 1)	£61,599
Capital Expenditure (note 2)	£60,600
Allotments	£1,870
Play Areas & Open Spaces (note 3)	£19,539
Street Lighting	£11,881
Memorial Hall (note 4)	£18,047
Grants & Donations	£14,962
Public Conveniences	£3,720
Total Expenditure (note 5)	<u>£192,219</u>

Bank account balance at 28.02.23  
(minus unrepresented cheques)

£52,384

#### Notes

- 1 Includes: all office running costs, salaries, training, subscriptions, equipment maintenance, audit fees, bank charges, etc.
- 2 Silver Street Safety Scheme (funded by a grant from Bristol Airport Community Fund) and new play equipment for the Recreation Field (funded by North Somerset Council, Bristol Airport Community Fund and the Parish Council).
- 3 Includes play areas and open spaces maintenance, seats, bins, dog bin emptying, grass cutting, trees and the Village Orderly.
- 4 Includes the annual grant and buildings maintenance.
- 5 Historically the Parish Council has carried a high level of monetary reserves. A decision was taken a few years ago to use these reserves to fund ongoing projects, activities and maintenance. This explains why the expenditure in this financial year is higher than the income but still leaving a reasonable contingency fund.

