

MINUTES OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chairman), M Dury (Vice-Chairman), S Bangham, S Bryant, R Chandler, J Fox-Bowen, T Griffin, C Lewis, P O'Leary, P Orchard, V Perry, S Dyer (Clerk) & District Councillor Paul May.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

2023/112 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Councillor advised the meeting that he had received several comments from residents saying how good the Christmas Lights and the lights in the Millennium Garden look this year, which is good to hear.

2023/113 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None, all present.

2023/114 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

None received.

2023/115 TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS (FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)

None received.

2023/116 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2022

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

2023/117 TO NOTE THE WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Chairman thanked the Councillors who came out on a freezing cold evening to take part in the judging. The Chairman & Vice-Chair took the prizes to the winning residents and business, who were all very appreciative.

The Clerk explained that the visit to the Westin Care Home in the village had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of covid and the choir not being able to rearrange. Therefore the mince pies and biscuits were dropped off at the care home the week before Christmas for the residents to enjoy.

2023/118 TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY 'WARM SPACE' EVENT AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD WITH THIS

The weekly warm space event which has run during November/December has not proved to be a success with only three residents in total attending. It was therefore resolved that it is something which is not needed in Whitchurch Village and will be closed down.

Thanks was expressed to those Councillors who have volunteered and attended the sessions.

2023/119 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE KINGS CORONATION IN MAY AND AGREE HOW TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS

The date of the Kings Coronation is Saturday 6th May 2023, at present it states that further details will be announced soon, there is an extra bank holiday on Monday 8th May.

It was resolved to provisionally book the Whitchurch Village Community Centre Halls for Sunday 7th May and put this on the agenda to be discussed again in February.

2023/120 TO AGREE A DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ‘SWITCH ON’ AND WHETHER TO HOLD A FUN DAY IN 2023

It was agreed that the Christmas Lights ‘switch on’ this year will be held on Friday 1st December at 7pm. The fun day will be put on hold until the Coronation events have been agreed, as the two may be combined.

2022/121 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.

b) To consider a response to Bristol City Council’s Bristol Heat Network Local Development Order proposal

It was agreed that this is an excellent idea but one that could cause travel disruption when being installed. It was resolved to ask BCC if we could be kept informed of any planned disruption to the road network in this area in plenty of time.

Paul May agreed to take this up with B&NES to see if this is something they may be considering in the future.

c) To note the dates of the B&NES Local Plan workshops in Keynsham & Whitchurch and agree a representative to attend these

Invitations have been received from B&NES to two Local Plan workshops being held, on Thursday 26th January in Keynsham & Wednesday 1st February in Whitchurch Village. As a Local Plan meeting is taking place for Councillors to attend on Monday 9th January, it was resolved to make a decision after this meeting on whether representatives need to attend the other meetings as well.

2022/122 CLERKS REPORT

A letter has been received from Water Business advising that a £13 rebate will be made which will show on the next bill.

A report has been received on the short list for the Whitchurch Village & Queen Charlton Liveable Neighbourhood Area.

A Street light opposite 90 Bristol Road has been reported on Fix My Street today, as it is not working. Also lots of rubbish left outside the Playpark has also been reported today.

Meetings this month

Monday 9th January 1.30 – 3pm – B&NES Local Plan meeting

Weds 11th January 7.30pm – Field/Cemetery/Allotment Committee meeting

Weds 18th January 7.30pm – Finance Committee meeting

Weds 25th January 6-7pm via zoom – May Elections briefing

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

Paul explained that when the Anaerobic Digester enforcement has taken place to take down the buildings, the Forest of Avon are keen to bring the land back to Green Belt.

Paul has been working on B&NES budget to try to prevent front line services from being cut by increasing income, Adult & Children’s Services are 85% of the budget.

He has been trying to convince colleagues that there are other ways of removing weeds than using weed killer, as there were lots of complaints about weeds this year from residents.

The A37 crossing will be a single member decision, a recent report has been received which includes the road crossing, improvement to the road junction, improving the cycle track etc. There is funding available for this from WECA together with match funding from B&NES.

The Chairman thanked Paul for the updates.

2022/124 FIELD CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDENS (ALLOTMENTS)

a) To Grant Exclusive Rights of Burial

Peter Bell Plot No. H9 Deed No. 1472
Ref: (Anita Maureen Bell)

Alan Cox Plot No. J15 Deed No. 1473
Ref: (Lisa Diane Luton)

J Fox-Bowen proposed, T Griffin seconded and the meeting duly passed the Exclusive Rights of Burial.

b) To note the date of another Clean & Green Action week and agree areas which need attention

Another B&NES Clean & Green Action Week is taking place from 13th – 17th March which includes Whitchurch Village. We need to advise the team of any priority areas for cleansing during this week. The footpath along Maggs Lane was highlighted as a priority, a new path was installed last year and there are now weeds coming up through the footpath. It was resolved to put this item on the agenda again next month for more ideas. In the meantime it was agreed to ask the maintenance contractor to clear the footpath from Wells Close to Saltwell Avenue by clearing the leaves/weeds.

2022/125 FINANCE

a) To note and agree the payment of accounts dated 4th January 2023

The schedule of payments dated 4th January 2023, as listed in Appendix B were agreed, Cllrs S Bangham & P Orchard will authorise the online payments.

The meeting ended at 8.35.p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Appendix A
PLANNING APPLICATION LIST – 4th JANUARY 2023
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. REFUSED APPEAL REF: 3296575
15/03/2022 08/06/2022	REFUSED APPEAL REF: 3296575
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). SUPPORT 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. OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:- The proposed development is outside of the Housing Development boundary and is within the designated green belt. There are no special circumstances 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 within the Green Belt.

Appendix B

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DATE: 4th JANUARY 2023

DR	Unity Bank	Charge	18.00	
D/D	British Telecom	Phone/broadband	51.31	8.55
D/D	SSE	Electric Clock – December	49.23	2.34
BT	Various	Salaries, postage, warm space, Norton	1,840.66	
BT	WVCA	Rent & meeting – Dec	201.00	
BT	Your Solution	Maintenance	175.00	
BT	B&NES Council	Pension Fund	461.18	
BT	H M Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC	292.97	
BT	Kn Office supplies	Stationery	139.63	23.27
BT	G B Sport & Leisure	Playpark inspection report	60.00	10.00
BT	SLCC	Membership	187.00	
		Total Payments	£3,475.98	£44.16