

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD IN THE CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017

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

87 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllr Mrs Lock as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Councillors thanked Cllr Robinson for all of his hard work whilst fulfilling the role of Chairman over the last six years.

88 TO REQUEST THE ELECTED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Lock signed the declaration of office and Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

89 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllr Malpas and Cllr Sheppard as joint Vice Chairmen for the forthcoming year.

90 TO REQUEST THE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMEN TO SIGN THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Malpas and Cllr Sheppard both signed the declaration of office.

91 TO INVITE PUBLIC SPEAKING

No addresses were made.

92 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Moon and District Cllrs Cave and Mrs Stowey.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the apologies.

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

Cllr Sheppard declared an interest in agenda item 100. Cllr Mrs Vowles declared an interest in agenda item 97 (planning application 17/P/0939/PDD).

94 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th APRIL 2017

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record with one minor amendment (7 in favour 3 abstentions).

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a correct record.

95 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2017 (s.1 of the Annual Return 2016/17)

It was unanimously resolved to approve the annual governance statement for the year ending 31st March 2017.

96 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2017 (s.2 of the Annual Return 2016/17)

It was unanimously resolved to approve the annual accounting statements for the year ending 31st March 2017.

97 TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/P/0780/LB. Wraxall Lodge, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1NE. Installation of secondary glazing and new mechanical extract fan in bathroom.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

17/P/0861/F 21 Hill Drive, Failand, Wraxall, BS8 3UX. Single storey side extension with dormer window

It was unanimously resolved to support the application, with the condition that the existing rear dormer window, which is being widened, should still have frosted glass.

Cllr Mrs Vowles left the room.

17/P/0939/PDD Unit F & lean-to between Unit F & Unit J at Hazel Farm, Bristol Road, Wraxall, BS48 1LQ. Prior notification of proposed demolition of existing agricultural building marked as Unit F and part demolition of lean-to between Unit F and Unit J as indicated on drawing 3778/14/103.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

Cllr Mrs Vowles returned to the meeting.

Pre application consultation for a proposed new base station installation at VF 95491, Ashton Hill Observatory, Ashton Hill Farm, Failand BS8 3US

A discussion took place regarding the information received, and it was noted that Maxema Ltd stated in their pre application consultation letter that the Failand Village Hall site had been looked at as an option but that Failand Village Hall had 'failed to confirm an interest in accommodating a site, despite numerous attempts being made'. It was suggested that further attempts be made to contact the Village Hall Committee to receive their views about the base station being hosted at the hall.

Cllr Sheppard will make contact with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and ask him to contact the Clerk, giving the Village Hall committee's views upon whether they would like to host the mast.

A request will be made to Maxema Ltd asking what the proposed mast's coverage area will be.

Cllr Malpas will draft a proposal outlining the Parish Council's response to the consultation.

98 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

16/P/2515/F. Land at Lodge Lane, Wraxall, BS48 1BH. Application for variation of a condition Nos. 4 and 6 on application 10/P/1838/F (Erection of 9 no. residential dwellings together with the realignment of the Lodge Lane roundabout and construction of footpath to southern boundary without complying with condition 21 of planning permission 09/P/2104/F to allow for amendment of ground levels and ridge heights for finished buildings and alterations to the side elevation of plot 6 and to alter the specified drawing numbers to include the revised plans) to allow for the alteration to the existing hedge. **GRANTED.**

17/P/0424/TPO Riverway, Nailsea, Bristol, BS48 1HZ. T1 walnut - Crown reduce by 1.5m; T2 oak- reduce crown over building by 2.75m; T3 oak - reduce crown over garden towards house and over neighbouring property by 3m; T4 oak - crown reduce over garden by 3m in balance with work to T3. **REFUSED. However a lesser proposal has been granted.**

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. **GRANTED.**

17/P/0489/F. 45 Clevedon Road, Failand, BS8 3UL. Variation of condition No. 6 on application 15/P/1684/F (Removal of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of planning permission 10/P/1084/F (Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2no. detached 1.5 storey dwellings) which relate to the provision of a 'work unit'.) to allow replacement of existing privet hedge with an English Yew. **GRANTED.**

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. **GRANTED.**

17/P/0500/TPO. THE COTTAGE, Oxhouse Lane, Failand, Bristol, BS8 3SL. T1 pine - fell; T2 horse chestnut - reduce stem by approximately 3-4m. **GRANTED.**

The decisions were noted.

99 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report which had not been previously circulated to the Councillors.

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

Failand and Portbury Cricket Club.

Cllr Sheppard stayed in the room but took no part in the discussion or vote.

It was resolved to donate £250 to the Cricket Club (8 in favour, 1 against)

101 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

School Crossing Patrol

Cllr Robinson reported that NSC has said that their safety assessment has been completed, and funding for a pelican crossing is available which will cost around £20,000. A further consultation will be held before they will commit, however it is hoped that a pelican crossing will be installed in the autumn. No funding will be made available from the diocese towards the current crossing patrol officer, which the diocese believes is the province of NSC, although the parochial charities will contribute to this cost for the current year.

There are a large number of benefits associated with a pelican crossing when compared with a crossing patrol officer. A pelican crossing will provide a safe crossing place at all times of the day.

102 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

A report was given following the recent meeting with FRAS and David Bailey of NSC, where it was agreed to move towards a reduced cost option. Mr Bailey suggested a phased approach, which was agreed by everyone. A key element will be an accurate assessment of traffic movements on the three major roads. This will enable FRAS to analyse traffic movements at key airport commuting times, which hopefully will unlock monies from the Bristol Airport community fund.

The cost of the traffic analysis will be in the region of £1,000.

It was unanimously resolved to donate £1,000 towards the cost of the traffic analysis.

The Clerk will write to NSC requesting that the monitoring goes ahead.

It was also suggested during the meeting with David Bailey that the 50 mph speed limit could be extended on the B3128 beyond the Failand Inn and the Bristol Grammar School playing fields. Tickenham Parish Council is also looking to reduce the speed limit on West Hill, and Abbots Leigh Parish Council has the same ambitions for Beggar Bush Lane. Cllr Robinson has been liaising with these Councils. David Bailey has asked for a joint proposal to be submitted to him from all three Parish Councils.

The Parish Councillors gave their support to Cllr Robinson liaising with Tickenham Parish Council and Cllr Sheppard to liaise with Abbots Leigh Parish Council regarding their suggestions.

A 'quiet lanes' meeting has taken place hosted by Yatton Parish Council. Yatton will liaise with local Councils and report back. It was decided to keep a watching brief regarding this, with Cllr Sheppard keeping in contact with them.

103 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Sheppard stated that the arrangements for the proposed footpath to the school are in hand.

104 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FOLLOWING ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS

Cllr Sage attended the recently held Durnford Quarry meeting. In 2012 they began extending the site for a further ten years of quarrying. Blasting is taking place again. They are currently extracting 200,000 metric tons of limestone per annum. Also 110,000 metric tons of clay lining material has been imported into the quarry.

Cllr Sage will enquire with the quarry management to see if they would be prepared to contribute financially towards road projects in the area, and also contact District Cllr Cave from Long Ashton Parish Council to receive their views regarding this.

Cllr Law attended a playground management inspection and responsibilities course, which was very instructive. Hazard tape has been purchased to cordon off any potential future areas of concern. A more detailed weekly playground checklist has been produced to ensure that health and safety issues are covered.

105 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF 'HOME EMERGENCY CHECKLIST' CARDS FROM NSC AT THE COST OF £40 PER 500

It was unanimously resolved to include this checklist on the Council's website, and not to purchase or print any hard copies. The Clerk will contact the Village Agent regarding this, to see if she wants the checklist further circulated.

106 TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

i) Complaints Procedure.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the policy with no amendments.

ii) Grievance and Discipline.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the policy with no amendments.

107 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All correspondence received had been previously circulated.

108 TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2741	St. Peter's Hospice	Donation	£100.00
2742	Woodland Trust	Donation	£72.00
2743	Anthony Jay	Mileage £15.30; Home working allowance £17.33; Stamps £11.70; Ink cartridges £97.96; Liquid refreshments for the APM £4.43	£148.30
2747	Richard Young	Audit fees	£50.00
2748	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£437.90
2749	Parish Councillors	Printing allowance 5 x £20	£100.00
2751	Failand Post Office	Sandwiches for the APM	£52.50

A summary of receipts and payments had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the bills for payment

109 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business reported.

110 TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No agenda items were suggested.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm