

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

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), S Bangham, R Chandler, M Dury, T Griffin, P O'Leary, P Orchard, V Perry, S Dyer (Clerk), District Councilor Paul May B&NES, representatives from St Nicholas Pre-school, 107th Bristol (Whitchurch) Scout Group & Whitchurch Cricket Club Youth Section.

2022/72 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident has complained about parking in the layby at the top of Hursley Hill, causing an obstruction when pulling out of his drive. Paul May has also received a complaint and has met with B&NES Traffic Officer at the site to see what can be implemented to stop this happening.

There is a burnt out van outside the Playpark which has Police tape around it, hopefully this will be removed soon.

A resident has had issues with recycling not being collected.

The speed of cars and bikes is an ongoing issue along Staunton/Stockwood Lane. The Police have been advised of this and at present are monitoring the speed and will confirm the outcome to us.

The representatives from St Nicholas Pre-school, 107th Bristol (Whitchurch) Scout Group & Whitchurch Cricket Club Youth Section, were issued with a certificate and spoke for a few minutes each on what the grant funds awarded to their groups from the Village Council will be spent on.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending and for all their hard work in running the valuable groups in the Village, they left the meeting.

Paul May explained that after a difficult decision he has left the Conservative Party to join the Liberal Democrats. He stated that he entered politics in order to best represent local residents, and he has come to the realisation that he is able to do this most successfully in B&NES as a Lib Dem.

2022/73 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllr C Lewis, who is unable to attend due to work commitments, J Fox-Bowen who has another commitment and Cllr S Bryant, who is unwell. These apologies and the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

**2022/74 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH
VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)**

No declarations received.

**2022/75 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2022/76 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2022, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk, Chairman.

**2022/77 TO REVIEW THE HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY & EMPLOYEE RISK
ASSESSMENT AND AGREE ANY AMENDMENTS REQUIRED**

It was resolved that no amendments are required at this time.

2022/78 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE B&NES CLEAN & GREEN COMMUNITY LITTER PICK AND VILLAGE CLEAN UP AND TO HIGHLIGHT AREAS OF THE VILLAGE WHICH NEED FURTHER ATTENTION

Four Councillors helped with the litter pick, with four others from B&NES, no gloves or High Vis jackets were supplied as promised. The Clean & Green team were only in the village for a very limited time so not many areas on the list provided were cleared. The Clerk confirmed that our present contractor is happy to carry out an addition six hours each month to help keep the village clean. It was resolved that this month the main A37 & Staunton Lane should be the areas prioritised for litter and weed removal.

2022/79 TO DISCUSS THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ‘SWITCH ON’ EVENT AND AGREE PLANS FOR THIS

Details for the event were discussed, a few slight changes were agreed and various tasks allocated. Date for the run through was set and confirmation that all Councillors present were available on the evening, except one. A newsletter will be printed and delivered during November to promote the event.

2022/80 PLANNING & 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 the Local Plan Partial Update post-examination hearing main modifications consultation and agree any comments

B&NES Council has prepared a schedule of main modifications to the plan, which are now being consulted on, any comments will be passed to the Inspector for his consideration. It was agreed that there are no comments to the modifications.

c) To agree a response to the Bus Service Survey

Dan Norris (WECA) arranged for a survey to be issued to Parish Councils to identify the challenges and opportunities for local bus services across the region. It was resolved to state that the 376 bus service is not reliable during the day but is a crucial bus service to the village. There is no bus service to South Bristol Hospital/Hengrove Park where the Metro Bus can be accessed.

d) To receive an update on the proposals for a new pedestrian crossing on the A37

A copy of the concept design work for the crossing has been received together with confirmation that authorisation to expedite the preliminary design work has been given the go ahead. It was resolved to advise Ashley Beighton, B&NES Council that the concept design and plans for the crossing and surrounding area are excellent and to thank him for the work and expertise he has put into this. Invite him to the next Village Council meeting on 2nd November to receive a progress report and timescales for the next stages.

2022/81 CLERKS REPORT

A letter of thanks has been received from the Children’s Hospice South West for the funds sent to them after Have a Field day. POKE have returned the £500 granted to them towards the costs of the Anaerobic Digestion facility appeal, as it was withdrawn. Lily’s Kitchen have kindly donated dog waste bags, which will be put into dispensers and placed around the village, thanks to Cllr Colette Lewis for organising this. B&NES are arranging two tree sale weekends in October to encourage residents to plant trees and meet their ambitious tree planting targets.

A meeting has been arranged with Sally Crudge, B&NES Tree & Woodland Delivery Manager, to walk around the village and find suitable places for tree planting. The deadline for including items in the 'Week In' from the village is 28th October. The gate on the entrance to the Playpark has been repaired and new hinges installed. The new gateway sign has been ordered, do we want to repair or remove the old sign which is there?

The Clerk & Ann Leach have checked the planters and Millennium Garden and will visit B&NES Plant Nursery next week to purchase winters plants. It was agreed to meet on Friday 14th Oct at 10am to clear the Millennium Garden in readiness for planting. Perennial wildflower seeds have been purchased for Sleep Lane.

Meetings

ALCA's AGM is being held on Saturday 8th October from 10.30 – 12.00 via zoom. WERN (West of England Rural Network) AGM on Weds 19th October via zoom.

2022/82 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul has delivered a newsletter to all residents and they have been raising issues with him.

He explained how he has recently taken on a Resources role within B&NES Council. He confirmed that the Local Plan Partial Update modifications should be accepted and ratified at the December Council meeting, when this is found to be legally compliant and sound this will give B&NES a five year protection.

Work has started on a New Local Plan in B&NES and in the three other surrounding authorities. B&NES will concentrate on the housing needs for this area. Paul will put pressure on to get the plans for a road from Hicks Gate to Whitchurch removed completely.

A political decision has been made in B&NES to not use weed killer, they are debating whether to let parishes make their own minds up whether to use it or not.

A list has been circulated on when litter picking will take place along the A37.

Paul is holding a meeting this week with WAG & the Wrong Road Group and wishes to ask residents if they still want no building on Green Belt land as he is interested to get their current views.

The Chairman thanked Paul for the updates. Paul May left the meeting.

2022/83 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

There were no Exclusive Rights.

b) To consider a request to reserve a cremation plot at the cemetery.

A request to reserve a cremation plot at Whitchurch Cemetery for Caroline Young and her late husband Philip Young, who was born in Whitchurch Village and lived here all of his life, was considered. The relevant criteria was met and the request was unanimously agreed.

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

The Clerk gave an update on the activity net issues, she recently met Damian and the wet pour contractor at the Playpark. It was agreed that all three ropes should go into one shackle on all four corners and the wet pour should be flat with no raised areas.

The contractor was given the go ahead by Damian and once this is completed the original inspector John Clarke will come back to inspect it and sign it off.

The invoice for the fencing has now been sent directly to the Accounts department at Mant Leisure.

It was resolved that an email is sent to Mant Leisure asking for a definite date when the wet pour will be relaid.

2022/84 FINANCE

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

The schedule of payments dated 5th October 2022, as listed in Appendix B were agreed, Cllrs P Orchard & V Perry will authorise the online payments.

The meeting ended at 9.35.p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Appendix A

PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 5th OCTOBER 2022 APPLICATIONS

09/02/2022 22/00238/PIP	Chapel Hill Homes Ltd Woodland Area, Ridgeway Gardens, Whitchurch, Permission in Principle to construct 5no. dwellings OBJECT to this application, see detailed objection comments.
15/03/2022 08/06/2022	REFUSED APPEAL REF: 3296575
18/08/2022 22/03284/FUL	Mr John Maddocks Rudgeworth, Woollard Lane, Whitchurch, BS14 0QR Erection of bungalow following demolition of 3no. existing equestrian stables (Resubmission) OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:- The proposed development is outside of the Housing Development boundary and is within designated green belt land, there are no very special circumstance associated with the application. The proposal is located on a busy road with no pavements making access to local facilities mentioned in the Design & Access Statement difficult without using a car, so is therefore contrary to the key aims of Policy ST1 of the B&NES Placemaking Plan (2017). In the Design & Access Statement it states that Whitchurch Cemetery can be used to walk to the nearest bus stop, this is not a public right of way and is private land.
30/10/2022 22/03785/FUL	Mr Knight 26 Church Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PP Erection of single storey extension.
RESULTS 14/04/2022 22/01549/FUL	Mrs R Hallett 6 St Nicholas Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PJ Erection of a double garage. PERMITTED

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 5th OCTOBER 2022

DR	Unity Trust	Bank Charge	18.00	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	51.31	8.55
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – September	47.90	2.28
BT	Various	Salaries, stationery, mileage	1,778.33	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Sept	206.25	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance – Sept	1,032.50	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	436.75	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC Sept	271.15	
BT	Blachere	Christmas lights	588.00	98.00
BT	NALC	Award Scheme fee	60.00	10.00
BT	107 th Bristol (Whitchurch) Scout Group	Grant	250.00	
BT	St Nicholas Pre-school	Grant	400.00	
BT	Whitchurch CC	Grant	250.00	
BT	C Lewis	Dog bag dispensers	15.00	
		Total Payments	£5,405.19	£118.83