

MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL VIRTUAL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2020

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), T Griffin (Vice-Chairman), S Bryant, R Chandler, M Donovan, M Dury, C Lewis, P O'Leary, V Perry, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) & District Councillor Paul May B&NES.

2020/01 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, no members of the public joined.

2020/02 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies have been received.

2020/03 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

Cllr Mark Dury declared an interest in agenda item 8.

Cllr John Pearce joined the meeting

2020/04 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)

None received.

2020/05 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st APRIL 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2020, previously circulated, were agreed and will be signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

2020/06 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME

The Clerk gave an update on how the scheme is going; to date around 22 households have been helped and 42 trips made by volunteers from the Village Council, either to collect shopping or medication. Residents are very appreciative of the service being offered. The village shop is now very well stocked and is being used by residents regularly, they are also providing an excellent service for the community. Food boxes have started to be delivered to vulnerable residents, B&NES do not know who are delivering them, and so we think they are coming straight from the Government. Some residents either do not need them or are unable to eat the food supplied, so are donating them to the village shop, who will take the items to the local food bank.

Cllr Pat Orchard joined the meeting

2020/07 TO RESOLVE TO ADOPT THE SUPPLEMENTARY STANDING ORDERS TO MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HOLDINGS OF REMOTE MEETINGS, THIS LASTS UNTIL MAY 7th, 2021 OR THE REPEAL OF LEGISLATION WHICHEVER IS THE EARLIER

The supplementary document, previously circulated, was adopted by resolution and expires on 7th May 2021.

Cllr Mark Dury was put into the waiting room for the next item on the agenda

2020/08 TO AGREE A TEMPORARY CONTRACT FOR A NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

A draft of the temporary contract has previously been circulated to all Councillors, holiday entitlement was discussed and a proposal put forward that any holiday entitlement is paid on top of the hourly rate, rather than holiday being actual taken. It was resolved to pass this proposal, the Clerk to amend the contract accordingly, it will then need to be signed by Jane Dury & the Chairman.

Cllr Colette Lewis left the meeting

Cllr Mark Dury re-joined the meeting.

2020/09 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 consider and agree a response to B&NES Local Plan review

Paul May gave an update on the review, responses are due by 1st June 2020.

To date the JSP has been withdrawn, as far as Whitchurch Village is concerned the strategic allocation of 200 dwellings on the Horseworld site have been delivered, the Green Belt has already been reviewed and in line with the NPPF there should be no further review.

Councillors feel that it is an inappropriate time to be carrying out this review and very insensitive timing, not everyone has online facilities to receive and respond to the information.

It was resolved the Clerk together with the help of Paul May will send a suitably worded response to this consultation and that Jon Medlin, Planning Consultant could be asked to help if required.

Cllr Colette Lewis re-joined the meeting

2020/10 CLERKS REPORT

Several complaints have been received about the speed of traffic on the A37 through the village. This has been reported this to the police and a reply received - 'this is becoming a familiar complaint in most places but the team will be asked to give Whitchurch Village some attention'.

The Defibrillator has now had to be registered with South Western Ambulance Service and weekly and monthly reports completed and sent directly to them. A new requirement is that there should be a spare set of pads in the cabinet, so a cheque has been drawn up this month to purchase another set.

The Audit has been completed and is with the Internal Auditor & the end of year pension figures have been imputed and signed off.

2020/11 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul explained that B&NES are supplying grants to small businesses, to help them in the current situation and have many other services, residents need to contact them if they are in need. They have already advised that they will be fifty million short and there will be tough times ahead. There is a B&NES Council virtual meeting on 26th May.

There is bad feeling about Bristol Airport, the planning application was rejected by North Somerset Council but they are planning extra night flights during the summer.

Part of Staunton Lane is planned to be resurfaced at the beginning of July.

Several Councillors asked Paul to send their compliments to Waste Services, they have provided an excellent service throughout this pandemic in collecting waste and recycling in the village, also the green bin collection which has now resumed.

Paul agreed to send on these comments, which he is sure will be much appreciated.

2020/12 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

Gillian Sarkozi Plot No. G342 Deed No. 1421
Ref: (Christopher Michael Lazlo Sarkozi)

David Sperring Plot No. G285 Deed No. 1422
Ref: (Jean Sperring)

Moya Marks Plot No. F15 Deed No. 1423
Ref: (Christine Carr)

Carolyn Rogers Plot No. D137 Deed No. 1424
Ref: (Glenda Hawker)

S Bryant proposed, P Orchard seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

b) To receive an update on the Playpark refurbishment tender

A response has been received from Paul Pearce, Team Leader B&NES Parks and Trees stating:-

'Under the current circumstance a delay in this process is perfectly reasonable; but it would be sensible for get the tenders ready to go out as soon as you can. I think that many play companies are still submitting tenders for work. So – yes, a delay in the project is fine but keep us posted on the progress'

It was resolved that the Clerk should get the tender completed, plan a working party virtual meeting in the next couple of weeks to check the tender and amend the timings. Also that a clause should be added that if not enough responses are received then it can be submitted again when the pandemic is over.

c) To consider adding criteria to the allotment waiting list

The Clerk explained that there is now a waiting list for allotments, with quite a few recent enquiries.

It was agreed the following criteria is adhered to when allocating new plots:-

1. Residents of Whitchurch Village, new plot holders.
2. Residents of Whitchurch Village, with an existing allotment plot.
3. Those living outside Whitchurch Village.

2020/13 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 6th May 2020

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 6th May 2020, as listed in Appendix B be paid and that Cllrs N Kirk & R Chandler will sign the cheques.

b) To consider the responses received regarding the request for funding for a Forest School from Whitchurch Primary School and agree funding for this project

The information requested on 11th March 2020 has not been received from Mr Hornsby, Head teacher, it was therefore agreed that no decisions can be made until a response is provided.

Meeting ended at 8.30.p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Appendix A
PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 6th MAY 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.

05/05/2020
20/00428/FUL

Ms Faye Dicker
127 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, BS14 0PU
Change of use of barn to be used for occasional use for Airbnb and/or as a meeting space.

OBJECT - In the delegated report for the original changes permitted for the barn it states that is shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential dwelling known as 127 Bristol Road and shall not be occupied as an independent dwelling unit.

The reason states: The accommodation approved is not capable of independent occupation without adverse impact on the amenities of existing or future residential occupiers contrary to Policy D6 of the B&NES Placemaking Plan. Policy D6 should be taken into account for the change of used of the barn to be used for Airbnb and/or as a meeting place. The level of privacy to existing properties in Blackacre will be compromised with the overlooking of their properties, either from Airbnb guests or people using the barn for meetings. This would therefore be contrary to Policy D6. b). There are no plans for the provision of parking if the barn is used for Airbnb or a meeting/workshop. There is very limited residential parking in Whitchurch Village and complaints are frequently received from residents regarding this issue. There is one bus service which runs from Wells to the centre of Bristol but if people are travelling from anywhere other than this they will be reliant on using their cars.

Policy ST7 of B&NES Placemaking Plan - Parking b) there should be no increase in on-street parking in the vicinity of the site which would affect highway safety and/or residential amenity. This policy will not be adhered to if permission is granted for a meeting space.

06/03/2020
20/00897/FUL

Parkstone Estates (Chippenham) Ltd
89 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, BS14 0PS
Demolition of existing storage building and erection of 2no 2bed flats.

OBJECT – to this application for the following reasons:-

Within the RA1 & RA5 of the approved Core Strategy the village has fulfilled its development needs and there is no evidence to indicate that further housing is required at the expense of a business property. A developer has been unable to sell recently built dwellings in this location and has taken over a year to rent them, showing there is no evidence to support more development is required.

Policy WV 1.5 – Retain employment in the village

The above numbered policy in the Whitchurch Village Neighbourhood Development Plan has not been adhered to. This storage building has not been marketed as stated in this policy. A change of use from commercial to residential is detrimental to the sustainability of our village.

Policy WV4.3 - Traffic and Safety

The above policy should also be taken into consideration, as there will be an increase of traffic movement in and out of a small obscured entrance onto the busy A37 road. Also vehicles driving in and out of the proposed properties will cross a pedestrian footpath which is used by pupils of the local village pre-school and primary school, causing a safety issue and obstructing a safe route to school.

Small satellite businesses are essential to villages in B&NES, as has been shown at the present time, when they have been able to step up with providing food supplies to the vulnerable residents in our villages.

RESULTS

05/02/2020
20/00452/FUL

Mama Bear's Day Nursery
59 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, BS14 0PU
Erection of single-storey extension to existing nursery facility, with associated works. Landscaping proposals to alter play area and car parking arrangements.

PERMITTED

06/03/2020
20/00913/FUL

Mrs Saunders
30 Hamilton Way, Whitchurch, BS14 0SZ
Erection of hipped roof conservatory to rear dwelling

PERMITTED

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 6th May 2020

D/D	Southern Electric	Electricity Clock	39.53	1.88
D/D	Water Business	Water – Cemetery	24.23	
D/D	Water Business	Water – Allotments	17.59	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	52.80	8.80
Chq	ICCM	Membership	95.00	
Chq	Various	Salaries, postage & travel expenses	1,822.13	
Chq	WVCA	Rent & meetings April	180.00	
Chq	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	378.41	
Chq	H M Revenue Customs	Paye & NIC April	367.54	
Chq	Your Solutions	Maintenance	610.00	
Chq	Martin Francis	Website updates & hosting	128.50	
Chq	AED Locator	Replacement pad pack	130.68	21.78
Chq	Kn office supplies	Stationery	87.50	14.58
Total Payments			£3,933.91	£47.04