

**MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING  
HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

Present: Cllrs: M Dury (Vice-Chairman), S Bangham, S Bryant, R Chandler, J Fox-Bowen, P O'Leary, V Perry, S Dyer (Clerk) & one member of the public.

**2022/99 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public made several observations regarding the Christmas lights 'switch on'

Complaints have been received on the traffic lights in Staunton Lane not letting out as many vehicles as usual. This will be monitored and if need be B&NES contacted to check the settings.

**2022/100 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs N Kirk, T Griffin, C Lewis, & P Orchard. The apologies and reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

Also District Councillor Paul May sent his apologies and these were noted.

**2022/101 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012)**

Cllr S Bangham declared an interest in agenda item 10 b)

**2022/102 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS  
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**

None received.

**2022/103 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, by M Dury, Vice-Chairman.

**2022/104 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE DATES FOR 2023**

The list of dates for 2023 meetings, previously circulated to all Councillors, were agreed. The Clerk will need to check the date of the May meeting as next year there are local elections being held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**2022/105 TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY 'WARM SPACE' EVENT AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD WITH THIS**

The weekly warm space event has not proved to be very successful so far, one week there were three residents but the last two weeks there have not been any. It was resolved to hold one more next week on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December, none over the Christmas period and put it on the agenda for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 meeting to make a final decision on whether to stop completely.

**2022/106 TO DISCUSS THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON' EVENT AND AGREE ANY CHANGES FOR 2023 & NOTE THE DATE AND TIME FOR JUDGING**

It was agreed that this was yet again another successful event, enjoyed by many. The Clerk has sent messages of thanks to those who helped make it such a great evening. A couple of observations were made, it would be good idea if the school met in the school grounds, crossed at the crossing by Maggs Lane and then came up wait outside MG Estate Agents, this would then stop a mass crossing from the Black Lion across the A37 road. Several marshals could go down and assist if required.

Could a couple of tow away signs be put up in Church Road, so residents do not park on the double yellow lines as they did this year.

A discussion was had whether we need a new amplifier, this is something which will be discussed again during the year.

S.A.S have said they will come and put the barriers up at 5.30pm next year and wait around until after the event to take them down.

It was resolved that Tony Griffin can purchase a new set of lights as his current set was damaged on the night by a delivery vehicle.

The Christmas lights competition judging will take place on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December meet at the Black Lion, Toby Carvery at 6.30p.m.

### **2022/107 TO CONSIDER CREATING AN EMERGENCY PLAN AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD WITH THIS**

B&NES Council are encouraging communities to prepare an Emergency Plan. 'Community resilience is the sustained ability of a community to use available resources to respond to, withstand and recover from adverse situations'

After a discussion it was agreed that this would be a good thing to have in the village and there are many residents who we could ask to be involved.

It was resolved to work on a plan in the New Year.

### **2022/108 PLANNING & TRAFFIC**

#### **a) To note the current Planning Application list.**

The current Planning application listed in Appendix A, previously circulated to all Councillors, and was noted.

Cllr Steve Bangham took no part in the next item on the agenda.

#### **b) To consider and agree a response to Planning Application No.22/04414/PIP**

Mr Daniel Hunt, Greenacre, Staunton Lane, Whitchurch BS14 0QL

Stage 1 Permission in principle application for the development of a single dwelling

It was resolved to 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. Policy RA5 has previously removed land from the Green Belt for a strategic site and there is no current need for any further development in the Green Belt

#### **c) To note any updates on the proposals for a new pedestrian crossing on the A37 & updates on the Queen Charlton Lane through-traffic restriction**

Notification has been received from B&NES Liveable Neighbourhoods Team that the 'no through route' to Queen Charlton will be trialled for a minimum of six months from 17<sup>th</sup> November.

This will drive more traffic onto Charlton Road and Woollard Lane which the Councillors are not at all happy with. It seems as though a small group of people can request a road closure and get it passed to the detriment of other residents and business owners in the vicinity.

#### **d) To consider adding speeding issues along Staunton Lane as a Liveable Neighbourhood project.**

The issues regarding the speed of traffic along Staunton/Stockwood Lane was again discussed and it was resolved to put in an application as a Liveable Neighbourhood project to get this issue looked at and solutions implemented to slow the speed of traffic along this stretch of road to make it safer for residents.

**e) To consider a request from a resident for a mirror & concealed entrance sign at the entrance to Orchard Park**

A resident has asked if a mirror or/and a concealed entrance sign could be installed at the entrance to Orchard Park, as it is difficult to get in and out due to the speed of traffic as discussed above.

It was resolved that the Village Council have no objections if the residents wish to consult with their landlord regarding this, as it is not something that B&NES Council will consider installing on private land.

**2022/109 CLERKS REPORT**

Thanks to the Councillors who helped the Clerk plant the Millennium Garden.

Thanks also for the Councillors who delivered the newsletter to residents.

Bristol City Council are consulting on the Bristol Local Plan Review which will update all existing policies for deciding planning applications, guiding development over the next twenty years. Email your comments to Bristol City Council by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Meetings**

Comments have been send in to the B&NES Local Plan launch consultation. Local Plan workshops are proposed for early next year, invitations will be sent out soon for this.

**2022/110 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)**

**a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial**

Deborah Shenton                                  Plot No. J14                                  Deed No. 1471  
Ref: (Kenneth Thomas Rowland Shenton)

S Bryant proposed, R Chandler seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

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

An email has been received from John Bedford Clark from Rynat Ltd, who inspected the Playpark installation originally, to say the he has inspected the space net remedial work carried out and it is safe for use and the security fencing can be removed.

It is therefore back in action and the final invoice for the security fencing will now be sent to the Accounts department at Mant Leisure to be paid.

**2022/111 FINANCE**

**a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The schedule of payments dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, as listed in Appendix B were agreed, Cllrs S Bryant & J Fox-Bowen will authorise the online payments.

Vice-Chairman Mark Dury thanked all the Councillors and Staff for all their hard work during the year.

The meeting ended at 9.00.p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Appendix A

### PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 APPLICATIONS

09/02/2022 22/00238/PIP	Chapel Hill Homes Ltd Woodland Area, Ridgeway Gardens, Whitchurch, Permission in Principle to construct 5no. dwellings <b>OBJECT</b> to this application, see detailed objection comments. <b>REFUSED</b> <b>APPEAL REF: 3296575</b>
15/03/2022 08/06/2022	
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). <b>SUPPORT</b> 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.
22/11/2022 22/004414/PIP	Mr Daniel Hunt Greenacre, Staunton Lane, Whitchurch, BS14 0QL Stage 1 Permission in principle application for the development of a single dwelling.

### RESULTS

30/10/2022 22/03785/FUL	Mr Knight 26 Church Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0PP Erection of single storey extension. <b>PERMITTED.</b>
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) <b>REFUSED</b>

**Appendix B****MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS****DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

D/D	Water Business	Water @ cemetery	2.64	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	51.31	8.55
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – November	45.23	2.15
BT	Various	Salaries, mileage & various sundry items	2,627.32	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Nov	201.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	1,133.00	
BT	Your Solution	Security fencing	428.00	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	610.43	
BT	H M Rev & Customs	PAYE & NIC	585.32	
BT	B&NES Council	Small event permit fee	99.60	16.60
BT	John Pearce	Part for snow machine	10.99	
BT	Martin Francis	Website update & cert	55.00	
BT	Glasdon	Gateway sign	1,297.34	216.22
BT	Bristol Business	Newsletter printing	84.00	14.00
BT	Mr N Kirk	Collect newsletters	11.70	
BT	B A Leach	Compost planters	7.98	
BT	Mrs P Orchard	Christmas projectors	24.00	
BT	LogoMeUp	High Vis Vests	50.00	8.33
BT	Garden Machinery	Cut hedges	270.00	45.00
BT	S.A.S. (Bristol) Ltd	Barriers etc.	398.04	66.34
BT	Bateman Skip	Skip @ cemetery	330.00	55.00
		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£8,322.90</b>	<b>£432.19</b>