

MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2022

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), S Bangham, R Chandler, M Dury, J Fox-Bowen, P O’Leary, C Lewis, P Orchard, V Perry, S Dyer (Clerk), District Councillor Paul May B&NES, Mr Shaun Stephenson-McGall, Chair of B&NES Council, Ashley Beighton, B&NES Council Liveable Neighbourhoods Team & one member of the public.

The Chairman asked the Councillors if item 12 on the agenda – Items of Interest from District Councillor Paul May – could be moved to item 6 and this was agreed by all present.

2022/85 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Councillor explained that he met a Liberal Democrat member just after the last Village Council meeting who informed him that the closure of Queen Charlton Lane to traffic has been agreed, is this correct?

A Councillor expressed grave concerns over the closure and the adverse effect this would have on residents of Whitchurch Village, another Councillor said he could not understand the rationale of such a road closure.

Ashley Beighton explained that this was correct, the consultation held was 60/40 in favour of the closure and that it would happen very soon. He explained that cyclists and pedestrians would still be able to access the road and that there will be a six month experimental period and a further consultation held after this.

Ashley then went on to explain the preliminary design work on the A37 crossing which has now been completed, a copy of this was circulated but the design difficult to see. A few questions were asked and concerns raised and it was agreed that the Clerk will send a copy of the design to all Councillors who can then look at it in more detail and make comments which will then be sent back to Ashley. He also stated that he has not yet received the funding to complete the build but is hoping he will have something more definite on this in the near future.

The speed of traffic along Staunton Lane was brought up and that speed calming measures need to be implemented to help prevent this.

Ashley stated that this could be considered as another Liveable Neighbourhood project if requested.

Also a resident has complained about the speed of traffic through the Bridles.

Ashley Beighton left the meeting.

2022/86 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs S Bryant, T Griffin who have other commitments. These apologies and the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

2022/87 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

No declarations received.

2022/88 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)

None received.

2022/89 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2022, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by N Kirk, Chairman.

2022/90 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY BANES

Paul explained that the Forest of Avon have confirmed they have the funds to plant on the Anaerobic Digester site, if it can be purchased by B&NES Council.

He is now involved in B&NES Council budget for 2023/2024 so has a good feel on where funds are being spent.

A recent survey he conducted in the village which he received 170 replies from residents, indicated that most residents still wish to protect the village and the green belt, stop a new road being built and improve local services.

The Local Plan consultation has now started and ends on 15th November. The British Legion has been booked for 23rd February for a public meeting.

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

2022/91 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TREE PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE AND AGREE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY B&NES TREE & WOODLAND DELIVERY MANAGER

The Clerk explained that herself and Jane Dury walked around different areas of the village with Sally Crudge from B&NES who recommended different species of trees for different areas. Her plan has not yet been received but it will be circulated for all to view in due course. Trees will be planted in the Playpark, Cemetery and Sleep Lane, the funding will be from Section 106 funds which B&NES hold for the area.

2022/92 TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

A copy of a draft newsletter was circulated, including details of the clean-up, allotment vacancies, grant awards & information on St Nicholas Pre-School. It was agreed to add the Community Warm Space details onto the newsletter. These will hopefully be ready to deliver week commencing 14th November.

2022/93 TO CONSIDER RUNNING A WEEKLY 'WARM SPACE' EVENT AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD WITH THIS

It was agreed to go ahead with this as a trial for four Wednesday's in November from 1-3.30.p.m. in the WCVA small hall. The Councillors volunteered to help run the event and refreshments will be provided free of charge by Whitchurch Village Council. The Clerk will ask the WVCA hall committee if they are able to provide the hall free of charge.

This will be advertised on social media, a poster placed on the noticeboards and put in the next newsletter.

2022/94 TO DISCUSS THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON' EVENT AND AGREE ANY FURTHER PLANS INCLUDING WHICH CHARITY TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR

The Clerk ran through the details to date, Steve Bangham confirmed the Black Lion are happy to cordon off a corner of their car park for people to stand in to watch the event. It was resolved that any funds on the night will be donated to the Salvation Army.

The Westin Care Home are happy for the vehicles to park in their car park again and are keen for us to visit on a separate occasion to sing and take mince pies to the residents, a date needs to be organised for this.

2022/95 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 and agree a response to Planning Application No. 22/04117/FUL – Mr Smart, Tynning House, Hursley Hill – Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing HMO property (Resubmission)

It was resolved to send in the following support for this application:-

The square footage meets 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'.

There should be a condition made that the existing building is demolished before the new dwelling is built and all recommendations made by B&NES Highways should be met.

Cllr C Lewis left the meeting.

c) To consider a response to the New Local Plan launch document and receive any further updates on the plan

The consultation document was considered and answers agreed to the questions asked it was resolved this will be sent in on behalf of the Village Council.

A reply has been sent to Richard Daone stating that the Village Council would like to send its representatives to the engagement/workshops planned for January 2023.

d) To note the update on the proposals for a new pedestrian crossing on the A37 and agree any actions required

As this was discussed at length at the start of the meeting it was again agreed that the Councillors will look at the design, send comments to the Clerk, who then collate them and send them to Ashley Beighton.

2022/96 CLERKS REPORT

A resident informed the Village Council of fly tipping at the rear of properties in Saltwell Avenue and sent a photo, it was reported to B&NES and cleared by them the next day. Thanks to all the Councillors who helped clear the Millennium Garden, we now have plants which need to be planted.

Thank you to Ann Leach and Cllr Pat Orchard for planting the flower planters with winter flowers earlier today.

Notification has been received that Norton Lane, Norton Malreward will be closed on 14th November for a maximum of 2 days.

Martin Squires was in receipt of a bike which was dumped in the Millennium Garden a while ago and informed me recently that he rebuilt it and put a few new bits on it and passed it on to a special needs school where it is being used to teach pupils how to ride. Mark Shields from Whitchurch Cricket Clubs Youth Section has thanked the Village Council for the grant funds, which he says will really come in helpful for next season and the children will benefit hugely from it.

The balance of the Whitchurch Village Community Gardens bank account totaling £403.93 has been received and the account closed. This will be ring fenced to be used as maintenance on the Allotment site.

The cost of Hi-Viz vests with the Village Council's Logo on the back are being sought, please can you indicate what size you require.

Lots of dog fouling signs have now been received from B&NES, if Councillors would like to take some to put up around the village.

Meetings

The Parish Liaison meeting due to be held on Weds 12th October at 6.30p.m. was postponed and is now being held on Weds 16th November at 6.30pm in the Community Space, Keynsham.

2022/97 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

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

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

A phone call has been received from Mant Leisure stating the wet pour has now been completed, so we are now waiting for this to be signed off by the inspector.

2022/98 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 2nd November 2022

The schedule of payments dated 2nd November 2022, as listed in Appendix B were agreed, Cllrs S Bangham & P Orchard will authorise the online payments.

Mr Shaun Stephenson-McGall, Chair of B&NES Council, explained that he is visiting as many local councils as he can in his year of office. It was great to see what other councils issues are and how they run. He thanked all the Councillors, who are volunteers, for all the work they carry out in their community.

The meeting ended at 9.25.p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2022

Appendix A

PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 2nd NOVEMBER 2022

APPLICATIONS

09/02/2022	Chapel Hill Homes Ltd
22/00238/PIP	Woodland Area, Ridgeway Gardens, Whitchurch, Permission in Principle to construct 5no. dwellings OBJECT to this application, see detailed objection comments.
15/03/2022	REFUSED
08/06/2022	APPEAL REF: 3296575
18/08/2022	Mr John Maddocks
22/03284/FUL	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.
SUPPORT - this application for a single storey extension on this property which is within the Housing Development Boundary.

19/10/2022
22/04117/FUL

Mr Smart
Tynning House, Hursley Hill, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0QZ
Erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing HMO property (Resubmission).

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 2nd NOVEMBER 2022

D/D	Water Business	Water @ Allotment site	140.88	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	51.31	8.55
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – October	43.72	2.28
D/D	CPRE	Membership	36.00	
BT	Various	Salaries & various sundry items	1,765.35	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Oct	201.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance & new fencing	7,070.00	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	436.75	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC	265.35	
BT	B&NES Council	Road closure fee	168.00	
BT	B&NES Council	Summer baskets	624.00	104.00
BT	A & T Griffin	Refund allotment key	10.00	
BT	GB Sport & Leisure	Playpark inspection report	60.00	10.00
BT	Joe Ashman	Tree work @ cemetery	350.00	
		Total Payments	£11,222.36	£124.83