

MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL VIRTUAL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2021

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), T Griffin (Vice Chair) S Bryant, R Chandler, M Dury, C Lewis, P O'Leary, J Pearce, V Perry,
Mrs S Dyer (Clerk), District Councillor Paul May B&NES & one member of the public.

2021/105 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Councillor explained that a Police Enforcement Officer on a motorbike was in the village on Sunday morning checking the speed of traffic. He explained to the Councillor how fixed speed signs are ineffective in catching speeding vehicles but that roaming speed cameras are.

Another Councillor has reported the rubbish in Maggs Lane to B&NES and has received a reply to say they will send someone out to clear it.

The footpath from Sleep Lane to A37 is still flooded, the Clerk will chase the officer regarding this.

Several Councillors are happy to collect shopping and medication for any residents during the latest lockdown. The Clerk will contact the residents who used this service previously to let them know.

2021/106 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

2021/107 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

None received.

2021/108 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)

None received.

2021/109 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020, previously circulated, were agreed and will be signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

2021/110 TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILLOR AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD

Matt Donovan has sent in his resignation to the Council and this was accepted. The Clerk will now take the necessary steps to advise the Monitoring Officer at B&NES Council of this and then a notice can be put up to advertise the vacant position.

2021/111 TO AGREE A DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON' AND HAVE A FIELD DAY IN 2021

It was resolved to put the provisional dates of Friday 3rd December for the Christmas Lights 'Switch on' and Saturday 3rd July for 'Have a Field Day'

It was suggested that the Clerk contacts Matt Donovan to see if he can make these dates, as he has said that he will continue to be involved in community events.

2020/112 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 planning application:-

20/04767/FUL - Mr Jonathon Miller, 41 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, BS14 0PF
Erection of a single storey kitchen rear extension with stair access from the inside to facilitate underneath storage. Erection of a small decking and stair access to the garden.

It was resolved to support this application, the property is within the HDB.

Cllr Pat Orchard joined the meeting

c) To receive a report on the meeting with B&NES to discuss the issues of crossing the A37 to the playpark, allotment site and bus stop

The Clerk & District Councillor joined a zoom meeting with Joanna Wright, B&NES Cabinet Member for Transport to discuss the above issues, due to the recent lockdown an actual meeting was unable to take place.

Faye Dicker had kindly taken photos of the issues the day before and e-mailed to all involved. The Clerk explained the back ground information and how the new development has been built, public transport encouraged but no safe crossing created to the bus stop, to use the only bus which services the village, allotment site or play area.

Joanna agreed that this is a shambolic situation.

Paul explained how S106 funding was used from the Keynsham developments to consult and improve the junction with Woollard Lane but no action has taken place.

Joanna spoke of the Liveable Neighbourhoods Policy, which has just been passed and encouraged Paul as the District Councillor to complete this proforma.

Paul said he is happy to do this but the issue with a safe crossing in this location is urgent and he hoped that this would not delay any action.

The Clerk stated that we do not want a child to be killed crossing the A37 to the Playpark and that the Village Council want to make it safe for all the residents and the community.

Joanna agreed she would go away and speak to the relevant people regarding this.

It was agreed that the District Councillor, Clerk & Chairman will complete the Proforma and send this back to Joanna.

A member of the public joined the meeting

d) To note the Local Plan Partial Update Options consultation dates

This document, previously circulated to all Councillors, sets out the options for the partial update of B&NES Local Plan. The Options document is available for comment from 7th January to 18th February.

Richard Daone has stated that at this point and without prejudice to the options document, it is considered that the housing supply shortfall to achieve the requirements to 2029 can be met through brownfield sites in Bath & Keynsham, as well as safeguarded land to the East of Keynsham. Further strategic development at Whitchurch will not be proposed at this time.

This is great news for the Whitchurch Village and for all those who have engaged with B&NES regarding this issue.

Paul May explained that we must not forget that WECA will still be considering strategic sites in the future, we will need to put pressure on them that Whitchurch Village is not one of these sites. New candidates for WECA will be announced in the near future and we will need to work with them.

2020/113 CLERKS REPORT

The following issues have been reported to B&NES Council during the past month:-
The supermarket trolley left in the lane next to Hunters and filled with rubbish, this has since been removed.

Flooding in Sleep Lane again, a note has been received today that this has been dealt with.

The Millennium Clock was showing the incorrect time, this was reported to Coffin Clocks and has been rectified.

The Clerk has signed up to zoom at an annual cost of £143.88 including VAT which should be able to be claimed back.

The shredding of confidential documents has been completed for a one off cost of £48.00, this was an excellent service provided by Kn Office Supplies.

Notice has been received that B&NES Council have issued a Planning Enforcement Notice regarding Parcel 1489, Maggs Lane, for the extension of a building without planning permission.

A copy of B&NES Council's objection to Bristol Airport expansion has been received.

The Christmas Lights motifs will be removed on 19th January but they should be switched off from today. Lee has taken down the Christmas tree's today and will sort the lights out before they are stored away.

2020/114 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul explained that he attended another zoom meeting straight after with Faye Dicker and Joanna Wright to discuss the original proposed plans for the Ring Road/Corridor through Whitchurch Village. Pressure needs to be put on B&NES to take the proposal off the agenda.

Paul explained that the Bristol Airport expansion appeal is set to take place in July.

The Chairman thanked Paul for the updates.

2020/115 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

None this month.

b) To receive an update on the Playpark refurbishment & agree any actions required

The Chairman visited the site yesterday, all of the play equipment is now in with fencing around it. The pathways and surfacing of the MUGA are being installed at present.

It was agreed that the park will not be reopened until it is totally finished and an inspection report made by an independent company, this will cost £675.00.

It was suggested by a Councillor and agreed by the rest of the Council, that the high fencing around the entrance is kept in place until the park is reopened. If not people will begin to climb over the fence to use the park, as they did in the previous lock down when the park was closed.

Cllr Paul May left the meeting

2020/116 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 6th January 2021

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 6th January 2021, as listed in Appendix B be paid and that Cllrs C Lewis & M Dury will sign the cheques & Cllrs P O'Leary & S Bryant will authorise the online payments.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting & the meeting ended at 8.40.pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

Appendix A

PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 6th JANUARY 2021

APPLICATIONS

26/08/2020

Mr Thompson

20/03066/FUL

The Nest, Hursley Hill, Whitchurch, BS14 0QZ

Erection of a single and second storey rear extension and conversion of loft space to form bedroom with en-suite.

OBJECT to this application as the property is within the Green Belt and the proposed extension would represent a disproportionate addition over and above the size of the original dwelling.

Policy HG.15 & GB.1

20/10/2020

Mr & Mrs Percival

20/03811/FUL

Tellisford, Norton Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0BT

Erection of first floor extension over existing single storey aspect to Rear and addition of bay window to front with balcony above

OBJECT to this application as the property is within the Green Belt and the proposed extension would represent a disproportionate addition over and above the size of the original dwelling.

Policy HG.15 & GB.1

09/11/2020

Mrs Jen Ashfield

20/04164/FUL

17 Oldbridge Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0TP

Erection of first floor side extension on existing footprint to create larger family bedrooms and facilities.

SUPPORT this application within the Housing Development Boundary

16/12/2020

Mr Jonathon Miller

20/0476/FUL

41 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, BS14 0PF

Erection of a single storey kitchen rear extension with stair access from the inside to facilitate underneath storage. Erection of a small decking and stair access to the garden.

RESULTS

14/10/2020

Jody & Raychel Thomas

20/03731/FUL

Wyke Lodge, Norton Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0BT

Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear aspect and build conversion of attic and rear dormer window

(Resubmission)

PERMITTED

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS DATE: 6th JANUARY 2021

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	52.80	8.80
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock	36.02	1.71
DR	Unity Trust	Bank Charges	18.16	
BT	SLCC	Membership fee	185.00	
BT	Various	Salaries, IT, postage, stationery, travel expenses, xmas lights	1,898.04	
BT	WVCA	Rent – December	180.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	188.50	
BT	Blachere Illum C	Christmas lights	960.00	160.00
BT	Kn office supplies	On site shredding	54.00	9.00
BT	NJ Coffin	Maintenance Clock	70.00	
Chq	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	429.17	
Chq	H M Revenue Customs	PAYE & NIC Dec	268.78	
Chq	K Stout	Hedge trimming	185.00	
		Total Payments	£4,525.47	£179.51