

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM 12 APRIL 2016 IN CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL.

PRESENT - Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Malpas, Mrs Lock, Amos, Mrs Moon, Sheppard, Sage, Law & Delmas.

IN ATTENDANCE – D/Cllr. Cave (from 8.08 pm) and Clerk Mrs F Shattock.

APOLOGIES – Cllrs. King, Mrs Vowles, D/Cllr Stowey, Mrs Lock leaving at 9.30pm.

PUBLIC – Mark Lewis.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – 37c Cllr. Sage - Applicant, 37 e (0762) Cllr. Mrs Moon – Neighbour & 37 e (0705) Cllr Mrs Moon – Applicant.

34 MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held 8 March were agreed and signed.

35 CRIME FIGURES – Report from Avon & Somerset Constabulary – Crimes – Anti Social Behaviour 1, Non dwelling burglary 1, Dwelling burglary 1, Criminal Damage 1 & Theft 1. There was also an alert re Doorstep crime incidents, a reminder to secure front doors and windows if residents are in the rear garden and a reminder to secure sheds and outbuildings. Councillors also commented that the incidents of fly tipping are increasing and that NSC are taking a long time and many reminders to remove such. Two Councillors agreed to report two incidents, giving the exact locations. There was also a report that a cement mixer, chain saw and dumper etc. had been taken from a building site in Failand Lane. PC Faithfull had agreed to increase patrols. Nick Pitt to be asked about a suitable camera which could take photographs when triggered by a sensor – eg. PIR (Passive Infrared) – fines could pay for the camera.

36 ISSUES

a Cllrs. Robinson, Mrs Moon & Mrs Vowles had attended briefings on NSC proposal to operate School Crossing Patrols (SCP) as a 'Traded Service', enabling local sponsorship by schools; PTAs; Parish & Town Councils; businesses etc. With severe pressure on the local council budget, NSC is not prepared to fund SCPs after August 2016, as this function is discretionary not statutory. It is estimated that £4,400 will be needed the first year, covering salary, uniform and insurance. Wraxall is one of the five SCP sites out of the 26 in NS that meet the criteria; the remaining sites have either traffic calming and / or pedestrian crossings, or do not have a high enough pedestrian / vehicle ratio. Only the Highways team for NSC can authorise persons to stop traffic in North Somerset, as such, a 'Traded Service' is a misnomer. Cllr. Robinson said that he had asked NSC to advise on the feasibility of a Pelican crossing to the east of Wraxall Hill but had not yet received a reply. He asked the PC for authority to write to Dr Liam Fox MP asking that he lobby NSC to continue to fund the SCP. All in agreement. As there is currently no alternative, Wraxall School have registered an interest in the service and have also requested that the Parish Council helps fund this service.

b **ALLOTMENTS** - The Allotments Working Group have met, reviewed the Wraxall Allotments Association (WAA) proposal and agreed questions to be put to NSC. Concern was expressed that the Wraxall Allotments Association may be under the impression that the PC are committed to the Budget allocation of £9.000, match funded by Nailsea Town Council. Cllr. Robinson explained that any proposed expenditure would need to be approved by the Council, based on quotes from contractors and the feasibility of the whole scheme, and that the Council should wait for NSC's response. He undertook to speak to Mr Beck regarding this

c PARISH RECYCLING SCHEME - Although the Parish Council is very supportive of recycling, it considers that this scheme, as envisaged, is not commensurate with the resources of a small Parish Council.

d PYLONS – No developments re the Pylons since the last report.

e WEB SITE- Following the Clerk's report and advice from Neighbourhood Watch (NW), Cllrs were content for the NW email reports to be préciséd and uploaded to the website.

f NOTICE BOARDS.- Cllr. Sage has had the Notice Board which is in Failand Churchyard, renovated and he hopes it will last for a year. The one at Failand PO is hanging open and cannot be repaired. The quote is £459 for the notice board, shaped header £75, - the same for the one in the Churchyard plus £169 for two posts. Installation is £190 – All plus VAT which can be reclaimed. The PC are grateful to Tom for making good the Churchyard board and for his work in getting the costings. Proposal – to order a replacement for Failand Post Office site.

g BROADBAND – The new communication cabinet (DSLAM) has been installed by the traffic lights at the junction of Clevedon Rd and Beggarrbush Lane in Failand. The cabinet installed is a Huawei 288. This will support up to 288 fibre connections at up to 17Mbps. If you would like more information take a look at "<http://www.kitz.co.uk/adsl/fttc-cabinets.htm>".

Openreach have told us that once a cabinet is installed it can take up to three month to connect and configure. As soon as we are aware that the cabinet is live we will communicate to everyone that has registered and interest on the parish website.

In the meantime you can contact your Internet Service Provider and ask them about a Fibre Broadband Service. The majority of existing providers will be able to make use of the new infrastructure once it is available.

37 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

Before the Agenda was continued Cllr. Malpas said that he was concerned that, when considering planning applications put forward by Councillors, the Parish Council should be seen to be doing the right thing in the eyes of residents. He thought that Cllrs. from another Council should be asked to consider such.

D/Cllr. Cave said that Parish Councillors were only making a Recommendation.

Cllrs. accepted the offer for Cllr. Malpas & Cllr. Mrs Lock to draft a protocol for this.

a APPLICATION 16/P/0510/F – Two storey front extension for Simon Lee, 15 Woodland Close, Failand. DECISION – SUPPORT.

b APPLICATION 16/P/0544/F – Two storey side extension and erection of timber shed for Mr & Mrs Tom Bodkin, 29 Gable Cottages, Bristol Road, Wraxall.

RECOMMENDATION - A PA in 2009 was refused by NSC and although the design of the extension has changed we feel the same objections apply viz. that the design, scale and position would be disproportionately large in relation to the original dwelling and out of character with the 3 terraced cottages.

We feel the density, form and scale is not in sympathy with the rank of 3 and would be detrimental to this Green Belt entrance to Wraxall village

The design of this terraced rank very much echoes the Wraxall Lodge some 100M along the B3130 as well as other attractive properties in the vicinity.

We do not support this application.

c APPLICATION 16/P/0653/F – Single storey front extension and a replacement entrance porch for Mr & Mrs Sage, Lower Failand Farm, Failand Lane, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – As the proposal is 40m from the next neighbour, 40m back from the lane, in keeping with the original and only a 13 % increase the Cllrs. Support the application.

d APPLICATION 16/P/0700/PDA – Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural feed and machinery storage building for Mr K Browning, Naish Hill House, Naish Hill, Clapton-in-Gordano. The existing barn is 8m high and the proposal is 5.5m and behind the existing so will not be seen. It cannot be seen from Noah's Ark Zoo Farm as the land rises. It is a similar colour to the original and will be better for Agricultural machinery to be housed rather than left out and vulnerable to theft. All in favour of Supporting this P/A.

e APPLICATION 16/P/0762/F – Sub division of existing dwelling to 2no. dwellings for Mr P Hambley-Smith (Hambley-Smith on electoral roll), 6 Woodland Way, Failand. The alterations to the dwelling are purely internal but concern was raised re. car parking. This property has had a flat since 1990 which was meant for Mother in Law and had a condition placed on the whole property that it could not be sold as 2 dwellings. The applicant claims that there are many semidetached houses in the vicinity. That is not so – there are only 2 semi-detached dwellings in the whole of Failand. There have been 6 vehicles parked on the road for the last 12 months. The garage is not used as a garage and there is concern re parking in the future. There is also a concern re. waste storage and how this can be brought to the road side for collection There is no mention of access for No. 6a.

The PC felt that the Issue of the condition which was placed on this property is a matter for the Planning Officer.

RECOMMENDATION - SUPPORT (5 FOR WITH 2 AGAINST)

MRS LOCK LEFT THE MEETING 9.30PM (Before the vote was taken).

e1 APPLICATION 16/P/0705/TPO – T1 Birch-reduce crown height by 3m and spread by 4m, thin crown by 15% and crown lift to a height of 3-4m at 7 Woodland Way, Failand.

This application refer to the trees in Cllr. Mrs Moon's garden. Whilst sitting in the public area she explained that the trees in question had been planted in 1976 AFTER the deadline of 1974 in which the Area Order covers all trees in the Failand Triangle. Pruning had taken place in 2004 and 2008 with no problem. This time NSC said that there was a TPO in place. (Post Meeting Note – Message sent by Jason Cox, NSC Tree Officer, to say that these trees were not covered by the Order and that work could go ahead).

f Decisions made by North Somerset Council on Planning Applications previously considered by this Parish Council. These were not discussed at the meeting – all the details are recorded and can be read from the Agenda & these Minutes.

1 APPLICATION 16/P/0166/F – Proposed development of existing woodland play trail with the construction of a ship balance place, sycamore crow's nest, high ropes rigging, half made dens, forest school space with canopy and an extension to the existing tree house for National Trust at Plantation woods on Tyntesfield Estate. CONSENT GRANTED.

2 APPLICATION 16/P/0200/F – Erection of a family dwelling (Amendment to new house on Plot 3 approved under planning permission 14/P/1171/F) for Mrs V Sweetman, Plot 3, Former Hillside Nursery, West Hill, Wraxall. CONSENT GRANTED.

- 3 *APPLICATION 16/P/0278/TPO - T1- Purple Maple – prune to previous points of reduction; T2-Laburnum – prune to previous points of reduction for Ms Deborah Lightfoot, 9 Woodland Way, Failand. CONSENT GRANTED.*
- 4 *APPLICATION 16/P/0342/F – Retrospective application for a boundary fence for Mr A Callen, 37 Weston Road, Failand. CONSENT REFUSED – By virtue of its design and prominent position represents a visually intrusive and incongruous feature within the street scene that is detrimental to the character and visual appearance of the area.*
- 5 *APPLICATION 16/P/0380/TPO – T1 Oak – Crown reduce by 1-2m; T2 Oak – Fell. For Mr Paul Fountain, 3 Manor Way, Failand. CONSENT REFUSED.*

g BOUNDARY WALLS AND FENCES – around Failand. Consistent Policy needed. (This item requested by Mark Lewis). Mark Lewis stated that Rules should be applied consistently in respect of boundaries. It was explained that what Mark had said would be taken into account. Rules should be applied consistently. However the PC considers each case on its merits.

h SITE ALLOCATION PLAN. (See also 40a)

i CHANGES TO PLANNING – ALCA Summary sent to Cllrs. 21 March 2016.

38 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

39 PROW

40 MEETINGS

a SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN (CONSULTATION DRAFT) MARCH 2016- Comments please to the PC meeting. Draft sent to all Cllrs 11 March 2016. (See also 37h) Cllr. Sage attended this meeting – he explained that it did not affect us. Redwood Lodge (124 dwellings) is stated to be Failand but it is not in our Parish. The PC agreed that comments on the adequacy of the road infrastructure for new sites should be submitted.

b TOWN & PARISH FORUM (General meeting in conjunction with ALCA – 20 April 7-9pm Castlewood, Clevedon. Cllr. Robinson is attending and offers lifts to anyone who also wishes to attend.

c VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB meeting Failand Village Hall 8 May, 10am for 11am start and presentation of class awards at 3.30pm. All proceeds to Children’s Hospice South West.

41 CORRESPONDENCE

a Clevedon Town Council have made application to NSC to designate a Neighbourhood Area for a Neighbourhood Plan. No objections..

b Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – Beacons on 21 April. Mr Mike Amos is happy for his Beacon to be a public event if anyone wishes to attend. The venue is Lower Failand Farm, Common Lane, Lower Failand. Parking will be in a field so suitable transport will be needed.

c Anti- Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 – Public Space Protection Orders – Summary of Areas & Offences. All public spaces are covered by the blanket orders.

d Motor Cycle Run – See 40c above.

42 FINANCE

a BUSINESS TELEPHONE LINE – Defer to next meeting.

b ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – APPROVED although Cllr. Law questioned the large donation to Nailsea Skate Park (He was not at the meeting which approved this).

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2615	Cllr. Sheppard	Reimburse for hire of FVH for FRAS meeting 4.3.2016.	20.00
2616	Nailsea Town Council	Towards the cost of legal fees in relation to 'advice on merits' of a Judicial Review regarding the Hinkley Point decision by S.O.S.	2000.00
2617	CPRE	Annual Subscription	36.00
2518	In touch crm	Monthly Web fee	35.99
2519	Nailsea Town Council	Donation towards Skate Park refurb.	2500.00
2620	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – TalkTalk 43.13	43.13
2621	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary – March	
2622	ALCA	Annual Subscription	416.01
2623	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	424.40
2624	Dreamscape Gardening	Repair & reinstall. Notice Board in St Bart's churchyard, Failand	74.00
2625	Bin-it	Dog Bin emptying	62.08
2626	HMRC	Tax & NIC – Jan to March 2016	539.58

43 CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS.

a Cllr. Sage submitted a photograph of the now renovated Telephone kiosk opposite Failand Church. Cllr. Robinson thanked Cllr. Sage and his son for the work they had put into the renovation, following 3 vandalism attacks.

b Standing Orders require the Chairman to stand down at the May meeting when a Chairman then has to be elected. If there was no one willing to stand as Chairman at the May meeting, Cllr. Robinson stated that he would be willing to stand, explaining that he was stating this now as he would not be at the May meeting.

c The Clerk – Mrs F Shattock has tendered her retirement notice for the end of August.

44 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING. 42a.