

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022**

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), S Bryant, R Chandler, M Dury, J Fox-Bowen, C Lewis, P Orchard, V Perry,
S Dyer (Clerk), District Councillor Paul May B&NES & one member of the public.

2022/111 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Councillor asked if the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June this year could be put on next month's agenda to discuss the Village Council plans to mark this occasion.

2022/112 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs T Griffin, P O'Leary & J Pearce, who are unable to attend due to family commitments or illness. These apologies and the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

**2022/113 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER
WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT
(ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)**

None received.

**2022/114 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2022/115 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2021, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk (Chairman).

**2022/116 TO REVIEW THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON' EVENT AND LIGHTS
COMPETITION AND AGREE ANY CHANGES REQUIRED FOR 2022**

It was agreed that this was a very successful event and feedback from residents is that they appreciate the efforts made and the refreshments served at the event.

A Councillor thought it was great to have the Police in attendance, they thought it was a well organised evening but suggested that we ask the Maes Knoll pub if they will cordon off a couple of parking spaces for people to gather due to the number of people in attendance.

A few other slight changes were discussed and can be altered to make things run more effectively.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and volunteers who attended and helped make the evening such a success.

It was very difficult to choose a winner this year in the lights completion, as there were lots more decorated properties in the village, so five winners were chosen. The winning residents were very grateful for the prizes delivered to them by Councillors.

**2022/117 TO AGREE A DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON' & HAVE
A FIELD DAY IN 2022**

It was resolved that the Christmas Lights 'switch on' event will be held on Friday 2nd December.

Have a Field day will either be held on Saturday 9th or 16th July, Matt Donovan has indicated that he will still help with this event, the Clerk to enquire whether he is available for either of these dates.

2022/118 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

This event was held on 15th December from 2-7pm, mostly in the dark with a table set up at the entrance to the car park of the Community Centre, so was not accessible to many residents.

The feedback received from Councillors who spoke to the consultants was that they knew nothing about the area and could not give any practical solutions to any issues raised. They said that they could not answer any questions and that they were only there to listen.

It was felt by Councillors that this consultation event was a total waste of money and that they did not engage with the community at all.

It was resolved that the Clerk will e-mail Sarah Warren advising her of this and how disappointed the Village Council are.

2022/119 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH RECYCLING/RUBBISH BEING LEFT OUTSIDE WHITCHURCH MEWS

It was resolved that the area looks quite tidy at the present time, so no action will be taken, the area will be monitored.

2022/120 TO CONSIDER CONTACTING THE LOCAL MP TO BRING TO HIS ATTENTION THE NEED FOR COUNCILS TO HOLD VIRTUAL MEETINGS

It was resolved to take no action, as the Village Council members are happy to hold face to face meetings.

2022/121 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 note the reply from Dan Norris regarding the WECA A37 Corridor consultation

Dan Norris replied to the e-mail sent personally to him regarding a safe crossing to the Playpark/Allotment site, stating that the suggestions for an improved pedestrian crossing facility on the A37 in this location will be taken into account when the results of the consultation are processed. This response was noted.

c) To note the safety issues reported by a resident regarding the zebra crossing in Staunton Lane and agree actions required

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding the relatively new Zebra crossing on Staunton Lane, near the Horseworld development, stating how dangerous it is to cross in this location as cars do not slow down and stop, he has had many near misses. Many other residents living on the development have also experienced issues with the crossing and vehicles not stopping.

Members of the Village Council met the developers and B&NES Highways at the proposed site for the crossing, and explained that it was not a safe place for it to be installed, but they continued to install it in this location.

It was resolved to send this information to B&NES Traffic & Safety Officer stating that this is a health & safety issue and action needs to be taken urgently.

The Chairman & District Councillor are happy to meet someone from B&NES in this location to show them the problem.

2022/122 CLERKS REPORT

The vegetation along the footpath in the Witheys has been cut back by B&NES making it fully accessible.

Fly tipping outside the Playpark & a tree fallen onto the cycle track were both reported to B&NES and have both since been cleared.

The flashing 30mph sign has been mended and is now working, on the A37 as you enter the village.

An e-mail has been received from the 107th Whitchurch Scouts, Cubs & Beavers stating that they would like to be involved in any plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the village.

A thank you card has been received from St Nicholas Pre-school, with a picture of the lovely sofa's they purchased with the grant money received from the Village Council.

B&NES Local Plan Partial update was submitted to the Secretary of State on 17th December 2021 and will now be examined for its compliance with statutory requirements and soundness.

2022/123 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

The Local Plan Partial update by B&NES Council will last until 2029 if agreed by the Planning Inspector.

WECA's strategic housing plans for homes to be built across the district may be issued in January. Paul has a meeting with Tim Ball & Simon De Beer to discuss this.

The Anaerobic Digester Facility planning application is due to go to B&NES Planning Committee in March.

The Chairman thanked Paul for his report.

2022/124 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

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

An e-mail has been received from GB Sport & Leisure, the company who carry out our quarterly safety inspection reports on the Playpark, regarding the activity net.

Stating that it appears that some remedial work has started to take place, but this does not appear to be rectifying the issue with regard to placement of the tensioners /ground anchors of the net in each corner.

The manufacturer advises that the ropes should exit in the centre of the tile at the edge of the wet pour. Sometimes a small cut out of the tile is required. Looking at what has been done it appears the tile has been cut to the side meaning the ropes will still not exit centrally.

This information was sent to Mant Leisure asking them to rectify this issue and the activity net installed correctly as it should have been in the first place.

The reply received from Mant was read out stating that they have rectified the anchor points to the best, safest & within guidelines possibility that they can do.

It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the manufacturer to ask for their advice and also John Bedford from Rynat, who did the original inspection on the new equipment when it was first installed.

When information is received from them a meeting will be arranged with the Chairman, Clerk & Mant Leisure to sort the issue out.

An invoice for the security fencing to date will be sent to Mant Leisure for payment.

2022/125 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 5th January 2022

The schedule of payments dated 5th January 2022, as listed in Appendix B were agreed. It was resolved that Cllrs J Fox-Bowen & V Perry, will authorise the online payments.

The meeting ended at 8.45p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

Appendix A

PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 5th January 2022

APPLICATIONS

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| 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. |
| 12/01/2022 | Being discussed at B&NES Planning Committee |

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.
SUPPORT this application.

RESULTS

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.
REFUSED

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.
WITHDRAWN

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 5th JANUARY 2022

D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	46.74	7.79
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – December	50.56	2.40
BT	SLCC	Membership	186.00	
BT	Various	Salaries, mileage, & sundry items	1,819.09	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Dec	201.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	212.50	
BT	Your Solution	Security fencing	340.50	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	429.17	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC December	274.29	
BT	Kn office supplies	Stationery	190.69	31.78
BT	Blachere Illum	Christmas Lights	960.00	160.00
BT	Martin Francis	IT	48.75	
BT	Apollo	PAT testing	35.40	5.90
BT	GB Sport & Leisure	Playpark inspection report	60.00	10.00
BT	Garden Machinery	Hedges trimmed	216.00	36.00
DR	Unity Bank	Service charge	18.00	
Total Payments			£5,088.69	£253.87