

MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD IN WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2019

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman) T Griffin (Vice-Chairman), S Bryant, R Chandler, M Donovan, M Dury, P Orchard, V Perry, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk), Mrs M Watts (Assistant Clerk) District Councillor Paul May

2019/115 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul May explained that the Headmaster of Whitchurch Primary School was going to come along and speak about plans for the piece of land at the rear of the school.

He was unable to attend this evening so will come along on 8th January.

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors for their hard work and commitment during 2019, he stated how well the two new Councillors have fitted in and got involved and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

2019/116 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs C Lewis, P O'Leary & J Pearce who are unable to attend the meeting due to family commitments. These apologies and the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present at the meeting.

2019/117 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

Cllr M Dury declared an interest in item 12. b).

2019/118 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)

None received.

2019/119 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

2019/120 TO AGREE MEETING DATES FOR 2020

The list of dates for 2020, which had previously been circulated, were agreed.

2019/121 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOX

We are still waiting to hear from St Nicholas Church and the British Legion, who both have meetings soon, as to whether they will allow a small library box to be placed on their building somewhere. Councillors are still not happy that the box cannot be installed at the Community Centre.

2019/122 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT

The Clerk has collect five sets of litter picking equipment from Erica, Keynsham Wombles, these can be given out to Councillors or residents who would like to carry out regular individual litter picks. Any litter collected should then be placed by a B&NES litter bin and it will then be collected when the bin is emptied. Tony Griffin has priced up other equipment which can be purchased if we have somewhere to store it.

Sharon Bryant pointed out there is no litter bin by the bus shelter near Saltwell Avenue and asked if one could be requested. The Clerk and Paul May will look into this further.

2019/123 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MILLENNIUM CLOCK AND AGREE ANY FURTHER COSTS

A quote has now been received from Northavon Group but again it states that the Client will supply statutory service plans. B&NES have now supplied these for us. The Clerk will now contact both companies we have received quotes from to check they have the appropriate insurance and license.

2019/124 TO AGREE A DATE TO MEET TO DISCUSS ORGANISING VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS

It was agreed a meeting will be held on Monday 13th January at 7.30pm to discuss this further and start making plans for this event on Friday 8th May.

2019/125 TO NOTE PLANS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT AND AGREE ACTIONS REQUIRED

Tony gave an update on the run through held and it was agreed to meet at 5.30pm on 6th December to set up. A reminder that the Christmas Lights competition will be judged on Weds 11th December.

2019/126 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.

Mark Dury left the meeting.

b) To note the state of the land in Staunton Way and agree the way forward with complaints received regarding this.

The Chairman explained that he has received complaints about the state of this piece of land, which is like a wilderness. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the developer asking when he plans to start building, as he has just been granted permission. Also stating that the land needs to be cleared as we are receiving complaints about the state of it.

Mark Dury returned to the meeting.

c) To consider the request from a resident to support no parking on one side of Staunton Fields

After a long discussion regarding this proposal from a resident, it was agreed that the Village Council members could not support this request. They appreciate the resident's point of view but feel it will move the problem further into Staunton Fields. They feel that they must look at the wider picture on parking in the village. In the village as a whole there is an increasing demand for double yellow lines, which if installed puts extra demands for parking elsewhere in the village.

2019/127 CLERKS REPORT

During the last month the blocked drain in Sleep Lane has been cleared by B&NES, although there is still a problem with water in Sleep Lane, which a resident has reported to Bristol Water and they are investigating.

The road surface in Staunton Lane is still a cause for concern and this has been put on the list for possible resurfacing by B&NES Council.

The WVCA are looking for new Committee members, the Chairman has recently resigned due to illness.

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding an awful smell in Hamilton Way. A drainage engineer has attended and carried out tests on behalf of Barratt Homes but could not find the cause. This has now been referred to B&NES Planning department to investigate further.

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding food waste being thrown out to feed birds. The resident has reported this to B&NES cleansing and environmental health departments, who are looking into this allegation.

A resident has reported the faded yellow box at the junction of A37 & Church Road, B&NES have replied stating the junction is not considered to be high priority as it is controlled by traffic lights. However, they are reviewing the area under their 2020/2021 Capital programme for resurfacing and no works will take place until a decision has been made.

Two Councillors attend the Annual meeting at Bristol Airport earlier in the week.

2019/128 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul explained that not much has happened during the last month as it has been in purdah. There is a meeting scheduled for 16th December to discuss the JSP. He is keeping up to date with the Resourceful Earth planning application. He has received two complaints about the new village signs.

2019/129 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

None this month.

b) To consider a request to place a bench in Whitchurch Cemetery.

A request has been received from a family who would like to place a bench at the cemetery. It was agreed that a bench can be installed but must be fixed, the location to be agreed with the Clerk. The family will be given information on its future maintenance which must be agreed before it is installed.

c) To receive a report on the Playfield/Cemetery/Allotment Committee meeting.

An update on the above committee meeting held on 27th November was given by the Chair, Matt Donovan. This included the budget figures for 2020/2021 and an update on the Playpark.

d) To agree a date for the working party to meet to discuss the playpark refurbishment consultation results and agree the next stage on this project.

It was resolved that a meeting will be held on Weds 22nd January to progress this further.

2019/130 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 4th December 2019

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 4th December as listed in Appendix B be paid and that Cllrs M Dury & V Perry signed the cheques.

Paul May declared an interest in the next item

b) To consider and agree the Avon Pension Fund employers options following the 2019 Valuation results

The Clerk has spoken to someone at Avon Pensions Fund and explained what effect exercising the three options would have. It was agreed to go with the default options.

Meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2020

**Appendix A
PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 4th December 2019
APPLICATIONS**

09/09/2019 19/02919/MINW	<p>Resourceful Earth Ltd, Charlton Field Lane, Queen Charlton A revised layout and design to the existing AD Plant (approved under `13/04126/MINW) with removal of all bund walling, ponds and soli & stock piles on site with introduction of hard standing, parking, bund walling, silage clamps CNG gas compressing compound, digestate storage bunker etc.</p> <p>OBJECT - Whitchurch Village Council support the comments of Compton Dando Parish Council. "Until the matters raised by B&NES Council Landscape Environments Team and Drainage and Flooding Team are addressed, and a full Environment Impact Assessment together with the ecology reports detailing bat roosting and feeding zone information are also addressed, the Village Council feel unable to consider the application fully. Matters relating to highways and traffic safety implications highlighted in the Highway Development Control response, also need addressing in order for the Village Council to fully consider the application."</p> <p>At this stage we would not wish to see increased HGV traffic along local country lanes.</p> <p>Our local councillor Paul May will be meeting with Chris Gomm to further discuss this application to include neighbouring areas.</p>
16/10/2018 18/04618/CLPU	<p>Mr Stephen Reed Moret, Hursley Hill, Whitchurch</p> <p>REFUSED</p>
23/10/2019	<p>APPEAL REF: APP/F0114/X/19/3232969</p>
RESULTS	
09/09/2019 19/03580/VAR	<p>Bristol Barbarians RFC Norton Lane, Whitchurch, BS14 0BT Variation of condition 4 (plans list) of application 17/02398/FUL (Erection of new club house, facilities and associated works)</p> <p>SUPPORT this application which is a reduction in size to the original application approved.</p>
11/11/2019	<p>PERMITTED</p>
17/07/2019 19/03138/FUL	<p>ROMO Ltd Land Rear of 7 and 8 Staunton Way, Whitchurch Erection of 6no 2 bed dwellings and 1no bed dwelling</p> <p>OBJECT - Although we are not opposed to development on this site, it is felt that the application for 7 dwellings is an over-development of the site.</p> <p>NP Policy WV 1.1 - Village Design should be taken into account, as we believe this development would cause a cramped appearance and is not taking into account adequate scale, spacing and layout of the site.</p> <p>If B&NES are mindful to permit this development conditions should be included on construction traffic, deliveries to the site and construction times set out, due to it's close proximity</p>

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to existing dwellings and the affect it will have on existing residents.
PERMITTED

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS DATE: 4th December 2019

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	52.80	8.80
Chq	Whitehall Garden Centre	Christmas Trees	189.60	
Chq	Mr J Pearce	Allotment key refund	10.00	
Chq	Various	Salaries, postage, stationery, travel expenses, computer security, spray for defib & Christmas switch on	1,625.07	
Chq	WVCA	Rent & meetings Nov	211.50	
Chq	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	405.65	
Chq	H M Revenue Customs	Paye & NIC Nov	264.82	
Chq	Your Solutions	Maintenance	412.00	
Chq	Bristol Business	Leaflets	116.20	
(Chq	B A Leach	Plants & compost for planters	22.98	
	already included in November, cheque lost in post so re-issued)			
Chq	APJ & TC Griffin	Refreshments Christmas Lights switch on event	67.59	
Chq	Batemans Skips	Skip @cemetery	288.00	48.00
Total Payments			£3,643.23	£56.80