

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT FAILAND VILLAGE HALL
7.30PM 14 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Thompson, Sheppard, King, Mrs Moon, Delmas & from 7.46pm Cllr. Pratt, from 7.48pm Cllr. Sage, from 7.59pm Cllr. Ambrose.

APOLOGIES D/Cllrs Cook & Cave, Cllr. Law & PC Matt Christie.

IN ATTENDANCE Clerk.

PUBLIC Ian Malpas, Mrs E Pearce, Mrs Amanda Laughton re. Wraxall Bus Service & Wraxall Village Club, Mrs Sheila Dixon NSAS.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr. Pratt 228c

223 CRIME FIGURES PCSO Charlotte Thompson advised that 10 crimes had been reported since the last meeting. 1 Non dwelling Burglary; 1 Violence against a person; 2 Shoplifting (Budgens); 3 Bilking Petrol from Budgens; 1 Malicious communication; 2 Theft (House fuel Oil & Lead Flashing from WVC)

225 ISSUES

- c BUS SERVICES THROUGH WRAXALL – Five letters handed in from residents.

Clerk advised that she had spoken to the Regional Manager of First Bus with a view to getting a meeting with them and residents of The Grove.

MEETING CLOSED 7.43pm

Amanda Laughton addressed the Cllrs. as the representative of the residents. She said that the service had been at 20-30 minutes intervals but now is every 2 hours. The residents, particularly of the Grove feel isolated. They want a bus at least every hour both ways and at least 1 to Nailsea and 1 from Nailsea on Saturdays. She works as a nurse and when she finishes at 1 o'clock she has to wait until 2.50pm to get home.

CLLR PRATT JOINED THE MEETING 7.46pm

MEETING OPENED 7.46PM

Cllr King asked what powers we had.

Cllr Robinson said that we could influence or increase our grant to the Community Bus if they were to put on a service.. We could not influence First Bus.

NSC don't want to put on a service as that would undermine those who charge.

Cllr .Mrs Moon said that it would be unlikely that the Community Bus would work on Saturdays.

Cllr. Robinson mentioned PS Travel. We have the power to enter into a contract – to persuade First Bus.

CLLR SAGE JOINED THE MEETING 7.48PM

MEETING CLOSED 7.50PM

Mrs Laughton said that a lot of people don't drive. They want a reasonable service to enable them to get to Doctor's/Dentist's/Hospital appointments

MEETING OPENED 7.52PM

The Availables (Wraxall) were mentioned. There is also Failand Volunteer Drivers in Failand.

Cllr. Mrs Moon commented that the Regional Manager would not come if there was going to be a barrage of abuse.

Cllr King asked 'What more can we do'?

Mrs Laughton will send a Proposal to the Clerk setting out the wishes of the Residents and this will be sent to the Regional Manager of First Bus asking her for dates when she could meet with us and the residents.

228 PROW

b QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE RIVERSIDE WALK Inc. concerns raised by NS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Cllr. Pratt said that the remit of the Footpath Committee was to improve Foot Paths. In this case Nailsea to Flax Bourton. To this end he had a meeting with NSAS in 2011.

CLLR AMBROSE JOINED THE MEETING AT 7.59PM

The new Chairman of NSAS heard that NS were putting in a Foot Path over their land. He knew nothing about it and so wrote to us.

Cllr. Pratt said that they were to have a meeting last autumn but it did not happen. (Tim Ledbury & Chairman, both of NSAS could not attend)

MEETING CLOSED 8.03PM

Sheila Dixon – Management Team of NSAS addressed the meeting

Flax Bourton PC had asked about the continuation of the Foot Path (minutes August)

Cllr Robinson proposed that we should reconvene the Footpath Working Group with NSAS & FBPC to discuss the issue. Seconded by Cllr. Delmas. Voting – All Agreed.

222 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 10 December 2013 were agreed and signed.

224 QUERIES FOR THE LIAISON OFFICER Nil

225 ISSUES

a PYLONS Cllr. Ambrose said there was to be an amendment to the Energy Bill but The House of Lords 'dropped it'. He has drafted a letter to Dr Liam Fox MP stating 'This is the situation –

unless Government changes its approach. There is a lot of activity – It is doubtful that anything will be done unless the Government move.

b GE OIL & GAS – Car Park

Planting is in progress around the Car Park as screening

c Discussed earlier in the meeting

d ALLOTMENTS – Letter in from NSC re Land at Lodge Lane explaining that it is a Public Open Space and Green Lungs on the edge of Nailsea. Cllr. Ambrose felt that it was a non-starter.

e GOWAN CROFT

An e-mail from Steven Sims was read to the Cllrs. The application (LUP) is with the legal team for comment. No decision will be made until January. He will get back to us when he has more information. The clock stops whilst this deliberation is taking place and they are well within the time limit for determination.

f NORTH SOMERSET CORE STRATEGY

There has been a High Court Challenge to this. NS have been asked to justify the number of dwellings – 14,000 to 17,000. There is no impact on our area

226 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a APPLICATION 13/P/2254/F – Erection of an open sided car port for Mr & Mrs Vaughan, 5 Clevedon Road, Failand.
RECOMMENDATION – Support but there is a query that it may be forward of the building line.

b *Clerk reported on decisions made by North Somerset Council on items previously considered by this Parish Council.*

c PAPERLESS P/A's – Chairman will answer any questions Cllrs. may have. It was decided to ask Jason Beale to come to a PC meeting to address Cllrs. on this item. Cllr. Pratt said that he uses Staples when he needs large items printing out. He will ascertain the cost of printing large plans.

d ENFORCEMENT ISSUES – Cllrs. felt that we should badger NSC re Enforcements.

227 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a Potholes in Failand – Area Officer has said that the correct form was sent to contractors in September 2013 but the contractors said it was incorrect and did nothing, He said that he had no support from Fay Powell or Paul Smart and now there are 10 pot holes and the surface around them is breaking up. (post meeting note – Remedial action has been taken to fill the pot holes. A full repair will be undertaken at the beginning of the next financial year.

- b Cycle safety in roads around Lower Failand.

With a view to making cycling safer, information on Quiet Lanes has been sought, Cllr. Sheppard is meeting on Friday to get together things which have to be done to get a 'Quiet Lane'.

Frank Cox has sent a copy of the Quiet Lanes brochure and is now to be asked re 'Indicative Costs'.

EXTRA ITEM – Today a plan has been received showing what is proposed for the roundabout outside Budgens. It includes making the road single with a wider and longer central barrier. This will stop confusion re which lane to be in and will stop vehicles turning right out of the forecourt. Cllrs were fully in favour of the amendments, emphasising how grateful they are that these measures are planned to be taken, resolving what the PC considers a long standing safety issue.

Comments to be sent to John Painter

228 PROW

- a WALK TO SCHOOL – Negotiations re. access off the top of the Grove is ongoing. Cllr Pratt indicated, on the projector screen, where the footpath would go. Thirty metres of land could be purchased. Wraxall Village Club would then have access onto the Walk to School footpath. There will be considerable costs. It was felt that the FP committee should reconvene re. the costs. They should meet and put a recommendation to the Council. Cllr. Sage felt that the monies ringfenced for Pylons should be used for other items now the threat of the Pylons coming over our Parish has faded,

Councillors recognised all the hard work put in by Cllr. Pratt.

- b QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE RIVERSIDE WALK Inc. concerns raised by NSAS
Discussed earlier in this meeting.

- c ILLEGAL VEHICLE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – There is evidence that the by way is being used by illegal vehicles. Cllr. Pratt has logged 6 incidents of misuse on the Police accident/incident website. He suggests that a 'Kent' gate could be installed

229 MEETINGS

- a-f postponed from Dec. 2013. The dates have already passed

- g CCG DECEMBER GOVERNING BODY meeting 17 December 2013. No one attended.

- h NS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM Felton Village Hall 6pm 21 January 2014. This was attended by Cllrs. Sheppard & Sage.

- i NS ALCA 7-9pm 21 January 2014 at WSM. Cllr. Robinson will attend.

EXTRA – Avon & Somerset Police – Public Forum (Public meeting, to discuss changes within A&S, with The Police & Crime Commissioner & the Chief Constable. 28.1.2014 7pm Town Hall WSM.

230 CORRESPONDENCE

- a BRISTOL AIRPORT 'YOUR AIRPORT'. Copies were handed around.

- b RICHARD COTTRELL'S CAMPAIGN WEST – No action.
- c DESIGN ASSESSMENT ON NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR – Noted.

EXTRAS Mr Woolley, who for many years has placed notices on our behalf in the Notice Board at the bottom of Wraxall Hill, has moved from Wisteria Cottage to Silver Trees Residential Home. He is therefore unable to continue putting up notices, Letter of thanks to be sent to him.

231 FINANCE

- a GRANT ENQUIRY – NAILSEA DISABILITY INITIATIVE
- b GRANT ENQUIRY – VICTIM SUPPORT
- a&b – Both to be contacted to ascertain how many of our parishioners benefit from their work
- c BUDGET – PRECEPT – COUNCIL TAX GRANT- Figure of £1500 put in 'Ring Fenced' re Wraxall Village Club. Only to be paid out against agreed Invoices. After a discussion it was decided set the precept at £34,200. giving an increase of 3% on last year's Precept figure. Proposed Cllr. Pratt, seconded Cllr. Mrs Moon. Voting 6 for 3 against
- d ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –Voting Unanimously in favour.

Chq no.	Payee	Details	Amount
2352	Failand Village Hall	Hire fee for 6 meetings in 2014	120.00
2353	North Somerset Council	Emptying Dog Bins	19.20
2354	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – Stamps 25 x 2nd 12.50 , Speakers for Computer Monitor 24.95 Waitrose e-mail address 1.69, Talktalk 37.37, Stamps 16 x Large First 14.40	90.91
2355	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary	1002.27

- 232 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – to be arranged
- 233 AGREE 2 STANDING ORDERS – Postponed to February meeting.
- 234 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS - Nil
- 235 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING – 233 Standing Orders & 228a PROW re Pylon ' Ring Fenced'.