

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** HELD AT 7.30PM ON 8 JANUARY 2013 IN FAILAND VILLAGE HALL.

**PRESENT** – Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Delmas, Pratt, Thompson, King, Sage, Sheppard & Mrs Moon.

**APOLOGIES** – Cllrs. Law, Ambrose, Mrs Shaw, D/Cllr. Bob Cook & Liaison Officer Richard Blows.

**IN ATTENDANCE** – D/Cllr. Charles Cave, PC Adam Clarke & Clerk.

**PUBLIC** – Graham Taynton re GE Oil & Gas 87g & 88b.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr. Sage 87c Pylons.

**85 MINUTES** – The Minutes were agreed and signed.

**86 CRIME FIGURES** – Seven crimes since the last meeting.

2 thefts from Motor Vehicles; Woodland Way, Failand, rear screen smashed, DVD recorder taken. Owen Drive, Failand, Sat Nav etc. taken. Damage in Elm Lodge Road, Wraxall, Brick thrown. Yard in Failand – several lorries syphoned of Diesel and CCTV hard-drive taken. Theft of Christmas Reindeer etc, Elm Lodge Road, Wraxall. Drive off - £65 fuel. Short Way, Failand – Dwelling's attached garage – frozen food and beer taken.

Councillors mentioned the following to Adam – Fly Tipping on the track to Kincott Farm and building materials in Ashton Hill Car Park.

**87 ISSUES**

a DISPENSATION – Resolution & Voting

This will need a change to our Standing Orders in the long run.

Proposal – To adopt Clevedon's words. Prop. Cllr Pratt, Seconded Cllr Sheppard.

Voting 7 for, 1 Abstention.

**88 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

b APPLICATION 12/P/2201/F – Replacement of existing single storey portakabin with a 2 storey portakabin for use as office accommodation and associated 2 storey stair pod for GE Oil & gas, High Street, Nailsea.~ Cllr. Robinson visited Graham Taynton & Teresa Moxham on Sunday. The siting of the portakabin is next to the field, see P/A 12/2068, the field in which they wish to form a Car Park. Cllr. Robinson suggests Obscure glass or higher windows.

MEETING CLOSED 8.03pm

Graham Taynton suggested that it could move somewhere else on the site. He is concerned about losing more of his view and about privacy.

MEETING OPENED 8.07pm

Cllr. Sage asked the width of the field and questioned if it was to be 2 storey with windows and where the windows would be. (45m across the 'car park' field

MEETING CLOSED 8.12pm

Graham Taynton said that it was at the side of the 'canteen' which is at the side of the field (the subject of P/A 12/2068) furthest from Mr Taynton's property.

MEETING OPENED 8.12pm

#### RECOMMENDATION

There is not enough to warrant Refusal. Conditions could be added to the recommendation

a. Obscure glass or clerestory windows.

b. Could the bottles etc., at the south of the existing portakabin, be moved further south so that the proposed 2 storey portakabin could be aligned with the north end of the 'canteen'.

D/Cllr. Cook had sent an e-mail suggesting that this P/A be deferred until P/A 12/2068 has been determined.

Voting for deferral – All in favour.

Voting for Recommendation with conditions a & b, as above – All in favour.

## 87 ISSUES

g GE OIL & GAS P/A re Car Park

Whilst dealing with item 88b, reference was made to a letter from Mr David Hussey in respect of P/A 12/2068. A resume of the letter was given by Cllr. Robinson.

A letter had also been received from JRW Properties stating that there is an alternative to building in the Green Belt. They have plenty of land available at the old 'Coates Cider Factory Site' where GE already hire 80 car parking spaces. D/Cllr. Cave said that he and D/Cllr. Cook had spent some time looking around the 'Old Coates Cider Factory Site' with the owner Mr Ray Wyatt. There is to be a planning meeting on site next Monday (D/Cllrs. only) with a view to a decision being made on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at North Area Comm. meeting. Cllr. Pratt queried the lease/licencing terms (which are not known to us).

MEETING CLOSED 8.19pm

Mr Taynton said that the 80 cars which are parked on the 'Coates' site at present will be moved to the Green Belt field if the Planning Application is approved.

MEETING OPENED 8.20pm

b WEB SITE – Nothing further at this time.

c PYLONS – Cllr. Ambrose had sent an e-mail regarding funding by other PC's on the pylon route. Two were mentioned by name. Cllr. Ambrose was to be asked who the two persons are – Post meeting Note ~ Sue Hayes Badgworth & Richard Parker Compton Bishop.

Regarding the Inflatable Pylon, Cllr. King wished the ALCA response to be read first. This was acceptable to all. The response stated that it was a gross misuse of public money and that it was very wrong to give PC money to an individual to purchase something which would be owned by that individual.

Cllr. Pratt said that if the Inflatable Pylon did not belong to the PC then the PC would not be liable. He said, regarding the 'misuse' phrase, that if we did not use the Inflatable, or £10,000 which it would cost, we, as tax payers, may have to pay for Pylons to ruin the Countryside.

The PC have agreed to use Dr Claus Neumann, for say £6000. Monies are not 'out of place' with Barristers. Cllr. King said that he was against 'Wasting Money'. Cllr. Sage said that he was still a shareholder in Cameron Balloons and had been to see Don Cameron who has a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He had asked Mr Cameron to look at the plans of the Inflatable Pylon which had been drawn up by a Chinese Company. Mr Cameron said that it would not work. It would weigh one and a half tons and the pressure in the tubes would be too much. Cllr. Thompson said 'We think that the Pylons are hideous but we should not spend parishioners money on this as there are not many pylons in our Parish.

Both D/Cllr. Cook's and Cllr. Ambrose's views were displayed on the screen.

Cllr. Pratt said that half the monies would be put down first. The Chinese Company would make it and prove that it works then the balance would be paid when they ship it,

Cllr. Mrs Moon said that it is not good to spend that amount of money and certainly not on a Chinese company. Cllr. King said that he appreciated that Cllrs. Ambrose & Pratt had worked very hard in respect of the pylons but why the rush to spend £6000, with Dr Neumann, and wanting to go to Italy.

Cllr. Mrs Moon suggested making a model, in say Lego, to show the height of the houses in relation to the height of the pylons. Cllrs. thought that a good idea. Cllr. King said that the Pylons were very close to houses in Nailsea.

A vote was taken regarding the funding of the Inflatable Pylon – 7 against, 1 for. Cllr. Sage offered to get Cameron Balloons to explain why the Inflatable Pylon would not work.

Cllr. Pratt briefed the meeting on progress with the work that had been commissioned with Dr Neumann.

The Parish Councillors said that they appreciated all the work that has been done.

d BACKWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Consultation ends 12 January. No further comments need be sent.

e REALITY OF LOCALISM – PC's are not now being capped but they may be in the future. If we put the precept figure down it may have to stay down.

f COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – Interim report has been sent – nothing further. D/Cllr. Cave said that the overall contribution would be to NSC but the 106 was still in place although it would be much smaller.

## **88 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

a APPLICATION 12/P/2155/F – Erection of a single storey conservatory for Mrs M Cuell Snowdrop Cottage, Church Lane, Lower Failand. (Already reported to NSC)

RECOMMENDATION – Approve.

b See above.

c GOWAN CROFT – D/Cllr. Cook had sent in an e-mail saying that Chris Nolan & Tony Parker (both of NSC Enforcement Dept.) had viewed the site and have some serious concerns. They were speaking to Mr Watt to get some answers. It was queried whether Mr Watt has permission to make an entrance through a field in Failand Lane. E-mail to be sent

d Clerk reported on decisions made by NSC on items previously considered by this PC.

## **89 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

a TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE BY VEHICLES – Horse Race Lane, Failand. 5 days starting 28 January for carriageway repairs.

## **90 PROW**

- a WALK TO SCHOOL – Elaine Bowman (NSC PROW) has not yet met with Hugh Vowles.
- b DIAMOND JUBILEE RIVERSIDE WALK – Apologies received from Elaine Bowman – she has yet to send a form to the Inspector.
- c ROTARY CLUB WALK – Cllr. Robinson has yet to walk the route with David Whittlestone.
- d OPEN SPACES SOCIETY – OSS have suggested that we try Paths for Communities re a Grant.

## **91 MEETINGS**

- a BRIEFING ON SOUTH BRISTOL LINK – Cllr. Robinson gave a resume of the meeting  
D/Cllr. Cave said that at present traffic goes down A38 and dissipates – the new road will join A370 and thence Hotwells Road – a road to nowhere.  
Bristol City Council could thwart the plans re. Rapid Transport. The Mayor, George Ferguson, is not happy with Rapid Transport.
- b ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY – MEETING 4 FEBRUARY  
The Inspector has filed his report with Secretary of State. It is not known what the report states.

## **92 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH SOMERSET – Extra Ordinary meeting 6pm 15 January Council Chamber WsM. Cllr. Robinson will hope to attend.
- b COMMUNITY LAND TRUST – Nothing further.
- c COMMUNICATIONS TO PC – No answer yet from Elizabeth Roberts (NSC).
- d PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOT ON NSC WEB SITE. – No answer yet from Elizabeth Roberts (NSC). Comment was made that P/A's are still not being put on the Web Site in time. Cllrs. frequently find that neighbours have not been informed and they cannot comment on the 'Search & Submit' until the P/A's appear on that page. Clerk to write to NSC Planning. Post meeting note - Reply received from Jason Beale and sent to all Cllrs.
- e NSC NHS CCG – Cllr. Mrs Moon has read this report and declared that it was aspirational.
- f HOSPITAL TRANSPORT. Although this communication mentioned NHS it was, in fact, trying to get advertising for themselves.
- g PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING SURVEY – Nothing further.
- h CPRE EMERGENCY ACTION – COUNTRYSIDE UNDER THREAT  
CPRE requesting action.

i BRISTOL AIRPORT – VISIT TO TRAFFIC CONTROL Cllr. Sheppard has already registered his interest and 6 more Cllrs. said they wished to be included if dates could be agreed.

j LAF REPORT & TOWN & PARISH BUDDIES – Report noted. Our Buddy is still D/Cllr. Bob Cook. Cllr. Ambrose is the Buddy for Tickenham

k FLOODING & DRAINAGE UPDATES – None received from NSC. Clerk to write.

l COMMUNITY RESILIENCE NS PROJECT – ?

m LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT - ?

#### EXTRAS

SENIOR SIREN MAGAZINE – from Avon & Somerset Constabulary, alerting Senior Citizens to be 'On Their Guard'. Cllr. Sage said that he would give a copy to all those attending the Parish Lunch. Clerk to write to ask Tom & PC Adam Clarke to liaise. Put on our Web site.

COOKING COURSE FOR MEN (PENSIONERS) – Noted.

COVER FOR A CLERK ON MATERNITY LEAVE – Noted - No one interested.

### 93 FINANCE

a STREET FURNITURE MAINTENANCE – Schedule to be sent to Cllr. Sage who may know someone who is interested.

b OPEN SPACES SOCIETY – ANOTHER REQUEST FOR A GRANT – Declined.

c PRECEPT – Comments from Cllr. Ambrose were displayed on the screen.

Budget figures had been discussed at the Budget Meeting but, because of a possibility of capping we had been advised to wait until January before we set a Precept. Voting was NOT to increase the grant figure arrived at in the Budget meeting and to reduce the Precept figure to £32200 (3.7% reduction) so that there was no increase in Council Tax for parishioners. (The figure would have to be reduced as there were fewer Band D properties)

d ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT – FOR APPROVAL . VOTING –APPROVED BY ALL.

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2249	Cross Tree Centre	Hire of Room	£24.00
2250	OCS	Emptying Dog Bins – November 2012	£43.20
2251	ALCA	COURSE FEE – Engaging with the Community	£30.00
2252	ALCA	COURSE FEE – Being a Good Councillor	£75.00
2253	Mrs F Shattock	REIMBURSE – Waitrose Web address 1.69; TalkTalk Line & Broadband 36.19	£37.88
2254	Mrs F Shattock	NET SALARY – Net Salary – December 2012	£893.07
2255	HMRC	Tax & NIC October – December 2012	£751.17

94 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS – Nil

95 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING - Nil