

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING
HELD IN WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2018**

Present: Cllrs: R Chandler, M Dury, M Godwin, N Kirk, C Lewis, P O'Leary, J Pearce, V Perry, District Cllr Paul May, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) Mrs M Watts (Assistant Clerk) & three members of the public.

Tony Griffin (Chair) was unable to attend the meeting it was resolved that Nick Kirk will Chair the meeting.

2018/116 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public said he had attended the recent public meeting held which he felt was well conducted and got the ball rolling on concerns regarding the proposals for this area and that he is interested to see how the Village Council works and what is going on locally.

Two residents spoke about the disruption, lack of sleep, mess and dirt they have been experiencing from the road resurfacing outside of their property from the new Bellway development. The foundations have been shaking, lights moving and the noise is unbearable until around 11.45pm, which is unacceptable when you get up for work at 4am.

The Clerk has already e-mailed B&NES regarding this issue and read out the response. The response was unsatisfactory and does not help residents in any way. It was felt that Bellway should come and speak to the residents directly and should have done this out of respect before the night time work commenced. This will be conveyed to B&NES and Bellway.

Members of the Village Council agreed that it is unacceptable how the residents have been treated and that they have every sympathy with them.

Mark Dury explained that as it has been announced that the Village Fete is ceasing after being run for 41 years, Whitchurch Cricket Club would like to engage more with the community so may step in and run some of the events the fete committee usually run. The discussions are in their infancy but he will keep the council updated.

It was reported that lots of telegraph poles have appeared in Staunton Fields and no one knows why.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

2018/117 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllr T Griffin who was unable to attend due to family commitments, this apology was agreed by all present.

**2018/118 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER
WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT
(ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)**

None received.

**2018/119 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

2018/120 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman)

2018/121 TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF SOUND EQUIPMENT AND A SNOW MACHINE FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sound equipment has been purchased, as it proved cheaper to buy it than to hire, we now have it for future events, together with a snow machine which proved successful at the recent Christmas Lights 'switch on' event. The total cost was 363.76, this was unanimously agreed and ratified by all Councillors. A note that the equipment should be PAT tested when this is next due. Cllr May suggested that this could be hired out to other parishes/groups at a cost, which it was agreed was a good idea.

2018/122 TO REVIEW THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT 'SWITCH ON' AND AGREE ANY CHANGES FOR 2019

This item was discussed at length, it was agreed it was again a very successful event with a great turn out, a couple of suggestions were made for 2019:-

Write to Toby Carvery Head Office asking if they could decorate the tree in their car park.

Arrange a run through with Whitchurch Primary School pupils beforehand so they are aware of where the microphones are etc.

The Clerk to write to Blachere, who the lights on the lampposts are hired from, expressing our disappointment at the service they have given us this year. Firstly the lights were not installed on the date requested, and then they did install them correctly and the lights did not come on.

It was agreed that Whitehall Garden Centre were a great help with the Christmas Tree's which are the best we have had, one tree they donated and the other was donated by the Fete Committee, our thanks to them both.

A huge vote of thanks was given to all of the volunteers involved, from putting the tree's and lights in place to helping with the 'switch on' event and also to the pupils and staff from Whitchurch Primary School and The Salvation Army, it would not take place without all the help received. A collection on the evening for The Bristol Children's Hospital Grand Appeal raised 150.00 and a donation of £100.00 has been sent to The Salvation Army.

2018/123 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB FOR A DONATION TOWARDS A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY HALL

A letter has been received from Whitchurch Village Short Mat Bowls Club, requesting a donation towards a defibrillator to be purchased for Whitchurch Village Community Centre. After a discussion, it was resolved that the Village Council would not be adverse to giving a donation towards a defibrillator and that a Grant Application Form is given to the SMBC to be completed.

2018/124 PLANNING AND TRAFFIC

a) To note the current Planning Application list.

The current Planning application listed in Appendix A, previously circulated to all Councillors was noted.

It was agreed that a vote of thanks be given to Cllr Paul May and Mary Walsh, who had both spoken at the Development Control meeting on behalf of the village, regarding the Bellway application for an additional 5 dwellings, which has been refused.

b) To receive an update on the request to extend the single yellow line in Staunton Lane.

As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk contacted B&NES with a request to extend the single yellow lines in Staunton Lane, on both sides of the road up to the cycle track. A response has been received stating that this proposal can be put forward for the next Traffic Regulation Order for this area, which is due for processing within the first quarter of the next financial year.

c) To receive updates on the B&NES Local Plan, JSP/JTP, B&NES consultation event, the public meeting held and agree actions required.

Paul May gave an update on the public meeting held on Tuesday 27th November, which around 300 people attended, not just residents of Whitchurch Village but from the surrounding area also. The media attended, there were reports on the TV, radio and in the Week In magazine after the event, which was good publicity.

Everyone was encouraged to respond to the consultation which ends on 7th January 2019. Several members of the council stated what an excellent meeting it was and how well Paul May spoke.

A huge thank you was expressed to all those who helped arrange the public meeting. It was also felt that the B&NES consultation meeting was very misleading as there were no names of roads/landmarks on any of the maps shown, so you would not have noticed that a roundabout is proposed to be built on the Playpark and Cricket pitch. It was resolved that the Clerk & Paul May will liaise with Jon Medlin to request he puts together a response to the consultation, which can then be ratified at the next Village Council meeting on 2nd January 2019.

The Joint Transport Plan will be consulted on separately starting in January 2019.

2018/125 CLERKS REPORT

The bollards on the pavement along the A37 in the centre of the village have been painted and the potholes filled in along Maggs Lane, as requested.

The planters around the village have been planted with winter plants, thanks to Ann Leach and Vi Perry.

The casual vacancy has now been advertised with the closing date of Weds 16th January 2019.

On the day Sturminster Road was closed there were two sets of roadworks being carried out in Staunton Lane which caused chaos. The Clerk contact B&NES who arranged for one of the holes to be backfilled to prevent the road being blocked and traffic to flow.

The Clerk and Mark Dury attended the SLCC Regional Training Seminar on Weds 28th November in Axbridge, which was a very good and informative event.

Correspondence

Details of Christmas & New Year rubbish collection changes have been circulated to all Councillors. No collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. Normal garden waste collections will start again on Monday 28th January, which is five weeks earlier than originally planned. Real Christmas trees can be put out between 28th January and 8th February on garden waste days (even if you do not have a green bin) and will be collected free of charge. They must be cut up small enough to fit in the lorry. B&NES have produced a new book as part of a community oral history project to commemorate the centenary of the First World War and have sent us a copy together with a copy of 'How We Remembered' a special souvenir magazine.

They have also sent some new posters to explain how to report flooding and who is responsible for watercourses.

Meetings

The Clerk and Nick Kirk are attending a CiL training session on Thursday 6th December from 6-7.30pm in the Somerdale Pavilion.

2018/126 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul May explained how he has been involved with setting the B&NES Council budget and that the situation is awful with a huge pressure from spending on Children's Services, of which he is responsible. They are trying to set a budget that will not harm too many services but it is very difficult.

2018/127 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

No Exclusive Rights of Burial this month.

2018/128 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts for December 2018

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 5th December 2018 as listed in Appendix B be paid.

Paul May left the meeting at 9.00pm.

2018/129 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON LIGHTING THE BEACON TO MARK THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW1

It was agreed that this was a good event with around forty people in attendance, the beacon was set alight, a piper played and a few words were spoken by a representative from the British Legion. It was resolved to thank those who helped organise this event especially the team who prepared the beacon and the lighting of it.

2018/130 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON 'BEING A GOOD COUNCILLOR' TRAINING ATTENDED

John Pearce recently attended this training and gave a report on it. He found it very informative and said that ALCA will come out and carry out this training to the whole Council, which he thought may be a good idea, as even if you have been on a course you may forget things. He thanked the Clerk for the way in which she carries out her role and said how important it is to reply to emails which are sent out requesting a response.

2018/131 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE CHEW VALLEY FORUM

Mark Dury attended this meeting at Chew Valley School and gave an update. The meeting was mostly about the budget, more Councillors from B&NES were in attendance. He explained that 81% of B&NES budget is spent on Child & Adult Social Care, leaving only 19% for everything else. He also said how he enjoyed the Regional Training Seminar and what a respected profession the Clerks job is.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Appendix A

PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 5th December 2018

APPLICATIONS

12/02/2018
18/00521/FUL

Mr Jan Birenat
18 Churchways, Whitchurch, BS14 0PL
Erection of 1no. attached dwelling to no.18
OBJECT – The increased use of the cul-de-sac turning head together with the generation of additional conflicting traffic movements, resulting from the proposed development, would be prejudicial to road safety.
Reason: Contrary to Policy T.24 of the BANES Local Plan
APPEAL REF: APP/F0114/W/18/3213565

12/11/2018

04/09/18
18/03703/FUL

Persimmon Homes
Land Rear of 7 & 8 Staunton Way, Whitchurch
Erection of four two storey dwellings
We note that the Bat activity report & Reptile survey were carried out in November 2014, which is four years ago, these should be updated and subject to nothing detrimental being raised, we have no objections to this application. In view of the existing planning permission, which has lapsed due to development not taking place within the agreed timescale, we would ask that a condition is added that if the site is not developed straight away the land is cleared and fencing erected as soon as possible.

24/10/2018
18/04717/FUL

Mr & Mrs Michael Parsons
25 Churchways, Whitchurch, BS14 0PL
Replacement of existing conservatory with extension to rear of property
SUPPORT

RESULTS

06/07/18
18/02898/FUL

Bellway Homes Ltd
Horseworld, Staunton Lane, Whitchurch, BS14 0QJ

Erection of 5no. residential units (including affordable housing) together with associated parking, highways and landscaping works.

OBJECT - To this application on the grounds that it was originally designated as an area for 'a new early year's facility'.

A new facility has been provided by private provider in the village but it is situated on a busy road and a considerable walk from the development site with no safe walking route provided, also there is no guarantee that it will be sufficient to meet the needs of the 200 homes and residents of the new development sites.

If this area is not used as an early years facility it should be reserved for a community provision or as a social amenity area as identified in the Whitchurch Village Neighbourhood Development Plan.

23/11/18

REFUSED

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 5th December 2018

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	70.24	11.70
Chq	J Medlin	Advice & action S106 £150.00 Advice & meetings JSP £270.00	420.00	
Chq	S.A.S (Bristol) Ltd	Equipment 'switch on'	336.00	56.00
Chq	Various	Salaries, travel expenses postage & stationery, refreshments 'switch on'	1,576.41	
Chq	WVCA	Rent & meetings November	220.50	
Chq	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	370.94	
Chq	H M Revenue Customs	Paye & NIC November	285.68	
Chq	Your Solutions	Maintenance	255.00	
Chq	APJ Griffin	Refreshments 'switch on'/ travel expenses 14.20	62.80	
Chq	V Perry	Expenses – Angel	37.57	

Chq	J Pearce	Sound equipment/ snow machine	363.76	
Chq	N Kirk	Christmas lights	55.98	
Chq	ALCA	Training course	60.00	
Chq	M Dury	Travel expenses x 2	27.00	
Chq	P O'Leary	Anti-virus software	24.98	
Chq	BA Leach	Plants for planters	39.99	
Chq	Bristol Business Forms Ltd	Flyers x 1200	104.88	
Chq	The Salvation Army	Donation	100.00	
Chq	The Grand Appeal	Collection – Xmas lights	150.00	
		Total Payments	£4,561.73	£67.70