

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING  
HELD IN WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2019**

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), T Griffin (Vice-Chair), R Chandler, M Donovan, M Dury, M Godwin, C Lewis, P O'Leary, V Perry, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) & Mrs M Watts (Clerk Assistant), two members of the public and District Councillor Paul May

**2019/176 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillors reported the following issues:-

Recent break in's at Whitchurch Cricket Club and in Saltwell Avenue, these have been reported to the Police.

The inadequate repairs of some of the pot holes in Staunton Lane.

The road surface in Church Road, which was resurfaced three years ago, are B&NES getting good value for the money they spend on this, as it needs totally resurfacing again.

Issues crossing the A37 to the Playpark, this has been brought up with B&NES on many occasions, a full review of the Woollard Lane junction was due to be carried out, including a safe crossing for pedestrians.

The overgrown hedge along the footpath in The Witheys.

The health and safety issues relating to the attenuation pond built on the new Bellway development, which is collecting rubbish and has no fencing around it.

**2019/177 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**2019/178 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER  
WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT  
(ADOPTED ON 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012)**

None received.

**2019/179 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS  
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2019/180 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman)

**2019/181 TO DISCUSS THE POSITION OF THE MILLENNIUM CLOCK AND AGREE  
THE WAY FORWARD**

It was resolved that the Millennium Clock does not look right in its present location and that if it is left where it is, in the garden of a house, there may well be some legal ownership issues. Therefore it should be put somewhere else in the village, possibly in the Millennium Garden, if both clock faces can be seen from the road. The Clerk to obtain a quote from Western Power to install electricity in this location. The exact location will then be discussed again at the May meeting.

**2019/182 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON PROPOSED VILLAGE EVENTS BEING  
ORGANISED**

It seems as though three organisations are planning to organise events for the August Bank holiday weekend, Whitchurch Cricket Club, Whitchurch & Pensford Royal British

Legion and Whitehall Garden Centre. An update was given by a member of the cricket club, they are planning to arrange a band on the Saturday evening and possibly a Barn Dance over the weekend, but they are still discussing the actual details. It was agreed that they will liaise with the other two organisations.

**Cllr John Pearce arrived at 7.55.p.m.**

### **2019/183 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

Another very successful clean up, around 30 volunteers including beavers, cubs and scouts from the 107<sup>th</sup> Bristol (Whitchurch) Scout Group, helping on the day. Around 25 bags of rubbish were collected from pavements, footpaths and open spaces around the village to make the area look clean and tidy. Refreshments were provided in Whitchurch Community Centre, with homemade cakes donated by a local resident and much appreciated by the volunteers after all their hard work. Several residents suggested we do this again in September, the Scout Group happy to help again with this. A vote of thanks was given by the Chairman to all those who took part.

### **2019/184 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.

#### **b) To agree a response to 19/01177/FUL – Ian Rideout, The Firs, Maggs Lane**

It was agreed to support this application and that Paul May will help with some wording to back up this support.

#### **c) To ratify the response to Appeal Ref: APP/F0114/W/18/3216550**

This response which had previously been circulated and agreed by all councillors was ratified. It was again agreed what an asset Jon Medlin is to the Council for his help with issues such as this.

#### **d) To note the comments sent in to the JTP4 consultation.**

The comments previously circulated, were noted. An invite to a meeting has been received from Steve George, Senior Planner, B&NES Council, in May, to receive an update on the JSP examination and progress with the B&NES Local Plan. It was agreed Weds 15<sup>th</sup> May is the best date for this meeting to take place and other specific details will be requested.

### **2019/185 CLERKS REPORT**

During the last month the following issues have been reported to B&NES:-

Fly tipping outside the playpark, 2 black bags left in Staunton Lane, which have been cleared. Pot holes in Staunton Lane, some were filled in but there are lots more yet to be dealt with, give way sign in Sleep Lane which has been damaged, blocked drain in Sleep Lane, which has been cleared.

B&NES are asking for feedback on amendments to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document with particular reference to Green Infrastructure and CiL.

The Clerk has written to Mitchells & Butler, who own the Maes Knoll Toby Carvery, asking if they will install Christmas Lights in the tree in the car park this year.

#### **Correspondence**

A request from Clutton Flower Show organiser for a vintage American car, does anyone know who has one of these in the village.

Maggs Lane will be closed from 8<sup>th</sup> April for a maximum of 4 days but it is anticipated the work will take 2 days.

Bristol City Council are consulting on the Bristol Local Plan Review details of which can be found on their website. Closing date for comments 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **2019/186 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES**

Paul May explained that the public meeting in the village went well. He has carried out a survey to update the Neighbourhood Plan survey and to obtain up to date evidence. 100 replies have been received, the majority of replies received are against the road and bungalows are requested to be built in the village.

He has been speaking to the organisers of the Wrong Road Group encouraging them to send in objections to the JTP4.

He advised that the nursing home in the village has received a negative report from the CQC.

The Clean Air Zone in Bath has now been amended to redesign parts of the road network and not charge £9 for residents.

He thanked the village council members for all their support.

### **2019/187 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)**

#### **a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial**

Gwynne Ronald James                      Plot No. F129                      Deed No.1406  
(Ref: Violet Lilian James)

Eileen Kibble                                      Plot No. F275                      Deed No.1407  
(Ref: Ann Jennifer Bennett)

M Dury proposed, R Chandler seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

#### **b) To receive an update on the pathways/roadway at the cemetery**

Rachel Chandler has spoken with the contractor M Babbage & Son and has agreed a price £550.00 cheaper. A vote of thanks was given to Rachel for achieving this saving. The order has now been placed and the work will be carried out in June.

#### **c) To consider a request for a full size grave for ashes casket interments**

A letter was read out by the Clerk from a mother whose daughter has recently suddenly passed away, asking if she can purchase a grave to inter caskets of ashes for her daughter and other family members.

It was resolved that, although this is not standard practice, on this occasion and in the circumstances, the request will be granted.

#### **d) To receive updates on the Playpark refurbishment**

A working party meeting has been held where items of play equipment were viewed from other playparks, it was agreed to possibly extend the area for Play equipment with new fencing and gates surrounding this area. Early explorative proposals will be sought from Playpark providers including a MUGA (Multi-use games area). These will then be able to be consulted on before actual tenders are sought.

#### **e) To receive an update on the allotment site**

Five allotments plots became available this year and to date four of these have been taken with several people still interested in plots. So hopefully in the next couple of weeks they will all have been taken.

## 2019/188 FINANCE

### a) To note and agree the payment of accounts for April 2019

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, as listed in Appendix B be paid.

### b) To receive and agree any quotes received for: - painting the rusting gate, lighting on the cycle track, painting finger posts, refurbishing the Millennium Garden

Lee Gillam will paint the rusting gate on the cycle track, he has quoted £379.00 to paint the four fingerposts in the village, it was resolved to go ahead with this from CiL funds. The Clerk has been in touch with Sustran to find out their policy on lighting on cycle paths but has not received a reply to date. A plan and quotation for refurbishing the Millennium Garden has been received. It was resolved to investigate this further, meet with the contractor to discuss this in more detail.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## Appendix A APPLICATIONS

23/05/2018  
18/01845/FUL

Mr Jan Birenet  
Avon Accident Auto Repair Garage, Staunton Lane, Whitchurch  
Erection of 8no. dwellings with associated soft/hard landscape works, access improvements, parking and drainage following demolition of existing buildings.  
**OBJECT – Within the RA1 & RA5 of the approved Core Strategy the village has fulfilled its housing need and there is no evidence to indicate that more housing is required at the expense of employment, especially 4 bed dwellings which will be provided on the adjacent Horseworld development. Policy WV 1.5 Retain employment in the village  
It is outside the Housing Development boundary. WV 2.1 b)**  
31/07/2018 **REFUSED**  
27/02/2019 **APPEAL REF: F0114/W/18/3216550**  
27/03/2019 **COMMENTS SENT TO PLANNING INSPECTORATE**  
**See document attached to planning application.**

04/09/18  
18/03703/FUL

Persimmon Homes  
Land Rear of 7 & 8 Staunton Way, Whitchurch  
Erection of four two storey dwellings  
**COMMENTS - 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.**

21/12/18  
18/05105/FUL

Mr Jan Birenet  
Avon Accident Repair Garage, Staunton Lane, BS14 0QL  
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 8no. dwellings (including 2no affordable housing units) with associated soft/hard landscape works, access improvements, parking and drainage.  
**OBJECT – Within the RA1 & RA5 of the approved Core Strategy the village has fulfilled its housing need and there is no evidence to indicate that more housing is required at the expense of employment, especially 4 bed dwellings which will be provided on the adjacent Horseworld development site. The NDP Policies WV 1.5 Retain employment in the village and as it is outside the Housing Development boundary. WV 2.1 b) should both be taken into account when considering this application.**

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 years 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.**

05/02/19  
27/02/19

**APPEAL REF: APP/F0114/W/18/3219356  
COMMENTS SENT TO PLANNING INSPECTORATE –  
See document attached to planning application.**

22/03/19  
19/01177/FUL

Mr Ian Rideout  
The Firs, Maggs Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PH  
Provision of loft conversion. (Resubmission)

## Appendix B

### MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE; 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2019

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	49.44	8.24
Chq	Apollo Cleaning	PAT testing Jan 2019	31.32	5.22
Chq	Various	Salaries, keys cut, travel expenses, postage & stationery	1,583.68	
Chq	WVCA	Rent & meetings February	220.50	
Chq	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	399.55	
Chq	H M Revenue Customs	Paye & NIC March	322.13	
Chq	Your Solutions	Maintenance, seeding etc	818.00	
Chq	J Medlin	Professional planning advice	480.00	
Chq	Mr APJ Griffin	Expenses – election	14.30	
Chq	Bristol Business Forms Ltd	Printing newsletter	78.48	13.08
Chq	SSE	Electric xmas lights	46.42	7.73
Chq	ALCA	Annual subscription	270.12	
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>£4,313.94</b>	<b>£34.27</b>