

MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD IN WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2020

Present: Cllrs: S Bryant, R Chandler, M Dury, P O'Leary, C Lewis, J Pearce, V Perry, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk), Mrs M Watts (Assistant Clerk) District Councillor Paul May B&NES & seven members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman, it was resolved that Cllr M Dury would be Chairman of the meeting.

2020/131 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020 and asked the members of the public if they would like to speak in turn.

A Planning Consultant representing a resident spoke about a planning application, which will be considered later in the meeting and answered questions from several Councillors about it.

Carl Hornsby the Headmaster of Whitchurch Primary School presented his proposal for turning the piece of land at the rear of the school into a Forest School, to be used by community groups as well as the school. He then answered questions on this.

A resident explained how she is going to put in an application for change of use of a barn to be used for Airbnb and as a meeting room. Several Councillors asked questions about the application and parking concerns, which were answered.

A resident explained how he was not happy that the Village Council would not support his request for more double yellow lines to be installed in Staunton Fields.

The Chairman thanked all the participants for their comments.

Four members of the public left the meeting.

2020/132 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs N Kirk, T Griffin, M Donovan & P Orchard, who are unable to attend the meeting due to family commitments and illness. These apologies and the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present at the meeting.

2020/133 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) & c), S Bryant & P O'Leary declared an interest in 12. b).

2020/134 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)

None received.

2020/135 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2019, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by M Dury (Chairman).

2020/136 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOX

The Clerk has not heard from either the British Legion or St Nicholas Church regarding this. Two Councillors would like to go along to the next Whitchurch Village Community

Association meeting to put a proposal directly to the committee and suggest a six months trial. The Clerk to ask if this is possible.

2020/137 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE MILLENNIUM CLOCK AND AGREE ANY FURTHER COSTS

The Clerk met with another contractor and has received a quote of £2,200 saying they should be able to complete this as soon as possible. It was agreed the Clerk will check the relevant license has been applied for and if all is in order to go ahead with this.

2020/138 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.

2020/139 TO REVIEW THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT & COMPETITION AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED

It was agreed that this was a huge success. Actions for this year: - need to perfect crossing the roads with headsets/mobiles and a marshal needs to stand in Church Road. It was agreed Friday 4th December at 7pm will be the date for this years 'switch on'. The Clerk to book the Salvation Army Band for carol singing and St Nicholas Church hall.

The Chairman thanked all those who helped with this event and the Clerk with organising it all.

2020/140 TO CONSIDER CHANGING ONE OF THE BENCHES IN THE MILLENNIUM GARDEN

It was agreed to change one of the benches installed in the Millennium Garden to a pine wooden bench with a back and arms, cost approx. £210.00 and the small bench to be moved to the cemetery.

2020/141 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY CARL HORNSBY, HEAD OF WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR A 'FOREST SCHOOL' AREA ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND FINANCIAL HELP TOWARDS THIS PROJECT

The proposal was considered, it was agreed that it would be an excellent use of the land, especially if it can be used by other community groups as well as the school. This would create a new green space in line with the Neighbourhood Plan objectives and exactly what CiL funds should be spent on. The Clerk to request a Business Plan together with the exact cost of the project, where other funding is coming from and a specific amount required from the Village Council. The proposal can then be considered again.

2020/142 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.

M Dury, S Bryant & P O'Leary left the meeting and J Pearce took over as Chairman for the next item.

b) To consider and agree a response to planning applications:-

19/05416/FUL – Mr Kevin Genge, 12 Saltwell Avenue – Conversion of detached garage into an ancillary annex (Retrospective)

It was resolved to support this application which is on the footprint of an existing garage.

The three Councillors returned to the meeting, M Dury took over as Chairman and two members of the public left the meeting.

19/05461/8FUL – Mr Dean Edwards, 149 Bristol Road – Erection of two storey side and rear extension with single storey and internal works
It was resolved to support this application which is within the HDB

c) To note the reply received from the developer regarding the land in Staunton Way

The reply from the developer was read out stating that the building contractor is keen to clear the site but has to comply with ecological issues first. This information was noted.

d) To consider and agree an option to overcome the issue of the 30mph signs on the A37

The three options were considered, one Councillor has carried out some investigation into signs with black rings around it and didn't think this would be acceptable to the police. It was resolved to replace the red 30mph sign with the village logo, as the police will not allow it as it is at present.

e) To note the brief on the B&NES Local Plan

The brief which was issued just before Christmas was noted. Paul May informed the meeting that he will be attending a B&NES Council meeting next Thursday and is arranging for several Whitchurch Village residents to speak at the meeting. Paul is working with the Liberal Democrats on development and to ensure they realise that Whitchurch Village is not the place for a strategic site.
The Chairman thanked Paul for all his work on this.

C Lewis left the meeting.

2020/143 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk met the Highways Engineer, B&NES Council and asked again about the road surface in Staunton Lane, which is a real cause for concern, this has been put on the list for resurfacing by B&NES Council, but as yet it has not been decided when or whether this is to be carried out. Paul May will contact B&NES to let them know how dangerous this stretch of road has become. B&NES Parks department will be cutting the overgrown vegetation along the footpath in The Witheys.

The 365 Van sign placed on Sleep Lane on Christmas Eve, which complaints were received about, has now been removed. Paul May contacted Planning Enforcement regarding this and the Clerk asked the company to move it.

Last year the government introduced regulations for public sector bodies' websites, which is applicable to local councils. For websites published before 23 September 2018, they will need to be compliant by 23 September 2020. I have asked Martin, who runs the website to look at the regulations and he says this is something he can organise and it will take about half a day in the office to complete.

ALCA have asked for expressions of interest in organising a Climate Emergency Action Day workshop. Whether the council are interested in attending this and how many people would possibly like to attend.

The SLCC Regional Conference is being held in Bristol on Weds 25th November, last time it was held here it was oversubscribed and we missed out. Do any Councillors wish to attend this?

NALC have sent a consultation document the Home Office has issued on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. This is an eighteen question document.

Meetings

Playpark refurbishment working party is booked for Weds 22nd January at 7.30pm.

Keynsham Area Forum is on Thursday 23rd January at 6.30pm.

Finance meeting is booked for Weds 29th January at 7.30pm.

Keynsham Dial-a-Ride meeting is on Weds 22nd January at 6.30.p.m.

2020/144 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul explained how the residents of Orchard Park have contacted him as since the new development has been built on Staunton Lane the private entrance road to Orchard Park now floods. Residents have tried to contact the developer but with no success. Paul will contact B&NES Planning department to see if they can help with this issue.

2020/145 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

Teresa Kavanagh Plot No. G93 Deed No. 1416
Ref: (Paul Joseph Kavanagh)

Ashley Beardmore Plot No. G224 Deed No. 1417
Ref: (Hayley Nadine Beardmore)

Joanna Katherine Forde Plot No. G202 Deed No. 1418
Ref: (Michael Peter Forde)

J Pearce proposed, P O'Leary seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

b) To note the date for the working party to meet to discuss the playpark refurbishment consultation results and the way forward

It was noted that a meeting is booked for Weds 22nd January at 7.30pm.

2020/146 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 8th January 2020

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 8th January 2020, as listed in Appendix B be paid and that Cllrs N Kirk & V Perry signed the cheques.

b) To note the date of the Finance Committee meeting to set the budget

It was noted this has been arranged for Wednesday 29th January at 7.30.p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020

Appendix A
PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 8th January 2020
APPLICATIONS

09/09/2019 19/02919/MINW	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. 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." At this stage we would not wish to see increased HGV traffic along local country lanes. Our local councillor Paul May will be meeting with Chris Gomm to further discuss this application to include neighbouring areas.
16/10/2018 18/04618/CLPU	Mr Stephen Reed Moret, Hursley Hill, Whitchurch REFUSED
23/10/2019	APPEAL REF: APP/F0114/X/19/3232969
16/12/2019 19/05416/FUL	Mr Kevin Genge 12, Saltwell Avenue, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PE Conversion of detached garage into an ancillary annex (Retrospective)
18/12/2019 19/05461/FUL	Mr Dean Edwards 149, Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PU Erection of two storey side and rear extension with single storey and internal works.

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 8th JANUARY 2020

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	52.80	8.80
Chq	Blachere Illum	Christmas Lights installation	1,021.20	170.20
Chq	J Belnavis	Allotment key refund	10.00	
Chq	WVCG	Allotment key refund (G Viner)	10.00	
Chq	Bristol Mind	Donations from 'Switch on'	220.00	
Chq	John Day	Electricity Xmas lights	60.00	
Chq	Various	Salaries, postage, travel expenses & competition prizes	1,583.27	
Chq	WVCA	Rent & meetings December	202.50	
Chq	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	405.65	
Chq	H M Revenue Customs	Paye & NIC Dec	261.22	
Chq	Your Solutions	Maintenance	192.50	
Chq	GB Sport & Leisure	Playpark inspection	48.00	8.00
Chq	S.A.S (Bristol) Ltd	Equipment light switch on	372.00	62.00
Chq	Mr M Dury	Travel expenses	10.35	
Chq	C & R Fencing	Fencing at Playpark	1,354.80	225.00
Chq	SLCC	Membership fees	180.00	
Chq	Nathan Coffin	Overhaul & paint clock	850.00	
Total Payments			£6,834.29	£56.80