

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2021**

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

2021/97 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Councillor reported that a tree has fallen across the path in The Witheys. Rachel Chandler thanked the Clerk for reporting the overgrown vegetation along the footpath in Staunton/Stockwood Lane. More rubbish has been left outside Whitchurch Mews, this will be put on the agenda in January to discuss further. A Councillor stated that the new Christmas lights in the village look good.

2021/98 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs C Lewis & J Pearce, who are unable to attend due to family and work commitments. These apologies and the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

**2021/99 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH
VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT
(ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)**

None received.

**2021/100 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2021/101 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 3rd NOVEMBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2021, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

**2021/102 TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGMENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
'SWITCH ON' EVENT AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED**

The Clerk gave a brief update on the arrangements and it was agreed that everything is in order for the 'switch on'. All to meet at 5.30pm on Friday 3rd December to set up.

2021/103 TO AGREE THE MEETING DATES FOR 2022

A list of the meeting dates for 2022, had previously been circulated to all Councillors and the dates were agreed.

2021/104 TO AGREE ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 'WEEK IN'

It was resolved to include information on the new library box and the Christmas Lights 'switch on' event, to include photos of both.

**2021/105 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD
SCHEME AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT**

The Clerk explained how she had been contacted by AECOM who are working on behalf of B&NES Council to organise a community engagement event for an upcoming project in the local area. This is being held in the car park of the community centre on Wednesday 15th December from 2-7pm.

This is the first the Village Council have heard about the event and it was agreed to send an email to B&NES stating that they have ignored the role of the Village Council and the agreed priority is a safe crossing to the Playpark & Allotment site in Norton Lane across the A37. An application was put in for this by the District Councillor Paul May with the Village Council's support.

How can they engage if the community does not know it is going on?

2021/106 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 application:- Application No. 21/05059/AR – Mr Devlin, Maes Knoll Toby Carvery, 42 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PT

Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.

It was resolved to Support this application.

c) To note the WECA survey regarding travel on A37 & A367 and agree any actions

The above survey is taking place online until Sunday 19th December, all Councillors are encouraged to complete the survey regarding travel along the A37. The Clerk will send the link out again to all Councillors.

It was resolved to contact the Metro Mayor stating that a safe crossing is required on the A37 in Whitchurch Village so there is a safe walking route to the Playpark and Allotment site for local residents

2021/107 CLERKS REPORT

The overgrown vegetation along the footpath in Staunton/Stockwood Lane has been reported to B&NES and work has been scheduled to rectify this.

The new library box has been installed and is fully operational now, thanks to Cllr Sharon Bryant and her family.

Thanks to all Councillors & volunteers who helped the Clerk clear the Millennium Garden and plant it with winter flowering plants and to those who helped deliver the newsletter to all residents.

PAT testing has been completed on all the electrical items in the office.

Notes have been sent to the Chew Valley Gazette to be included in their publication.

Whitchurch Cricket Club have thanked the Village Council for adding the information in the newsletter of their centenary celebrations in 2022.

2021/108 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

No changes are being made to the Local Plan Partial update by B&NES Council, so this will now go straight to the Planning Inspector for approval.

It seems that WECA's strategic housing plans for homes to be built across the district has now been delayed until April 2022.

A new planning officer has taken over the Anaerobic Digester Facility planning application, the application is due to go to B&NES Planning Committee in December.

Paul has been in contact with B&NES Highways, regarding the closure of Sturminster Road, to ask if neighbouring Councils should advise each other of road closures and the answer is yes they should. B&NES will contact Bristol City Council to ensure this happens in future.

Paul advised that Virgin Care are being taken over by 2020 Capital.

The Chairman thanked Paul for his report.

2021/109 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

Alison Louise Shaw Plot No. J.6 Deed No. 1454

Ref: (Lindsay James Shaw)

P Orchard proposed, M Dury seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

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

Confirmation has been received that the installation issues will be completed by Mant Leisure on Saturday 4th December.

2021/110 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 1st December 2021

The schedule of payments dated 1st December 2021, as listed in Appendix B were agreed.

It was resolved that Cllrs S Bryant & P Orchard will authorise the online payments.

b) To consider a grant request from POKE

A grant application has been received from POKE requesting between £250 - £500. After a long discussion it was resolved that although the Village Council is sympathetic to this cause, they have already given a generous donation of £750.00 this year, so no further grant will be given at this time.

The meeting ended at 8.45p.m.

The Chairman wished all the Councillors a Happy Christmas and thanked them for all their work during the year.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

**Appendix A
PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 1st DECEMBER 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
Tyning 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.
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.

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.

**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.**

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.

**SUPPORT this application, the proposed alterations will
visually enhance the centre of the village.**

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

**OBJECT – the original objections made in March 2021 still
stand.**

17/11/2021
21/05059/AR

Mitchells & Butlers PLC
Maes Knoll Toby Carvery, 42 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol,
BS14 0PT
Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to
the exterior of the building.

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS DATE: 1st DECEMBER 2021

D/D	CPRE	Membership	36.00	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	46.74	7.79
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – November	45.23	2.15
BT	B A Leach	Winter plants	23.38	
BT	Various	Salaries & sundry items	1,984.95	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Nov	201.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	679.50	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	429.17	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC November	282.49	
BT	All Tree Services	Annual tree survey	312.00	52.00
BT	Bateman Skips	Skip at cemetery	312.00	52.00
BT	BBF Ltd	Leaflets	58.61	9.77
		Total Payments	£4,411.07	£123.71