

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD IN THE CROSS TREE CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

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

District Cllrs Cave and Mrs Stowey

**23 TO INVITE PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Chairman spoke regarding the consultation that NSC has undertaken regarding their sites allocation plan, and in particular the potential areas for developments in the Parish, namely to the north of Nailsea. The Parish Council has responded robustly to this consultation, and the response is available on the Parish Council website. Two residents from Nailsea addressed the meeting, objecting to these proposals.

District Cllr Cave spoke to say that the current NSC policy is very strongly to object to any development in the green belt, which is also the government's policy.

Mr O'Connell of the National Trust addressed the Parish Council, giving ideas that will be put forward for consultation in regards to the Tyntesfield estate. These are all ideas, and no firm plans have been made to date. The ideas include the access and egress routes to the estate for vehicles, and the parking facilities.

The Parish Council welcomes the continued dialogue with the National Trust. There will be an agenda item for the March Parish Council meeting 'to consider the proposals outlined by the National Trust in regards to Tyntesfield'.

A member of the public spoke, objecting to planning application 16/P/2635/F.

**24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Law, Mrs Lock, Mrs Moon, and Sheppard.

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

Cllr Mrs Vowles declared an interest in planning application 17/P/0265/CUPA

**26 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**It was unanimously resolved** to approve the minutes as a correct record, with two minor amendments.

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

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

17/P/0061/F. 29 The Grove, Wraxall, BS48 1LP. Side and rear single storey extension with cladding, upgrading of existing rear extension, external wall insulation to existing building with new render, replacement of all existing windows, minor landscaping works (Cllrs Robinson and Amos)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application, and to request that the planning officer imposes a condition that the material used for the cladding be of a subdued nature and blends in with the rest of the properties in the development.

17/P/0074/F. The Laurels, Lodge Lane, Wraxall BS48 1BJ. Erection of 1no. dwelling. (Cllrs Delmas and King)

**It was unanimously resolved** not to oppose the application, but to express a preference that

the proposed dwelling is further back from the road and the conditions imposed on the original application (13/P/1380/F) should still apply.

17/P/0105/TPO. Draycott,, Lodge Lane, Wraxall, BS48 1BJ . T2 and T4 Monterey cypress - reduce lateral crown over driveway by 2.5-3m to previous pruning points and crown lift to 3- 4m. Reduce lateral crown over garden to North; T5 ash - remove stub/branch (Cllrs King and Amos)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application subject to the tree officer being satisfied that the trees can be pruned to this degree.

17/P/0116/TPO. 3 Bowden Way, Failand, BS8 3XA. T1 ash - reduce crown by approx 2m to previous points; T2 oak - reduce crown by 1m (Cllrs King, Malpas and Robinson)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application.

17/P/0205/TPO. 36 Yeomead, Nailsea, BS48 1JA: T1-T2 oak - thin crowns by 15%, remove crossing limbs and dead wood (Cllrs King and Robinson)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application.

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 (Cllrs King and Robinson)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application, but to mention that the oak tree close to the tree in this application should also be pruned and could pose a greater risk than the ash tree in the application.

16/P/2635/F. Tyntesfield Springs, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1NE. Provision of new access to highway and reinstatement of wall. (Cllrs Amos and Malpas)

**It was resolved** to oppose the application as it would be inappropriate development in the green belt (6 in favour, 1 abstention).

Cllr Mrs Vowles left the meeting.

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 (Cllrs Robinson and Delmas)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application as the applicant has addressed the concerns that were cited as the reasons for the previous application to be refused.

Cllr Mrs Vowles returned to the meeting.

17/P/0273/TPO. 7 Bowden Way, Failand , BS8 3XA. T1 oak - reduce by 5m in height and 3m laterally back to previous pruning points, crown lift to 6m by removing secondary laterals only; T2 ash - reduce crown by 4m in height and 2m laterally back to previous pruning points, crown lift to 6m; T3 ash - reduce crown by 2m in height and 2m laterally back to previous pruning points remove epicormic growth from main trunk. (Cllrs Sage and Mrs Vowles)

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application.

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. (Cllr Amos)

The comments submitted by Long Ashton Parish Council were noted.

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the application including the spectator stands. Also to agree with the recommendations that the floodlights are turned off by 10pm, and that the 40mph speed limit area on Clevedon Road be extended to include the entrance to the playing fields.

## **28 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**

16/P/2601/F. Failand Farm, Green Lane, Failand, Wraxall, BS8 3TR. Erection of a single storey ground floor and a first floor extension on the north elevation. Replacement doors and windows to include 4no. roof lights to both the east and north elevation. Courtyard created and steps up to east elevation. External works to include repointing of stonework and overhaul flashings leadwork and woodwork on gables. Internal works to include replacing damp wooden timbers and plasterwork, removing partition walls and installing a new staircase. **GRANTED**

16/P/2793/F. Lower Failand Farm, Failand, Lane, Failand, Wraxall, BS8 3SS. Single storey front extension. **GRANTED**

16/P/2889/F. 14 Sixty Acres Close, Failand, BS8 3UH. Erection of a front porch. **GRANTED**

## **29 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Police report was circulated to the meeting. This stated:

*The crime figures for Wraxall/Failand for January 2017 are as follows: Non dwelling burglary 1; theft 1; personal fraud 1. Total incidents reported on Redwood beat were 75. The percentage in relation to Wraxall and Failand were 4%.*

*Fly Tipping is becoming a 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)*

*I understand that Residents of Wraxall and Failand have shown an interest in setting up a Community Speed Watch. I am keen to support this and can provide training to those who wish to take part.*

*Anyone interested please either provide your contact details to myself directly at Nailsea Police Station or through your Parish Council and I will look to set up a meeting to discuss how the scheme is run.*

*Members of the public can also visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) if they wish to review any crime figures for a certain postcode or area.*

*This site is also helpful for crime prevention advice and local issues.*

The Councillor's allowance of £20 for their annual printing costs will be an agenda item for the April meeting. Each Councillor will be asked if they wish to claim this allowance.

The Clerk asked that it would be recorded in the minutes that the advice that he has been given from SLCC and ALCA is that the Parish Council should not make grants or donations to churches, as they may be illegal.

Cllr Sage produced a church publication which stated that grants and donations could be given to churches. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council should rely upon the legal advice received from SLCC and ALCA rather than from the church.

## **30 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL BY TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING WITH NEIGHBOURING PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

**It was unanimously resolved** that the Chairman should attend a meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils to debate this issue.

**31 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:**

a SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

District Cllr Cave stated that it now appears that a proper crossing may now be viable. The next stage will be for a safety audit to take place, followed by consultation. This process could take up to a year. Funding will then be the problem. The Chairman will contact the school and the parochial charities to ask them whether a further grant would be available to fund the 'lollipop' person for 2017/18.

b CLERK'S PENSION

All relevant documentation is now in place. The Clerk re-affirmed his decision not to request a pension.

c CLERK'S APPRAISAL AND END OF PROBATION PERIOD

The Clerk's appraisal has taken place, and his appointment of Clerk is confirmed following the end of his probation period. Objectives have been set for proper processes and procedures to be adopted.

**32 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

The borrowed VAS has been in place for twenty days between Wraxall Hill and the Old School House. A report was supplied regarding the vehicle speed figures recorded. In ten days a total of 13,750 cars exceeded the 30 mph speed limit travelling towards Nailsea. In the following ten days it looked towards Bristol when 20,070 cars exceeded the 30 mph limit. A new location will now be sought in Failand, possibly in the Flax Bourton Road. It was noted that the VAS that has been lent is an old model, and that the figures may not be completely accurate.

FRAS intend to circulate a flyer stating that a public meeting will be taking place. The Clerk will enquire with ALCA whether this should meeting should be arranged and hosted by the Parish Council, or by FRAS.

Lanes are still flooding. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to NSC.

**33 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

There was nothing to report.

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

Councillors attended the Durnford Local Liaison Group meeting on 1st February. It was reported that there is a plan for a recycling tip to be created in possibly eight to ten years' time at the quarry. This will mean a large increase in the volume of HGV traffic in the Parish. Further meetings will be taking place concerning a possible alternative access to the site.

District Cllr Cave said that there were a lot of discussions still to take place.

**35 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A VEXATIOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND COMPLAINTS POLICY**

**It was resolved** to adopt the policy (6 in favour, 1 abstention).

**36 TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE COUNCILS POLICIES.**

**It was unanimously resolved** that the Clerk will forward a list of the policies to be discussed to all Councillors, who will be asked which policies they would like to volunteer to review.

### 37 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All correspondence received has been forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk stated that the two organisations who have already submitted requests for grants in 2017/18 had been sent a copy of the newly adopted policy and request form, but no replies have been received from either to date.

### 38 TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2721	Anthony Jay	Mileage £15.30; Home working allowance £19.50; Mobile phone £1.67; Stamps £15.48; External Hard Drive £30.00; Ink Cartridges £51.28	£133.23
2722	SLCC	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of Clerk's membership	£75

**It was unanimously resolved** that the bills for payment be approved.

### 39 TO NOTE THE REVISED DATES AND VENUES FOR THE 2017 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates and venues were noted.

### 40 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

The Chairman had no urgent business.

### 41 TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Outstanding planning enforcement issues were discussed. District Cllr Cave will update the next meeting upon cases which Councillors are concerned about. Councillors should forward a list to of particular cases they are concerned about to Cllr Cave.

Broadband speeds in some areas of Failand are very poor. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Malpas agreed to provide an update to the meeting.

There will be an agenda item for the March Parish Council meeting 'to consider the proposals outlined by the National Trust in regards to Tyntesfield'.