

MINUTES OF THE WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 14 AUGUST 2012 AT
CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL.

PRESENT – Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Ambrose (Vice Chairman), Sage, Pratt, Thompson, Sheppard, King, Mrs Moon, Law.

APOLOGIES – Cllrs. Delmas, Mrs Shaw. Liaison Officer Richard Blows. D/Cllr. Charles Cave.

IN ATTENDANCE – D/Cllr. Bob Cook & Clerk.

PUBLIC – Nil.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Cllr. Pratt. 33C

31 **MINUTES** The Minutes of the meeting held 10 July 2012 were agreed and signed, with the Clerk to ascertain if the Notification of Certification at 25b 'will appear in the NS Times on 13 July'. (The correct wording should be 'appeared in the NS Times on 13 June 2012').

32 **ISSUES** -

- a **WEB** - Ian Malpas has been working hard on our behalf.
There have been a number of technical difficulties with the providers site and compatibility; however there is now only one issue left to be resolved.
- b **PYLONS** – Peter Bryant was challenged at the meeting at Cadbury Hotel, over his statement that Siemens do not have and do not plan to have a factory in GB. Whilst this is strictly correct, Siemens have written to Liam Fox MP, stating that they would.
When asked about his statement regarding GIL not now being supported by Cllrs. Ambrose & Pratt he said that he thought that the Councillors, who had been at the meeting, where he made that statement, were 'confused'. Cllrs. Ambrose & Pratt are very much in favour of GIL.
All other meetings are 'part of the consultations'.
Under-grounding is only 10% of costs – 5.2 km. If you consider where under-grounding is waterlogged they will say that the cables would have to go 'lower' and that there is no money for that. They may even say they can't do the 10%.
The cost is irrelevant, it is what 'they' want to do.
Fuel poverty is irrelevant.
Prof. Henshaw says that the 400KV are dangerous to health – Leukaemia – and also there would be a problem with property blight (houses on the route do not sell) and tourism.
There are 400KV's muted in the Midlands.
Cllr. Mrs Moon said that the health problem has not been statistically proven but Cllr. Thompson said that EMF's in Cities could cause cancer.
Cllr. Pratt said that GIL does not need a converter. DC does – under the sea-CAN switch quickly.
D/Cllr Cook said that NG have put forward that it is more than they have budgeted. Also technology is said not to be at the stage to allow the GIL.

33 **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

- c **APPLICATION 12/P/1147/F** – Construction of a private fishing lake with associated private access track and private parking for 3 cars and rebuild pump house.

RECOMMENDATION - Councillors visited the site and spoke with the applicant, who explained his intentions. He outlined the problems of exiting the existing track on to the B3130 by vehicle. Councillors raised neighbours previous concerns about drivers using the proposed new track to access the site in the early morning. A one-way system, entering via the existing track directly to the car park and leaving via the new track, was discussed and agreed with the applicant.

Provided the mitigation specified in the Ecological Appraisal and Assessment are undertaken to protect the designated species and car park screening is made as specified, the track and lake in the Green Belt land are not seen as detrimental.

It was noted that the Pump House re-building would require Listed Building approval.

Provided the above provisions are undertaken, Councillors would support the application.

The Chairman asked if anything said before the meeting by Mr Brian Jones (who came before the meeting but left before the meeting was opened) was relevant to the recommendation. Points made by Mr Jones before the meeting:-

- o not representing the views of residents
- o not paying sufficient attention to safety, stating that the depth of the lake had increased from 2m to 4 m
- o reaching a decision without consulting residents
- o being predisposed to favour the PA as the Applicant was a Cllr
- o not advertising that a decision was to be taken
- o not following correct procedure

It was decided that there was nothing said prior to the meeting to persuade Councillors to change the recommendation.

8.30 pm Cllr Ambrose left the meeting.

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ISSUES

- c LONG ASHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – seminars are being arranged by NSC for Cllrs. and others. If we did not have the L.Authority Plan we would be in a difficult area. Cllr. Mrs Moon said that she & Cllr. Sheppard had not done anything further. They are waiting to see what Long Ashton & Backwell, who are funded, are doing. They have not yet got anything worthwhile. It was decided to ask D/Cllr Charles Cave, who is well versed on this issue, at the next meeting.
- d MILLENNIUM GREEN PLAY AREA - The bark is coming off the Agility Logs and the knots are showing. Cllr. Sage said that Dreamscape Gardening would do the chainsawing and look at the knots. Cllrs. King & Law will meet 'Dreamscape' on site to look at what wants doing. The cradle swings have been measured and are at the correct height. Cllr. Law has put more bark down under the swings.
- e CODE OF CONDUCT & REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS
Six, out of eleven, Interest forms were returned.
- f LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND – This had been sent to all Cllrs. on 23 July 2012.
- g NS TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER – ALCA want a Guiding & Directing Role.
It was decided not to sign up at this time. Cllr. Robinson will find out if there is a time scale.

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a-d have already been advised to NSC to conform with their 'reply by' date.

- a APPLICATION 12/P/1121/F – Erection of an annexe following the demolition of the existing garage or Mrs C Changizi, 69 Clevedon Road, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – We support the application subject to the condition that the annexe does not become a separate unit, but remains tied to the existing accommodation.

A traditional roof, rather than the existing flat roof, would have enhanced the appearance of the property.

- b APPLICATION 12/P/1122/F – Erection of a two storey side extension for Mr N Smythe, Stileways, West Hill, Wraxall.

RECOMMENDATION – No objections, provided the footpath is kept clear at all times during the building process.

- c See after 32 b.

- d APPLICATION 12/P/1185/F – Erection of a single storey rear and side extension for Mr & Mrs Maher re 6 Owen Drive, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT.

- e APPLICATION 12/P/1211/F – Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling for Mrs K Vaughan re 5 Clevedon Road, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – This application is a proposal to replace a very tiny bungalow. It is proposed to be 3m higher than the original. The neighbours are concerned. There are 6-7 challenges to the planning consultation. It will be much larger in the street scene. The bulk will be overpowering for No.3. Neighbours have been advised to speak to NSC or the D/Cllrs.

Voting was unanimous for refusal. If the planning officer is minded to support we would ask that it is 'called in'. We have spoken to D/Cllr. Cook regarding this.

- f APPLICATION 12/P/1244/F – Erection of a two storey extension to include first floor balcony to north west elevation and a detached double garage for Mr & Mrs Roberts re Oaklands, Tower House Lane, Wraxall.

RECOMMENDATION – After a discussion on the height of the proposed extension on an already 'raised' site the voting was unanimous for REFUSAL.

Also a TPO to be requested on the one remaining Oak Tree.

- g APPLICATION 12/P/1332/TPO – 1 x Willow – fell and replace for Mr Martin Addy, The Willows, Manor Way, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT (Unanimous)

- h Clerk reported on decisions made by NSC on P/A's previously considered by this Council.

34 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

- a Provision of combined Cycle Way/Foot way, Weston Road Long Ashton.

This is a combined cycleway/foot way between Cambridge Batch and Wild Country Lane.

No part of this touches Wraxall & Failand Parish.

- b TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Various roads in Long Ashton because of Balloon Fiesta

Tower House Lane, Wraxall 21 August 2012 – new water supply. Closure of lane immediately outside Crofter's Lodge and for a length of 5m in each direction.

Church Lane, Backwell - anticipated 17 September to 21 December 2012 – work to renew a water main in the carriageway

EXTRA - B3128 West Hill, Wraxall - 3rd September for TWO WEEKS – resurfacing.

Mention was made re. the hedge to the right of the top of Tower House Lane which is restricting the view of traffic coming down the B3128. NSC have cut that part which was over the verge but the height is for the landowner to cut. Cllr. Robinson will liaise.

35 PROW

- a WALK TO SCHOOL – Hugh Vowles has signed off his legal document which Elaine Bowman (PROW section) had drawn up. The walk is now 3 parts ready.
- b DIAMOND JUBILEE RIVERSIDE WALK – This is now out for public consultation.
- c PAPER FROM JOHN IVES – Deferred .

36 MEETINGS

- a ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH SOMERSET – LGBCE 16 July (Report) Deferred.
- b COMMUNITY RESILIENCE – A report was given by Cllr. Law. NSC are doing a Health & Safety Risk Assessment.
- c MIKE AMOS' FARM VISIT – Any further names? Currently Cllrs. Delmas & Law – Sept. 15,16 or 30. Deferred.

