

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL VIRTUAL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), T Griffin (Vice Chair) S Bryant, R Chandler, M Dury, J Fox, C Lewis, P O’Leary, P Orchard, J Pearce, V Perry, Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) & District Councillor Paul May B&NES

**2021/01 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**2021/02 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None, all in attendance.

**2021/03 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012)**

None received.

**2021/04 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2021/05 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021, previously circulated, were agreed and will be signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

**2021/06 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HOLDING REMOTE MEETINGS AND CONSIDER WHEN IS APPROPRIATE TO RECOMMENCE MEETING IN THE WVCA HALL**

No further legislation has been passed to hold remote meetings after 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, it was therefore agreed that face to face meetings should start from the next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The Clerk has booked the WVCA large hall for the June, July & August meetings, to allow more space. A risk assessment will be carried out and the Government guidelines followed relating to community buildings.

The Clerk will continue to monitor any updates and advice regarding this.

**2021/07 TO NOTE THE DATES OF THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN & AGREE A DATE FOR A CLEAN UP OF THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk explained that the Great British Spring Clean 2021 has been launched by Keep Britain Tidy and its partners, with a quest to clean up a million miles of UK streets, coastline, parks, footpaths and neighbourhoods. The campaign is being held from 28<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

It was resolved that the Village Council will organise a Covid secure clean-up of the village on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 10am-12noon.

After the 17<sup>th</sup> May 30 people are allowed to meet outside and groups of 2/3 people will be able to litter pick different areas of the village as usual.

## **2021/08 TO CONSIDER SENDING OUT A NEWSLETTER AND AGREE THE CONTENTS OF THIS**

After submitting the information for the Week In it was suggested that we have enough information for a village newsletter to be printed and distributed to all residents, if Councillors are happy to deliver them at this time.

After further discussions it was agreed that District Councillor Paul May will put his information on one side of the newsletter and the Village Council on the other and this will then be distributed to all residents.

The following items to be included on the village council page:-

Details of the newly refurbished playpark to include a piece on parking, the local food outlets each week in the British Legion car park, a welcome to the co-opted Councillor and the date of the village clean up.

## **2021/09 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.

Paul May gave an update on the planning application being considered for Resourceful Earth which will now not be considered by B&NES Planning Committee until June at the earliest.

## **2021/10 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has been in contact with B&NES as there is £16,000 available for tree planting in the Whitchurch area. The plan is to create some shade at the Playpark, by planting trees near the benches. Oct – Feb is the next planting season and they have recommended birch trees.

This funding can also be used to replace some of the trees which have not grown at the cemetery.

We need someone to draw up a planting plan and a schedule of trees and send this to B&NES. Chew Valley Trees have been recommended as a good local supplier.

A resident has complained about the state of the grass at the playpark. A reply was sent back explaining why it looks like it does at the present time and that we have asked our maintenance contractor to work on the grassed areas, which he has in hand.

Unfortunately it will not be back to its previous state this summer.

Have a Field Day will not be able to take place in July this year, due to the issue with the grass.

The entrance gate which has appeared opposite Norton Lane onto the A37 has been reported to the Enforcement Officer at B&NES, who has confirmed that planning permission is required for an entrance such as this and that the resident has been advised of this.

The ice-cream van which has been parked up at the Playpark does need a license, B&NES Licensing department have advised the owner of this and sent him the relevant details.

Joseph is booked onto Essential Councillor virtual training on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Weed spaying is due to take place throughout the village on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## **2021/11 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES**

Paul explained how B&NES Council is in freefall at the present time, they brought their annual meeting forward to comply with the legislation. Sarah Warren has been installed as an extra deputy, Tim Ball is still responsible for planning, which is good news as he has always been keen to work with us on planning issues. Manda Rigby is now the Cabinet Member for Transport, Paul will arrange to meet with her.

Bristol City Council have never consulted with B&NES or the Village Council regarding the closure of Sturminster Road and the diversions, which are causing long tailbacks at certain times of the day.

B&NES draft update of the Local Plan does not include any further development in the village but developers may challenge this.

Paul is putting pressure on WECA to consult on their SDS plans & has reported parking issues at the Playpark to the relevant department within B&NES but has not received a reply.

The Chairman thanked Paul for the updates.

## **2021/12 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)**

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

Paula Fenner                      Plot No. J1                      Deed No. 1442  
Ref: (June Elizabeth Carter)

Kim Hill                              Plot No. F13a                      Deed No. 1443  
Ref: (John Arthur Edward Wherlock)

P Orchard proposed, R Chandler seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

### **b) To receive any updates on business activities at the cemetery and agree any further actions**

The letter sent to the owner of the business to stop these business activities from taking place, have had the desired effect at the present time. The situation will continue to be monitored.

## **2021/13 FINANCE**

### **a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

It was resolved the schedule of payments dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021, as listed in Appendix B be paid and that Cllrs R Chandler & N Kirk will sign the cheque & Cllrs T Griffin & J Pearce will authorise the online payments.

All councillors need to be able to authorise the online payments, training can be given if needed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting which ended at 20.35pm.

The next Village Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

## **Appendix A**

### **PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

#### **APPLICATIONS**

07/03/2021

Resourceful Earth, Charlton Field Lane

21/00419/EFUL

Development of an Anaerobic Digester Facility (including retention of the existing Feedstock Reception Building, Digester Tank (x5), Storage Tank, CHP Engine (x4), Transformer, GRP Substation, GRP Technical Room (x5) and Gas Equipment) to produce both gas and electricity for injection into the local grid networks, alongside the restoration of the former Queen Charlton Quarry Site with ecological and landscape enhancements.

**OBJECT – copy of objection attached.**

## Appendix B

### MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	53.65	8.94
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – April	49.23	2.34
D/D	Water business	Water – allotments	21.09	
D/D	Water business	Water – cemetery	27.65	
BT	Various	Salaries, postage, travel expenses & stationery	1,723.46	
BT	WVCA	Rent – April	180.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	530.00	
BT	Bateman Skips	Skip at cemetery	312.00	52.00
BT	Kn office supplies	Stationery	128.88	21.48
BT	ICCM	Membership	95.00	
BT	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Burial Register	224.40	37.40
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	329.17	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC April	272.29	
BT	POKE	Grant	750.00	
4641	Whitchurch Village Council	Transfer funds Unity account	(88,000.00)	
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>£4,696.82</b>	<b>£122.16</b>