

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT THE CROSS TREE CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Lock (Chairman), Malpas (Vice Chairman), Delmas, King, Law, Mrs Moon, Robinson, Sage and Mrs Vowles.

District Cllr Cave.

Parish Clerk – Tony Jay.

**Prior to the meeting a presentation was given regarding the Bristol City FC proposals to improve and enhance the facilities at their training ground at Clevedon Road, Failand.**

**161 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Amos and Sheppard. Also from District Cllr Stowey.

**162 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM**

No declarations were received.

**163 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes as a correct record. (7 in favour, 2 abstentions).

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

**164 TO INVITE PUBLIC SPEAKING**

A member spoke in regards to the overgrown vegetation next to her house in Elm Lodge Lane. NSC is responsible for the maintenance of this area. A site visit will take place with a NSC officer on 13 September. Cllr Delmas will attend.

The owner of Failand Post Office requested that the Parish Council makes a donation towards the funding of a new floor in the Post Office, which provides a valuable service to the village. A grant application form will need to be submitted. The owner of the Post Office was asked to liaise with the Clerk.

**165 TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

17/P/1809/F. 31 Clevedon Road, Failand, BS8 3UG. Removal of existing dormer loft room, addition of additional first floor accommodation and raised roof over existing dormer bungalow. New front porch and alterations to existing windows and doors of dwelling and formation of additional parking in front garden off existing drive.

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application, but the Parish Council has concerns over the colour of the cladding, and its material.

17/P/1859/F. 79 Clevedon Road, Failand, BS8 3UL. Raise ridge height to increase first floor living space and a single storey rear extension and a front porch

**It was resolved** not to support the application as it would increase the volume of the property by over 50%. (6 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions)

17/P/1937/MMA. 9 Woodland Close, Wraxall, BS8 3XB. Minor material amendment to planning permission 15/P/2738/F (Erection of a single storey side and rear extension) to allow the side extension roof to change from a hip end roof to a gable (retrospective).

**It was unanimously resolved** to support this application

17/P/1908/F. The Old Quarry, Clevedon Road, Failand, BS8 3TU. Single storey extension of existing industrial unit.

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application, but the Parish Council would like the trees which screen the property to be maintained

17/P/1910/LB. Tyntesfield House, Tyntesfield, Wraxall, BS48 1NU. Listed building consent for the replacement of existing fire alarm system and associated works.

**It was unanimously resolved** to support this application

17/P/1912/LB. Tyntesfield House, Tyntesfield, Wraxall, BS48 1NU. Listed building consent to ensure fire compartment integrity, including installation of new fire enclosure in front of radiator in kitchen corridor and upgrades to fire door and inner window in cupboard S33.

**It was unanimously resolved** to support this application

## 166 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

17/P/1415/F. 1 Moat Cottages, Clevedon Road, Failand, BS48 1PG. Extensions and alterations to existing cottage. **GRANTED**

17/P/1336/F. 10 Cooks Gardens, Wraxall. BS48 1HD. Conversion of integral double garage into living space. **GRANTED**

17/P/1203/TPO. 11 Woodland Way, Failand, Bristol, BS8 3UD. 1 x tree - reduce crown by 5-6m. **REFUSED (HOWEVER PARTIAL PERMISSION WAS GRANTED)**

17/P/1223/TPO. Draycott, Lodge Lane, Wraxall, BS48 1BJ. T2 and T4 Monterey cypress - reduction of 2m to lower canopy later spread; T5 ash - remove stub/branch **GRANTED**

17/P/1485/TPO. 9 Woodland Way, Failand, BS8 3UD. T1 sycamore - reduce from building to gain 2m clearance; T2 horse chestnut - crown lift over footpath to give clearance of 2.5m. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1463/F. Hazel Farm, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1LQ. Change of use of existing agricultural building to single storey 2 bedroom holiday let. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1588/TPO. Public Open Space to the Rear of, 27 Green Pastures Road, Wraxall, BS48 1ND. Oak - crown lift to 5m over garden of number 27. **REFUSED.**

17/P/1513/F. 2no. Agricultural Buildings at Failand Farm, Green Lane, Wraxall, BS8 3TR. Change of use of 2no. agricultural barns to the production of wine and cider. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1216/F. Villa Cai, West Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1PN. Proposed development for machinery storage, feed stores, stable, welfare area and new agricultural truck access from existing entrance. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1584/F. 7 Hill Drive, Failand, BS8 3UX. Rear orangery extension to replace existing conservatory. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1404/F. 18A Flax Bourton Road, Failand, BS8 3UW. Relocation of existing single storey conservatory on the rear elevation, extension to form single storey pool house, construction of a rear infill extension and front and rear roof extensions. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1602/F. 87 Clevedon Road, Failand, BS8 3UL Pitched roof over existing garage to create additional first floor living space and create an additional vehicular access. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1686/TPO. 41A Weston Road, Failand, BS8 3UR. T1 oak - fell; T2 oak - remove dead wood and reduce by 0.5m; T3 ash - reduce by 3m and raise crown over property to create 2m clearance. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1688/TPO. 41 Weston Road, Failand, BS8 3UR. T1 oak – fell. **GRANTED.**

17/P/1256/F. Land at Tyntesfield Springs. Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1NE. Erection of a dwelling house with off grid services including horizontal vortex hydro- electric turbine. Existing fishing lake to revert to ornamental lake. **REFUSED.**

## 167 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk quoted from an email received from NSC:

*Lodge Lane hedge - During the summer we cut the hedge back away from the path to keep the pavement unhindered.*

*This is all we are allowed to do during the bird nesting season.*

*From the end of September our main hedge cutting programme starts and a tractor mounted flail will visit and cut this hedge again. This machine will cut the front of the hedge and in some areas the top of the hedge.*

*If the machine cannot reach the top of the hedge or that particular section has well established tree within it then the top will be left.*

It was reported that this tree needs deep pruning, and needs to be better managed. Cllr Delmas will discuss this at the site meeting with the NSC officer on 13<sup>th</sup> October. He said that a premium of £239,000 was paid to NSC by the people who originally bought the houses in order for the public land to be properly maintained. Cllr Delmas will pass on the details of this to District Cllr Cave who will take the matter forward.

Updates were given regarding the actions from the previous meeting:

148. District Cllr Mrs Stowey (received prior to the meeting). The phone number always appears on the first page of the application, but there is no phone number listed on this application form for an amendment to a previously granted application as there is no section asking for it to be included. District Cllr Cave suggested checking the original application for the phone number.

150. District Cllr Mrs Stowey (received prior to the meeting). . The puffin crossing has now been 'signed off' and is now in operation.

150. All Councillors. Cllr Amos has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the arrangements for the Parish Council's participation in the event 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute'. There will be an agenda item at the October meeting to discuss the arrangements. Councillors are asked to bring their thoughts and ideas to this meeting. Cllr Delmas has spoken to the National Trust and they currently have no plans to celebrate this event, however if a suitable venue cannot be found then they would consider hosting the beacon on their land.

151. District Cllr Mrs Stowey (received prior to the meeting). Mobile phone mast. The application for the mast in its proposed location has been turned down. The Councillors agreed to support the mast being installed at Failand Village Hall.

154. The Clerk. The 'Pen Pictures of the Villages of Wraxall and Failand' recommendations have been submitted to NSC.

155. The Clerk. NSC has been contacted to remind them of the Parish Council's previously submitted comments regarding the 'Further Assessment of Residential Sites' document.

The Clerk gave an update from a briefing he had attended regarding data protection and freedom of information. The advice given included that each Councillor should have a separate email address used purely for Parish Council reasons. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Malpas about this.

**168 TO DISCUSS THE FRAS PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING, AND THE RESULTS OF THE TRAFFIC SURVEY HELD IN FAILAND**

The public consultation will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at Failand Village Hall. The content of the flyer was agreed. Cllr Sheppard will co-ordinate the arrangements for its distribution. Fifty copies of the flyer need to be left in Failand Post Office.

There will need to be a clear and easily understandable presentation of the survey statistics at the meeting, to be prepared by FRAS. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform, and seek the views of the community. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

David Bailey of NSC has been contacted and asked to provide detailed costings of the possible options prior to the meeting.

**169 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM PILL AND EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN THE RURAL PARISHES OF NORTH SOMERSET**

The Parish Council has no views on this matter, as it has no real impact on the Parish.

**170 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FOLLOWING ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS**

No reports were given.

**171 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

Cllr's Law and Delmas were thanked for their hard work on the safety of the swings at the playing fields.

The Community Resilience Team at NSC are distributing a 'volunteer passport' to provide a one – stop reference point for the Community Team volunteers.

**172 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM NOAH'S ARK ZOO FARM ASKING FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO TURN ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Chairman gave an update. No decisions were made as further information will be provided and given to the next meeting.

**173 TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2781	Scribe	Annual software licence fee	£339.60
2782	Anthony Jay	Mileage £48.60; Home working allowance £17.33; Mobile phone £2.50; Postage £6.50; Ink £17.98; Batteries £9.99	£102.90
2786	Cathryn Butler	Administration support	£165.00
2788	Failand Volunteer Drivers Car Scheme	Donation	£25.00
2789	ALCA	Clerk's training (half of the cost to be reimbursed by Wembdon Parish Council)	£30.00
2790	Grant Thornton	External audit fees	£240.00

The schedule includes invoices received after the agenda had been published.

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

**It was unanimously resolved** to approve the bills for payment although two Councillors abstained in relation to the donation to the Failand Volunteer Drivers Car Scheme.

**174 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS**

The new puffin crossing will be officially opened at 12.30 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September by the Chairman of NSC. The Clerk will email the NSC officers involved in the project thanking them for their work.

The time limit for the lights showing red needs to be extended, as the current six seconds is not enough. Consequently the school crossing patrol warden is still in attendance. A 30 mph sign has been removed near to the crossing for an unknown reason.

District Cllr Cave will speak to the NSC officers involved about this, but confirmed that they are already working on the problems.

Unfortunately some drivers are ignoring the red lights and driving straight through them.

Other safety issues in the vicinity of the crossing were discussed.

An update was provided regarding the 40 and 50 mph speed limits in the B roads in the Parish and the surrounding Parishes.

It was suggested that an agenda item should be put on every agenda 'to discuss highways matters'. It was generally agreed that this would be too time consuming. If anyone wishes to raise a particular issue then the Clerk should be informed and it will be included on the agenda.

**175 TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

No items were raised.

**176 TO AGREE ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING**

No items were raised.

- 177 **THE COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED TO RESOLVE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960.**

**It was unanimously resolved** to exclude members of the press and public.

The Clerk left the meeting.

- 178 **TO REVIEW THE CLERK'S ANNUAL SALARY INCREASE**

It was agreed not to change the Clerk's salary at the present time.

**Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the Cross Tree Centre**

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

Actions:

167. Cllr Delmas and District Cllr Cave.

168. Cllr Sheppard.

174. District Cllr Cave and The Clerk