

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON
8 FEBRUARY IN CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Ambrose (Chairman), Robinson (Vice Chair), Sage, Thompson, King, Mrs Moon, Pratt, Sheppard & Delmas.

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Adam Clarke & Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Liaison Officer Sally Varley, Cllr. Law D/Cllrs. Cook & Roberts.

PUBLIC: Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Nil.

12 MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held 11 January 2011 were agreed and signed.

13 CRIME FIGURES: Four crimes reported since last meeting:- Criminal Damage to Shed/Outhouse Window, 800 litres of oil stolen from on Tyntesfield Estate, Theft from Budgens Shop & Budgens Petrol Drive-Off.

Nothing further on 'Speedwatch', co-ordinator struggling to get people involved. Gun has been authorised.

14 ISSUES

a) **PYLONS**

National Grid say it is 12 or 17 times more expensive to go underground. Although that equates, to £1 per year on bills. CIMA report out any time now, We should give an immediate reaction followed by a more considered one. It was said that NG do not get any income if the cable is under the sea (another contractor would do the work). Off-gem give them money for infrastructure but not for undersea.

Similar situation in Wirral ~ meeting tonight. CA will find out the outcome.

Also a £5 B Germany/Denmark 3 lane motorway & rail link is to be constructed underground.

The campaign needs more media coverage – Sunday Times, Countryfile, Jeremy Vine (R2)[likes contentious issues] & Outside West.

Fifteen replies received re Peter Gregory to represent all the PC's on the route - 12 positive.

Off-gem say the pricing is hard to understand. NG are likely to choose a route even though a report has not yet been done..

NG say they must do it overland, if not overland then another firm will get the contract. Subsidies if tied up OK, if not they won't get it.

b) **WEB**

A better price could be got through Bidding System. Quotes – UK Designer

£100 to establish then £50 per annum to update it. Keep it simple

Voting unanimous to delegate to the Working Group ~ Cllrs. Ambrose, Robinson & Pratt to act.

Should be up and running next month.

c) **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Report re meeting with Louise Davidson (ERHA) was given

The survey should be refreshed and the sites revisited.

Core Strategy seems to debar building, even Affordable Housing, in the Green Belt.

15 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a) *APPLICATION 10/P/2235/F & 10/P/2238/LB – Repair of the garden building and its conversion into a café. Existing temporary car park to become permanent for National Trust, Tyntesfield.*

RECOMMENDATION – 1. CAFE – SUPPORT

2, CAR PARK – REJECT THE TEMP. CAR PARK BECOMING PERMANENT.

- b) APPLICATION 11/P/0027/LB – Erection of a single storey extension in courtyard to north west of site to create an entrance lobby with sky light to both Battleaxe Cottage and Caretakers Cottage to form a single dwelling. Repair and replace windows, doors and floors, install double doors to lounge and other internal repair works, landscaping to garden with erection of fence to south west boundary (revision of 06/P/1655/LB for Mrs Patel & Mr Sivakumaran)

RECOMMENDATION – Support

- c) APPLICATION 11/P/0042/F – Installation of a Portakabin Pacemaker building to be used as office accommodation – Inviron Limited, 2 High Street, Nailsea. (On our border)

RECOMMENDATION – No objections.

- d) APPLICATION 11/P/0105/F – Erection of a single storey side extension for Mr Sean Homes, 2 Flax Bourton Road, Failand

RECOMMENDATION – Support

EXTRA ITEMS

APPLICATION 11/P/0118F – Construction of an artificial sports pitch with associated access, floodlights and fencing.

We have no objection, in principle, to a new pitch, but would like the concerns we express below to be addressed before a decision is made.

COMMENTS BY WRAXALL WITH FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL.

Bristol Grammar School seeks to make the case for an additional artificial pitch for use both by the School and the wider Community. They anticipate maximum use of the pitch, including weekday evenings until 21.30.

The application has been considered by the Parish Council, and concerns have been expressed regarding the following aspects :

(NB The Planning Statement received is missing pages 13 and 15)

IMPACT ON THE GREEN BELT

There is acceptance that the lighting and fencing surrounding the pitch, required for intensive use, impact adversely on the openness of the Green Belt. The impact is minimised in the Planning Statement, and the Summary states that there will be no greater such impact than currently exists. However, this would be in addition to the existing facilities.

LIGHT POLLUTION

The light assessment and contour plan submitted examine the spill of light on the ground. However, 12 powerful lamps (6 posts+ 2 lamps each), 15 metres above ground, will increase light pollution, such lights often being visible some miles from source. There are residential properties in the vicinity.

PARKING

It is envisaged that the teams will access the site via the Pavilion, off the Clevedon Road, where there are ample parking facilities. The players will then run across the playing fields to the pitch. However, spectators are more likely to drive to the access off Beggar Bush Lane, which has limited parking. There is therefore the risk of roadside parking on this busy highway, and it is acknowledged that this would be beyond the School's control.

GLB's FIELD SHELTER – Complaints have been received that a field shelter has been placed on fields owned by GLB's together with post and rail fencing contrary to the original conditions of the Planning Permission.. These are described as 'Very conspicuous when going down land to the Cricket Club. It is in Green Belt. It was suggested that an e-mail is sent to D/Cllr. Bob Cook.

- e) Clerk reported on decisions made by NSC on Planning Applications previously considered by this PC.

16 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

The submission re. Reduction of the Speed Limit on B3128 has been placed on the Web Site and copies sent to NSC, Police, Fire & Ambulance.

It was reported that the sign for 'School' is missing on the North side of B3128 between Wraxall Hill and Downs School.

17 PROW

- a) CHARLTON DRIVE DIVERSION – It was suggested that we should demand that the Foot Path is extended down Charlton Drive. PC felt that this was not what we had been asked to consider. A diversion should have a similar start and finish as the definitive F/P.

18 MEETINGS

- a) PCAA 25 January 2011 – No one attended.

Cllr. Ambrose said that NTC want the plot of land behind Budgens -in our parish- for allotments. He told them that Tyntesfield were interested in having allotments.

We had 'earmarked' that particular plot as a possible burial ground, however, there would have to be many tests etc. if that were to be so.

NTC had also indicated that they would like the land from Vetcogray to the Land Yeo, also in our parish. Part of that land belongs to Wraxall Charities. The 'new' Core Strategy may not allow the Car Park on Green Belt land.

Cllrs. Ambrose, King & Pratt asked for a meeting with Michael Reep re Core Strategy.

Also mentioned were a Localism Bill meeting at Long Ashton & Cllrs. Pratt was meeting with Somerset Ramblers on Saturday.

19 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) WASTE – This now appears to have been regularised.
- b) DOG BINS – These now need to be lowered so that the base is only 12" from the ground per Fountains Environmental Ltd (who have taken over from Connaught).
- c) GRIT BIN – Request for a bin at junction of Cooks Gardens, Elm Lodge Road, Rectory Gardens. Discussed but denied.
- d) GRASS MAINTENANCE (THIS & 20a CAN BE TAKEN TOGETHER # THIS IS AN APPLICATION TO TENDER AND 20a IS TO DECIDE WHAT WE WANT DOING THIS YEAR PRIOR TO ADVERTISING) This was a tentative letter asking if they could be considered re. Grass Maintenance.

20 FINANCE

- a) GRASS MAINTENANCE – Grass Maintenance Notices asking for tenders are going to the Notice Boards with a final date for submission as 7 March 2011.
Cllrs. King & Robinson had inspected the Millennium Green.
Query re. surface under swings – Contact Tony Moore
Goal Posts have a 6” sway and one is too near the man hole cover. Query re. five a side posts instead and away from man hole cover.
Cllr. King felt that 2 swings should be box type (for toddlers)
There were some boards with protruding nails – these have been moved into the hedge out of children's way.
- b) REFUND FROM BT- £1.91. I have cancelled BT Line and have asked Opal/Talk Talk to provide Line, Calls (which are free 9am-5pm) & Broadband. This will be a considerable saving. The refund from BT is the balance of what I had paid in advance.
- c) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – Approved.

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2016	Cllr. Ambrose	Train to London re Meeting on Pylons	84,60
2017	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	£40.00
2018	Failand Village Hall	Hire for alt. Months for PC meetings	£120.00
2019	Suffolk CC	Nat. Symposium on future Elect. Networks	48.00
2020	Navigus Planning	Annual sub. To Journal of Local Planning (4 editions)	50.00
2021	Fountains Environmental Ltd (formerly Connaught)	Emptying Dog Bins – November	21.15
S/O	Mrs F Shattock	Salary – January 2011	1080.47
2022	Mrs J Cobb	Safety Reports – Mill Green – Jan '11	£40.00
2023	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse	£117.50

21 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

22 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Millennium Green