

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD IN THE FAILAND VILLAGE HALL ON 12 JULY 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Sage, Mrs Lock, Malpas, Delmas, Amos, Mrs Vowles, Sheppard.

IN ATTENDANCE: D/Cllr. Kate Stowey & Clerk – Mrs F Shattock.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Law, Mrs Moon & King. D/Cllr Charles Cave.

PUBLIC: 8.

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Mrs Lock 78a – Neighbour.

**73 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a. Phil Williams representing Nailsea Skate thanked the Council for the Grant made to the Sake Park. They have raised £115,500 and only need another £2000. The park was opened on Saturday last and is well supported by many from the surrounding district. Photographs of Saturday's event together with leaflets, were circulated.

b. Dr Pratt addressed the Council and was thanked by the Chairman.

c. Ted Hickleton addressed the Council and was thanked by the Chairman.

END OF PUBLIC SPEAKING.

MEETING OPENED 7.45PM

**75 MINUTES** – The Minutes of the meeting held 14 June 2016 were agreed and signed.

**76 CRIME FIGURES** – Report from Avon & Somerset Constabulary was received.

**77 ISSUES**

a ALLOTMENTS – A tender has been received re fencing. It was agreed to defer further discussions until the Allotment WG had met and made recommendations.

b SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL – Chairman had met with Jan Barber, NSC Executive Member for Children & Young Peoples Service, who was very supportive and complimentary. D/Cllr. Kate Stowey advised that the issue would be 'called in' to the Scrutiny Panel to be held on 27 July 2016.

With the funding provided by Wraxall Parochial Charities the School Crossing Patrol could continue until April.

c NOTICE BOARD – A new Notice Board has been fitted outside Failand Post Office. At present the keys are held in the Post Office. Cllr. Tom Sage was thanked for organising this.

d There is a meeting on 25 July with David Bailey (NSC) to talk about speed reduction and traffic calming measures. It was felt that the PC should support 30mph on all of the roads in the triangle. PROPOSAL : Support bid and strategy and aim to achieve 30 mph in Failand & to have James Weelen as the PC's rep.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Lock, seconded by Cllr. Malpas - 5 For with 2 Against and 1 Abstention.

e STREET FURNITURE MAINTENANCE – Cllrs. Law & Amos have researched this.

Cllrs. voted to go to tender. All in favour.

f INTERNAL AUDITOR- Several PC's were asked about their Internal Auditor and several persons were suggested. The PC felt that Adam Kelly of David Seabright's in Nailsea was the best suggestion. Clerk spoke to him and he has agreed to do the Internal Audit for the Annual Return for £200 + VAT. All in favour. Clerk to write to Adam Kelly to accept.

g PENSION – A pension scheme has to be offered to employees and Cllr. Robinson proposed that we should offer the NEST scheme and this was agreed by all. All employees should be in a pension scheme unless they can give a good reason why not.

h BROADBAND – Cllr. Malpas advised that the cabinet at Beggar Bush Lane went 'live' this week. Residents can now subscribe to a provider of their choice and should be able to receive faster speeds for Broadband. However, it would seem that Woodland Way has very poor connectivity. Speeds of 70Mb can be achieved but that speed fall sharply the further away a dwelling is from the cabinet. Chairman has sent a press release to NS Times & Bristol Post. Cllr. Malpas was thanked for his work with BT & Connect Devon & Somerset, to achieve an earlier outcome than had been advised to us.

## **78 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

a APPLICATION 16/P/1462/F – Single storey front extension, roof terrace and construction of patio area for Mr O'Brien, Oakdene, Tower House Lane, Wraxall.

Whilst the agent for this application was helpful, the owner of the property refused to allow the Parish Council to conduct a site visit. Planning permission was last sought by the current owner in 2003. Since that time significant development has taken place on the site. The Parish Council discussed the proposals with a number of residents of Tower House Lane and concerns were raised that this application did not represent the extent of development that had taken place. Given the refusal of the owner to allow a site visit and the lack of clarity regarding the planning history the Parish Council were unable to reach a decision and would ask the planning officer to investigate.

b APPLICATION 16/P/1529/F – Erection of a two storey side extension for Mr & Mrs Roberts 4 The Grove, Wraxall.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT.

MEETING CLOSED 8.47PM

Ted Hickleton addressed the Council.

MEETING REOPENED 8.50PM

*c Decisions made by NSC on P/A's previously considered by this Parish Council.*

*APPLICATION 16/P/0865/F – Proposed single storey rear and side extensions, conversion of loft to living space and installation of thermal external cladding for Mr E McCormack, 7 Sixty Acres Close, Failand. DECISION – CONSENT GRANTED.*

*APPLICATION 16/P/1139/F & 16/P/1140/LB – Re-grading of land to form simple terrace with grass steps and steel risers. Creation of ornamental vegetable garden with oak raised beds, gravel pathways, seats and central oval pool - for Mr & Mrs Rossiter, Walled Garden. Belmont Estate, Wraxall. DECISION – CONSENT GRANTED*

*APPLICATION 16/P/1214/F – Provision of new access, re-placement track for agricultural and fishing lake use and rebuild wall with the provision of 3 extra parking spaces. Replacement foot bridge and sewage tank for Dr Hugh & Mrs Judith Pratt re Tyntesfield Springs, Bristol Road, Wraxall. DECISION – CONSENT REFUSED.*

*d NT TYNTESFIELD – Visitor reception options. Mik O'Connell is happy for us to liaise with them. He agrees that we should have a meeting with him but wishes to prepare documentation before setting a date.*

*EXTRAS*

*e ENFORCEMENTS. Cllr Mrs Lock asked if Birdcombe Farm was still on the list. It was not, so the Clerk undertook to speak to Enforcement Dept. (Post meeting note - The case is still 'live').*

*f LICENSING – No items for this Parish*

## **79 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

*a BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FESTA – Various roads are affected. Please see Notice Boards and Web Site for separate notice. Concern was expressed that Belmont Hill could be very busy if it was used as a diversion.*

b NSC SURFACE DRESSING 2016 – Details on the Web Site. Due to weather conditions this has been delayed and could coincide with the Balloon Fiesta road closures. Cllr. Kate Stowey undertook to raise with NSC Highways the potential conflict with the diversion for the Balloon Fiesta and surface dressing work. Surface Dressing has made Failand Lane 6” wider. Comment was made that Sandy Lane was in a poor state from the top to Abbots Leigh. We understand that this has now been added to ‘Things to do’. Cllr Amos said that the spring, by Rambler Cottage, is being diverted.

**80 PROW** - No update.

## **81 MEETINGS**

a ALCA AGM 16 June – Cllr. Robinson reported that this had been a good meeting, well attended. The Head of Planning gave a good talk.

b NSC CORE STRATEGY CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES EXAMINATION HEARINGS 21-23 June. No one attended.

c HIGHWAYS ‘WEEK OF ACTION’ 24 JUNE – Cllr. Robinson gave a report from when he attended at a pot hole repair. Skanska, the new contractors, have some new machinery, which is capable of repairing pot holes more effectively and are reported to be doing a good job.

d CPRE VILLAGES & TOWNS UNDER SIEGE – 5 July.- Cllr. Robinson attended. There was an interesting presentation given by Shaun Spiers, Chief Executive of CPRE and Brian Glasson of South Gloucestershire Council, who is leading the Joint Spatial Plan.

## **82 CORRESPONDENCE**

a GRANT THANKS have been received from Failand Village Hall in respect of the matched funding Grant we allocated to them.

b STAR COUNCIL AWARDS – Noted.

c NS LOCAL PLAN – No response to be sent.

d LEAFLETS had been sent to us from Nailsea Community Trust for distribution. They ask that we tell them of anyone we know who would benefit from their help.

**83 FINANCE**

a ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – AUTHORISED WITH THE ADDITION OF THE LAST 3 ITEMS.

Chg. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2658	Cllr. Robinson	Chairman's Allowance	333.00
2659	Cllr. Mrs Lock	Vice Chair's Allowance (1/2)	55.50
2660	Cllr. Malpas	Vice Chair's Allowance (1/2)	55.50
2661	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse for second Ad in Bristol Post	324.00
2662	Failand Village Hall	Matched funding grant for Committee Room	700.00
2663	Avon Wildlife	Subscription	48.00
2664	Bin it	Dog Bin emptying	62.08
2665	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary	
2666	HMRC	Tax & NI – April – June 2016	569.69
2667	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – Telephone 44.38	44.38
2668	Cathryn Butler	Admin. Support	175.88
2669	Ed Sage	Grass – June	266.66
2670	Playsafety	Mill. Green Annual Inspection	79.80
2671	JW Frappell	Repairs to War Memorial in C/Y	200.00
2673	Arien Designs	Replacement Notice Board at Failand Post Office.	754.80

b TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES – Smaller Authorities are those with an Income of £25,000 or less. Councils with an Income over £25,000 do not have an obligation to comply with the Transparency Code but it is good practice to do so. Cllrs. decided to leave this until the Autumn.

c CLERK'S GRATUITY – Cllr. Robinson reported that NALC Legal Dept. wish to have proof that monies have been set aside in the Budget over the past 17 years.

**84 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS - Nil.**

**85 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING – Nil.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM.

The PC voted to give the Selection Panel the authority to confirm the appointment for the new Clerk.