

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD IN THE CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Malpas (Vice Chairman), Delmas, Law, Sage, Sheppard and Mrs Vowles. Parish Clerk – Tony Jay.

District Cllr Cave arrived during the meeting.

62 TO INVITE PUBLIC SPEAKING – To hear any person who wishes to address the Council

Mr Hickleton spoke on behalf of FRAS in regard to the email received from David Bailey of NSC regarding the proposed traffic calming proposals for Failand. He stated that this response will have to be considered by FRAS, who will request a meeting with Mr Bailey, FRAS and the Parish Council as soon as possible. After this meeting has taken place a public meeting will be arranged. Mr Hickleton suggested that an appropriate VAS unit needs to be purchased to provide the data necessary to provide evidence that speeding takes place in Failand.

Mr Jones raised issues relating to his property at Watercress Farm, and also the planning decision 16/P/2635/F.

63 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Amos (other commitment), Cllr Mrs Lock (other commitment), Cllr King (holiday) and Cllr Mrs Moon (holiday)

It was unanimously resolved to accept these apologies.

64 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Cllr Sage declared an interest in agenda item 85. Cllr Law declared an interest in agenda item 66.

65 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14th MARCH 2017

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record.

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

66 TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Law remained during the discussion in regard to application 17/P/0550/F, but took no part in the discussion, and did not vote.

17/P/0550/F. Falklands, Tower House Lane, Wraxall, BS48 1JR. Formation of new access driveway to existing dwelling and alteration of existing driveway to form passing bay

It was proposed to support the application, providing that there is landscaping and screening in the future. The proposal was properly proposed and seconded. Three Councillors voted in favour of the proposal, and three voted against the proposal. Cllr Law abstained. The Chairman exercised his casting vote and voted against the proposal, therefore **it was resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that there are insufficient exceptional circumstances to warrant development in the green belt.

17/P/0634/TPO. 9 Woodland Way, Failand, Bristol, BS8 3UD. T1 sycamore - reduce crown by approximately 1m to previous pruning points; T2 horse chestnut - repollard to previous pruning points

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

17/P/0647/TPO. 2 Bowden Way, Failand, Bristol, BS8 3XA. T1 beech - reduce crown by 2-3m

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

67 TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPEAL

APP/D0121/C/16/3164613. Up Yonder, 5 Whitehouse Lane, Wraxall, BS48 1PR. Without planning permission the change of use of the land from agriculture to a mixed residential use and the storage of scrap vehicles

It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council repeats their objections when this application was originally submitted i.e. to object as this is inappropriate development in the green belt.

68 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

16/P/2235/F - Villa Cai, West Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1PN. Retrospective application for the construction of stable and garage block, retention of caravan as family annexed and provision of new access to existing summer house. Mr D Caidominici, VillaCai West Hill, Wraxall, BS48 1PN. **WITHDRAWN**

17/P/0206/TPO. 39 Vowles Close, Wraxall , T1 ash - thin crown of 1 stem overhanging conservatory by 30% and reduce length by up to 2.5m. **REFUSED** however a lesser proposal is **GRANTED**

17/P/0265/CUPA. 3no. Agricultural Buildings at Hazel Farm, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1LQ. Prior approval for change of use from 3no. agricultural buildings and land to 2no. two bedroom dwellings and 1no. four bedroom dwelling within use class C3, with associated operational development comprising of the installation of new doors and windows. **PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED AND IS GRANTED**

16/P/2635/F. Tyntesfield Springs, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1NE. Creation of a safer junction and erection of new wall and gate. **GRANTED**

17/P/0072/F. Bristol Grammar School Playing Fields, Clevedon Road, Long Ashton BS8 3TL. Construction of an artificial 4G sports pitch with associated access, 6 floodlights, 2 spectator stands, fencing and practice cricket nets. **GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS**

The decisions were noted. Parish Councillors will be seeking a meeting with Richard Kent of NSC to discuss some recent planning decisions.

69 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

A road closure notice has been received in regard to Longwood Lane, which will be closed between 6 June 2017 to 7 August 2017, and from 15 August 2017 to 4 September 2017. This is to provide a gas supply to a new development.

70 TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING WHITE PAPER LAIS1396

It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council supports the comments made in question 10 of the white paper.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council would not be represented at the Inspector's review of the site allocation plan as the comments submitted by the Parish Council had been received and will be taken into account by the Inspector at the review.

71 TO CONSIDER THE AWARDING OF GRANTS/DONATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT

a ST. PETER'S HOSPICE

It was resolved that the Parish Council makes a donation of £100 to St. Peter's Hospice (2 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions). The Clerk was asked to write to the hospice saying that this was a 'one off' donation which will not be repeated in future years.

72 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

a SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

The Chairman has been in touch with the School Head Teacher. The school crossing patrol is being funded until the end of August. The Parochial Charities have provided a grant of £1,700 towards the cost of the crossing patrol in the current year. There is no guarantee that the grant will be made available in subsequent years. The school does not wish to receive the Parish Council's budgeted donation at the current time, and will be contacting the diocese to see if they are able to provide additional funding towards the cost of the school crossing patrol.

The NSC highways team are awaiting the report from South Gloucestershire Council regarding the proposals for a new crossing.

District Cllr Cave will be continuing to provide updates.

73 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

The mud in Beggar Bush Lane has been cleaned, and potholes have been repaired.

74 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Work has continued regarding the footpath from Wraxall village to the school. The owners of the field are happy for permissive rights to be granted to enable a footpath to be installed. Decisions will need to be taken regarding which gates and styles should be installed.

An Ordnance Survey map of the Parish, showing permissive walks, has been placed in the telephone box at Failand. There is a note stating 'Courtesy of Wraxall and Failand Parish Council'

75 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FOLLOWING ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS – EMERGENCY PLAN, VILLAGE AGENT

A Community Resilience table top exercise has been held, which was attended by Cllr Law. A scenario was debated regarding a lack of power in the community for a period of 72 hours in the winter. Work has been done to update the Wraxall emergency plan for this and other eventualities which could occur.

District Cllr Cave joined the meeting at this point.

The Village agent's roadshow took place recently, which although well supported by local residents could have been better publicised.

76 TO PAY THE ANNUAL PRINTING ALLOWANCE OF £20 TO THE COUNCILLORS WHO WISH TO CLAIM IT

The allowance was paid to Cllrs Delmas, Law, Sage and Sheppard.

77 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PARISH COUNCIL'S INTERNAL POLICIES

It was unanimously resolved that the following policies be approved and adopted: Standing Orders, Publication Scheme; Social Media Strategy; the Councillor Code of Conduct; the Financial Regulations; Procurement; Bullying (with two amendments); Press and Media; Communications (with one amendment).

The Complaints Procedure and the Grievance and Discipline Procedure will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

78 TO APPROVE A FINANCIAL RISK SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the financial risk schedule, as circulated by the Clerk.

79 TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE FROM DAVID BAILEY, NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL ENGINEER, REGARDING TRAFFIC PROPOSALS FOR FAILAND

James Weelen from FRAS was invited to address the Councillors, and the meeting was closed.

Mr Weelen expressed concerns that the costings for the scheme were far higher than the figures originally suggested.

The FRAS team will be requesting a meeting with David Bailey and the Parish Council in May, followed by a community meeting. Mr Bailey will be given a list of questions in bullet point format in advance of the meeting so he can prepare his responses. Mr Weelen will be emailing a list of these questions to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Bailey and his team for all their efforts in regard to this project.

The Clerk was asked to enquire with Mr Bailey whether he could arrange for vehicle speed checks to take place around the Failand triangle as soon as possible, so these results can be made available at the proposed meeting with Mr Bailey in May. Mr Weelen will prepare a request to Mr Bailey, covering all of these issues, so that the Parish Councillors can consider this prior to sending to Mr Bailey.

General details of Mr Bailey's proposals will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd May 2017.

The meeting was re-opened.

80 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All correspondence received during the month has been forwarded to the Councillors.

81 TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Chq No. Payee Details Amount

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2734	Anthony Jay	Mileage £15.30; Home working allowance £17.33; Mobile phone £1.67; Stamps £11.67; Stationery £25.94; Advert in NST £171.54; Black armband £8.44	£251.89
2736	In Touch	Monthly website renewal fee March 17	£35.99
2737	Cross Tree Centre	Projector Hire	£35.00
2740	Bob Sheppard	Acrylic sheet and wall literature holder for Ordnance Survey map	£23.62

82 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO RENEW THEIR ANNUAL £72 SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WOODLAND TRUST

It was resolved to renew the subscription (5 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention)

83 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS. *Please note that no decisions can be made under this agenda item.*

84 TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd May 2017 were discussed. Sarah Merriman from the National Trust will be addressing the meeting. The traffic report received from David Bailey of NSC regarding traffic calming measures in Failand will be explained.

The Parochial Charities have been invited to give a short presentation to the meeting.

Light refreshments will be available from 7 p.m. onwards. The Clerk will provide tea, coffee and soft drinks. Cllr Sage will make enquiries into the provision of refreshments for 30 people following the meeting.

85 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.

No members of the public were present, so no resolution was made.

86 TO CONSIDER THE TENDERS RECEIVED FOR THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

It was unanimously resolved to accept the lowest tender of £1,722 per year for the grass cutting in the Parish. This arrangement will continue until March 2020 when a new tendering process will take place.

Following the meeting the Clerk received the following Police report

Police Report for Wraxall/Failand
March 2017

With apologies, for this review period only, due to time constraints caused by ongoing investigations, please may I respectfully ask for the Parish Council to access the website www.police.co.uk to obtain your monthly crime statistics. I do hope, however, to provide each Parish Council a breakdown of their yearly figures over the coming week.

For your information

Non Dwelling Burglaries are increasing across the Redwood Beat Area especially Sheds and Garages where peddle cycles are also targeted. Police remind residents to check the security of their outbuildings and locks securing bicycles.

Police will be running a series of Bike Marking days in June, July and August.

Exact Dates will be published in due course.

Fly Tipping is becoming an increasing problem across the rural areas of Redwood Beat. Please report any suspicious vehicles persons seen via 101 Non- Emergency Number (Obviously if they are in the act of committing a crime dial 999).

Specifically with regards to Wraxall, Failand and the adjoining parish of Abbots Leigh, the use of drone flying is becoming an increasing issue especially with regards to the worrying of

Livestock. I am currently examining C.A.A. legislation with a view of addressing this nuisance.

I am also aware of the residents efforts to reduce speeding and will obviously support their campaign where and when I can include training individuals in the use of Speed Detection devices.

The Year Ahead

My immediate concerns regarding REDWOOD BEAT as a whole centre around Non Dwelling Burglary, Fly Tipping (ASB) and Theft from Motor Vehicles. The REDWOOD Team will be mounting operations and initiatives to tackle these areas in the near future.

There will, of course, be Area specific priorities which I will address in my Report covering the annual figures too.

Regards

PC 2441 Martin Faithfull

Beat Manager for REDWOOD Beat