

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), S Bryant, R Chandler, M Dury, J Fox-Bowen, C Lewis, P O'Leary, P Orchard, J Pearce, V Perry, S Dyer (Clerk), District Councillor Paul May B&NES, a representative from POKE & two members of the public.

2021/83 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kerry Morgan from POKE spoke on the revised information received by B&NES on the Anaerobic Digester Facility planning application. She answered questions from Councillors regarding these. She stated that all the original objections still stand and the figures in the application are under estimated regarding traffic movements and that it would cause Highways safety issues along Woollard Lane.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 7.40pm

POKE need to raise more funds to instruct a specialist to look at the revised information and make comment on them, at present they have raised £11,235.00 of a target of £15,000.00 through crowd funding.

Kerry left the meeting at 7.45pm

A resident spoke about the planning application for Lyons Court Farm, which is a change of use of land from residential to commercial equestrian and the erection of a stable block. He explained how the new facilities would be used by his family and how they would let out the facility. He then answered questions raised by Councillors and left the meeting at 7.50pm.

A Councillor raised the issue that the roundabout at the bottom of Sturminster Road/West Town Lane was closed for three days and this caused traffic chaos around the village as diversions were in place sending all traffic along Staunton Lane, including buses.

The Village Council were not notified of this closure/diversion.

Paul May will take this up with B&NES.

A Councillor stated that water was still pouring out of the crack in the road in Staunton Lane, this has been reported to B&NES.

A Councillor stated that it looked much cleaner outside Whitchurch Mews, now that our contractor has cleared the mess.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Doug Griffin has sadly passed away, he was the Village Council's internal auditor for many years, condolences will be sent to his family.

2021/84 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllr T Griffin, who is unable to attend due to family commitments. This apology and the reason for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

**2021/85 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 agenda item 10.b) Planning App No.21/04636/FUL

Cllr N Kirk declared an interest in agenda item 10. b). Planning App No. 21/04336/FUL

**2021/86 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2021/87 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2021, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

**2021/88 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MILLENIUM
GARDEN AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD**

Four Councillors & the Clerk agreed to meet on Monday 8th November to clear the summer planting from the Millennium Garden and to decide which areas to plant with winter bedding plants. It was also agreed in the spring new perennial plants will be purchased and planted in this area.

**2021/89 TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGMENTS MADE TO DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON' EVENT, TO CONSIDER WHICH CHARITY TO SUPPORT THIS
YEAR AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS REQUIRED**

All the recommendations discussed last month has been put in place, although the PCSO's are unable to attend.

Cllr J Pearce has received confirmation that the pupils from Whitchurch Primary School will come along and sing, Matt Donovan, Martin & Mike Squires are all available to help. The run through will be held on Monday 22nd November with as many marshalls/volunteers as possible to attend. It was resolved that any funds raised this year will be donated to the Salvation Army.

2021/90 TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

It was resolved to include information on the new library box, to include a photo, details of Whitchurch Cricket Club Centenary celebrations in 2022 and to highlight that the WECA planning strategy, due early in 2022, Paul May to supply details of this.

On the reverse details of the Christmas Lights 'switch on' & competition.

All Councillors agreed to help deliver the leaflets during November.

**2021/91 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND
AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED**

After a long debate and discussion on this subject it was resolved to declare an ecological and nature emergency. As a Village Council there are limited actions we are able to take but we will aim to increase tree cover where applicable, encourage wildlife by planting wildflower areas and encourage recycling of green waste at the cemetery.

2021/92 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 discuss and consider a response to the following planning applications:-

Cllr Nick Kirk took no part in the decision for the following application.

Application No. 21/04336/FUL - Mr John Maddocks, Rudgeworth, Woollard Lane, Whitchurch

Erection of bungalow following demolition of 3no.existing equestrian stables.

It was resolved to Support this application if equestrian stables are considered previously developed land, although we do share concerns raised by B&NES Highways regarding

the sustainability of transport to the new dwelling and the safety of emergency vehicles gaining access to the site.

Cllr Mark Dury took no part in the decision for the following application.

Application No. 21/04636/FUL - Mr Anthony Rice, The Barn, Lyons Court Farm, Church Road Whitchurch, BS14 0BP

Change of use of land from residential to commercial equestrian, the erection of a stable block and the use of an existing private tack room for commercial purposes.

It was resolved to object to this application – Policy CP8 – no exceptional circumstances are demonstrated in building a new stable block, which will affect the openness of the Green Belt.

Application No. 21/04735/FUL - Mitchells & Butlers PLC, Maes Knoll Toby Carvery, 42 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PT

Installation of new external lighting, fencing & landscaping to public house.

It was resolved to Support this application, the proposed alterations will visually enhance the centre of the village.

Application No. 21/00419/EFUL - Resourceful Energy Anaerobic Limited
Charlton Field Lane, Queen Charlton, B&NES

Development of an Anaerobic Digester Facility and other works – Revised information

It was resolved to send in a comment stating that the original objections to this application still stand.

2021/93 CLERKS REPORT

The following issues which were reported to B&NES last month have now been addressed:-

The vegetation overhanging the footpath along the A37, opposite Saltwell Avenue & near 127 Bristol Road, where the road sign is also covered has been cut back and cleared.

The overgrown vegetation on the cycle track and in Maggs Lane has also been cut back.

The new library box has been collected, painted and completed by Cllr Sharon Bryant and her husband, so a huge thanks to them, it will be installed very soon.

Thanks to Cllr Pat Orchard and volunteer Ann Leach for clearing the seven planters around the village and replanting them with winter flowering plants.

The contractor has cleared the rubbish, as agreed at the last meeting, in Whitchurch Mews, a letter has been delivered to all residents and to the owner of the properties regarding recycling and keeping the area clean.

The Clerk attended a Parish Liaison meeting via zoom, the minutes of which have been circulated to all Councillors. The speakers were Mark Shelford – Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset Police & Dan Norris – West of England Metro Mayor, they also answered any questions put to them. A Safety for Women – A cross-party motion has been submitted and agreed unanimously by B&NES Council. Cllr Dine Romero highlighted the key issues which will be taken to a full Council meeting in November.

Notification has been received that Norton Lane will be temporarily closed from its junction with A37 to the entrance of Whitehall Garden Centre on Tuesday 23rd November for a maximum of 2 days but it is anticipated to only be for 1 day between 9.30 – 15.30hrs.

2021/94 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul explained no changes have been made to B&NES Local Plan Partial update. If this is approved by the inspector B&NES will be protected until 2029.

The Chairman thanked Paul for all the work he carries out on behalf of the community.

2021/95 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To consider a request for a new bench to be installed at the cemetery

A family have sent a request in to have a wooden bench installed in the children's section of the cemetery. It was agreed that this is in order, the Clerk to meet the family to agree the exact location and the usual letter will be sent to them regarding the maintenance of the bench.

b) To receive an update on installation issues at the Playpark

The Clerk gave an update on the activity net, which was never installed correctly and has now come out of the ground. Security fencing, at a cost of £78.00 a week, has been installed by our contractor and it was agreed that this cost will be passed on to Mant Leisure who came out to look at the issue at the end of last week but no update has been received from them to date.

2021/96 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 3rd November 2021

The schedule of payments dated 3rd November 2021, as listed in Appendix B were agreed.

It was resolved that Cllrs C Lewis & P Orchard will authorise the online payments.

The meeting ended at 9.15p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December 2021.

Appendix A

PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 3rd NOVEMBER 2021 APPLICATIONS

07/03/2021 21/00419/EFUL	Resourceful Earth, Charlton Field Lane 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.
23/06/2021 21/02876/FUL	Parkstone Estates (Chippenham) Ltd 89, Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PS Demolition of existing storage building to form 2no 2 bed flats OBJECT – 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 premises. Parking spaces proposed do not meet the C3 Residential Parking Standards of 2 off street parking spaces per two bed flat. Parking is already at a premium in the village.
14/07/2021 21/03207/FUL	Mr Smart Tynning House, Hursley Hill, Whitchurch, BS14 0QZ Erection of detached dwelling and detached garage/home office following demolition of existing HMO property. COMMENTS – support this application if the square footage is no larger than the original dwelling, which is difficult to ascertain from the drawings. If it is no larger then it would meet the following NPPF requirement of buildings in the Green Belt. ‘the replacement of a building, provided the new building is in the same use and not materially larger than the one it replaces’. If the application is approved there should be a condition made that the existing building is demolished before the new dwelling is built.
05/10/2021 21/04336/FUL	Mr John Maddocks Rudgeworth, Woollard Lane, Whitchurch, BS14 0QR Erection of bungalow following demolition of 3no. existing equestrian stables.
14/10/2021 21/04636/FUL	Mr Anthony Rice The Barn, Lyons Court Farm, Church Road, Whitchurch, BS14 0BP Change of use of land from residential to commercial equestrian, the erection of a stable block and the use of an existing private tack room for commercial purposes.

21/10/2021 21/04735/FUL	Mitchells & Butlers PLC Maes Knoll Toby Carvery, 42 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PT Installation of new external lighting, fencing & landscaping to public house.
22/10/2021 21/00419/EFUL	Resourceful Energy Anaerobic Limited Charlton Field Lane, Queen Charlton, B&NES Development of an Anaerobic Digester Facility and other works Revised information

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS DATE: 3rd NOVEMBER 2021

D/D	Water2business	Water at allotments	118.03	
D/D	Water2business	Water at cemetery	39.31	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	47.17	7.86
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – October	46.56	2.21
BT	B A Leach	Winter plants for planters	65.92	
BT	Various	Salaries, & sundry items	1,699.95	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Oct	201.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	994.00	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	429.17	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC October	268.69	
BT	Somerlap	Bench at Playpark	403.68	67.28
BT	AW Joinery	New library box	570.00	95.00
BT	SM & PJ Bryant	Items for library box	75.79	
		Total Payments	£4,959.27	£172.35