

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT FAILAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Lock (Chairman), Malpas (Vice Chairman), Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Amos, Delmas, Mrs Moon, Robinson, and Sage.

District Cllr Cave.

Parish Clerk – Tony Jay.

22/18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs King, Law and Mrs Vowles. Also from District Cllr Mrs Stowey.

23/18 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

No declarations were declared.

24/18 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2018

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

25/18 TO INVITE PUBLIC SPEAKING – To hear any person who wishes to address the Council

No member of the public wished to speak.

26/18 TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

A schedule of all invoices and payments had been previously circulated to the members of the Finance Committee.

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2815	Wembdon PC.	Reimbursement of 1/3 rd share of SLCC membership (£86.00); ALCC membership (£10.00) and Webinar (£10.00)	£106.00
2816	Anthony Jay	Mileage £32.40; Home Working Allowance £18.00; Mobile phone £1.67; Key cutting £6.00	£58.07
2819	Failand Village Hall	Room hire	£20
DD	In Touch	Website hosting and email addresses costs	£55.79

The Clerk provided a summary of receipts and payments for the present financial year.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the bills for payment.

27/18 TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE FINANCE WORKING GROUP, AND TO REVIEW ITS MEMBERSHIP

It was unanimously resolved to change the title to the finance working group.

The members of the working group will be the Chairman, Cllr Delmas, Cllr Law and Cllr Robinson.

28/18 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The annual CPRE membership renewal has arrived. It was agreed to continue to donate £36 per year.

The annual insurance policy renewal has been received. It was agreed that the policy should remain in place with the same cover.

All Councillors should get into the habit of using their new Council email addresses for Council business.

The Clerk was asked to chase up NSC regarding the hedge trimming request on Lodge Lane.

29/18 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FOLLOWING ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS

There were no reports.

30/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE PROVISION OF DOG BINS

The agreement for NSC to reimburse the cost of the dog bin emptying at the Elms is now in place, and the Parish Council has already received the 2018 reimbursement of £634.92.

31/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WORKING GROUP SET UP TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES IN FAILAND

Cllr Sheppard provided an update. Three Councillors and three FRAS team members have met and agreed a set of tasks, prior to a proposal to NSC being formulated. These tasks have been allocated amongst the team and are now being worked upon.

The beat officer, PC Faithfull, would like to assist when the list of proposals have been drawn up.

One of the issues being investigated is the footpath on the B3128 close to the village hall grounds being very narrow, partly due to overgrown vegetation.

Cllr Robinson will be meeting with the chairman of Abbots Leigh Parish Council, and a NSC officer to discuss a reduction in the speed limit on Beggar Bush Lane and Belmont Hill.

32/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK REGARDING THE DATA PROTECTION OFFICER REQUIREMENT AND TO CONSIDER TWO QUOTATIONS FOR PROVIDING THIS SERVICE

The Clerk reported that there is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding GDPR, which becomes law on 25 May 2018. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting when more information is known.

33/18 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

It was unanimously resolved to purchase a Westcotec VAS with a spare battery.

The Clerk was asked to check with our insurers to ensure that the people moving the VAS will be covered, and also to enquire into health and safety training.

District Cllr Cave left the meeting.

34/18 TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PROCEDURES IN RESPONDING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the following procedures:

When a new application arrives all Councillors will be notified, and two Councillors will be asked to quickly carry out a scoping exercise and report back as to whether the application

needs to be discussed by the full Council at a meeting. If it is felt by the two Councillors that the application is straightforward; likely to be approved by NSC and not contentious then the Parish Council will simply not comment. If this is not the case then it will be referred to the full Council for discussion.

The general rule for TPO's is that if it is tree maintenance then the Council will usually choose not to comment. However if it is tree felling then it may be decided to discuss it at a meeting.

These procedures will run for a trial period of three months.

35/18 TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/P/5299/FUH 18A Flax Bourton Road BS8 3UW - Construction of front and rear roof extensions.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application

17/P/5424/FUL. Land To The East Of QEH Sports Club, Clevedon Road, Failand. Proposed football training facility including the erection of a new pavilion building, formation of grass pitches and associated site re-contouring, provision of flood lighting columns, the erection of a groundsman's store, the provision of a new access to the B3128, landscaping works, car parking and other ancillary development.

It was resolved not to support the application (5 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) as the Parish Council considers this application to be an over development of the site and will have a significant impact on the openness of green belt.

The Parish Council would like North Somerset Council to consider the following in determining the application:

1. Parking provision is inadequate for the 500 seat stadium proposed, this should be addressed before the application proceeds.
2. There is a public footpath that runs along the western boundary of the site and on past the practice pitches to the south. This should be maintained as a condition of planning.
3. The entrance and exit from the site is to be directly opposite the Bristol Grammar School sports facilities, this is not a safe proposal. The main access should be relocated to a more appropriate location.
4. The training facility will result in a considerable increase in traffic movements in the vicinity of Failand, particularly on match days when the stadium is in full use. The Parish Council has been working on a number of road safety improvements in the area including a reduction of the speed limit. In view of the impact of this development on traffic, a 106 agreement is appropriate to fund the safety improvements.
5. The stadium once built could be used for regular matches for Bristol City's under 23s or woman's teams, not just a training facility but a match venue. This would considerably increase traffic in the vicinity.
6. The choice of material on the exterior of the main building should reflect the rural character of the area.

17/P/5626/FUL. Land To The East Of QEH Sports Club, Clevedon Road, Failand. Proposed erection of changing room and supporting services accommodation and retention of existing gym and changing room facilities for a temporary period of three years.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

17/P/5639/FUH. 13 Hill Drive Failand. BS8 3UX. Proposed new rear, side extensions along with infill under existing roof creating new porch with associated demolitions.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

18/P/0004/LDP. Glen Lyon 6 Tower House Lane Wraxall BS48 1JP. Certificate of lawful use proposed for a proposed single storey side extension and the conversion of the existing garage into living accommodation.

It was resolved to support the application if it complies with the conditions of permitted development (6 in favour, 2 against)

18/P/2115/FUH. Failand View, Horse Race Lane, Failand. BS8 3TX. Single storey front in-fill extension either side of bay window to provide more regular shaped living room. Part first floor extension, part 2 storey extension to the rear with small single storey extension.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

Planning appeal

17/P/1587/PDT. Land At Ashton Hill Farm Weston Road Long Ashton. Prior notification of proposed development of a 20m high monopole with antennas in shroud, 2no. microwave dishes and 2no. equipment cabinets with ancillary development.

It was unanimously resolved to submit the same comments as previously submitted i.e.

1. The Parish Council welcomes the proposed investment in improving communications services within the parish and will work with Vodafone / Telefonica to find a suitable solution.
2. The communications tower proposed is of an industrial design over 20 meters in height. The location chosen is in Green Belt.
3. The Parish Council would like Vodaphone / Telefonica to consider alternative sites or technologies to deliver the service. Failand Village Hall has been suggested as an alternative site. This would have the additional benefit of the revenue generated from the siting of the mast would go to the community.
4. In urban areas towers of the type proposed are seldom seen. Aerials are either located on existing structures or alternative technologies integrated into street lamps or roadside structures. Is there a technical reason why similar technology cannot be used in Failand?
5. Given the rural location of the structure consideration should be given to camouflage or an alternative design. Masts are available that mimic trees.
6. Engineering operations and structures which harm the openness of the Green Belt are inappropriate development as defined in the NPPF and supported by North Somerset Councils Core Strategy. In this case, there are numerous aspects which have an adverse impact on the openness of the Green belt. Planning and enforcement officers have been resisting the increasing industrialisation of the area.
7. A permanent structure of the scale proposed, in this location, will set a precedent in the immediate green belt vicinity for similar structures, such as wind turbines. The Failand ridge is a very favourable location for wind power generation.

36/18 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

17/P/5120/FUH. 10 Cooks Gardens, Wraxall BS48 1HD. Erection of a single garage. **Granted.**

17/P/5507/TPO. 2 Short Way, Failand BS8 3UF. 1 x Norway maple and 1 x Sycamore. Reduce crown back to previous pruning points. **Granted.**

17/P/5427/AGA. Belmont Estate, Belmont Hill, Wraxall, North Somerset. Prior notification of the proposed erection of an agricultural barn. **Prior approval is granted.**

The applications were noted.

37/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE REPAIRS REQUIRED AT THE FAILAND BUS SHELTER

Three quotations will be obtained for the repairs required to the bus stop.

38/18 TO CONSIDER TWO REQUESTS FOR PROW FUNDING

It was resolved to donate £400 to the scheme to re-route the footpath LA20/2/30 (5 in favour, 3 against).

A second request was discussed, to consider contributing financially to a footpath between The Grove and Wraxall School, in particular the construction of a bridge over a ditch. A structural engineer has prepared plans for a bridge.

It was agreed that Cllr Sheppard will contact NSC regarding the legal agreement with the landowners allowing for the path to pass over their land.

It was unanimously resolved to pay the structural engineers invoice of £200 plus VAT.

39/18 TO REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER

This was adjourned until the next meeting.

40/18 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman said that Rich Smith of NSC had written to District Cllr Cave regarding the wig-wags at the puffin crossing near to Wraxall School. (These have been removed, and the Parish Council had asked for them to be reinstated).

Rich Smith has said that under the regulations wig-wags are not permitted on the approaches to a puffin crossing. Traffic monitoring has taken place and since the crossing was installed, and the wig-wags removed, the average vehicle speed has reduced by 4 mph.

Cllr Mrs Vowles is liaising with the school to ask for their views before the Parish Council replies to Rich Smith.

41/18 TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The review of the asset register.

42/18 TO AGREE ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING

28/18 The Clerk
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38/18 Cllr Sheppard
40/18 Cllr Mrs Vowles

Date of next meeting – 13th March 2018 in the Cross Tree Centre