

## MINUTES OF THE WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30pm in Failand Village Hall, on 14 July 2015.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Robinson, Malpas, Mrs Lock, Amos, Vowles, Sheppard, Law, Delmas, Sage & Mrs Moon (after signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office)..

APOLOGIES: Cllr. King, D/Cllr. Cave & D/Cllr Mrs Stowey.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, Simon Beck (Allotments), Chris Ambrose (National Grid), Mike Amos (LEP), Emma Edwards (Village Agent).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Cllr. Malpas, 27a – Neighbour. Cllr. Amos 27d first item – Owner is a customer.

PUBLIC: Mark Lewis

### **23 Address by the Village Agent, Emma Edwards, of the Curo-Group/Community Connect - 'Opening the door to Local Services'.**

Emma Edwards gave a comprehensive introduction of herself and the Village Agent position. She is funded by NSC through Curo-group/Community Connect. She does not work for NSC. Her role is to provide support, assistance and signpost services to over 50's – Opening the door to Local Services. Her area covers 10 villages. She will attend local events to introduce herself and the organisation. Cllr. Sage asked if she would come to talk at a Parish Lunch.

**Mike Amos then addressed the PC.** He is on the Rural section of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) which has monies ring-fenced for Rural Purposes – Grants, Jobs and keeping people working, also Broadband. Cllr. Robinson asked Mr Amos if he could send in an article, re. LEP, for inclusion on our Web Site. Mr Amos readily agreed to send this. Cllr. Malpas will take up the issue of Broadband with Mr Amos and Simon Beck will speak to him re. Allotments.

**24 Minutes** of the 9 June 2015 meeting were approved and signed.

**25 CRIME FIGURES** – No Police presence and no e-mail received.

### **26 ISSUES**

a ALLOTMENTS – Mr Simon Beck held a meeting in June and asked Nailsea Town Council to come and talk about one of their sites. Mr Beck and 6 other Elms residents measured the 'Allotment Area' to see how many allotments could be accommodated, the lay-out, car park, storage etc. whilst keeping clear of the Oak Tree. Allan Cavill, Regional Mentor, National Allotments Society has been invited to an on-site meeting re background information and copy of circulations. A number of Elms residents wish to take part – hopefully 24 July, during the day. After this meeting Mr Beck should be able to speak to NSC re a planning submission.

a. continued.

Residents also asked how to set up a committee and packages of work to put to NSC.

It was thought that the Working Group should speak to Ian Morrell as to how the issues should be tackled.

Mr Beck said that one of the residents will take forward, setting up, rental etc. They are aware that the PC does not wish to be very involved but that there should be an Allotment group.

b CONTRACT for Webmaster & preparing presentations for planning applications. The contract has been signed by Cathryn Butler and countersigned on behalf of WFPC.

c BROADBAND – Cllr. Malpas gave an oral report on his meeting with Laurent Boon (BT). The date for faster broadband in Failand has been brought forward to before the end of 2016. Cllr. Malpas will speak to Mike Amos re LEP.

d PYLONS –W&FPC issued their closing submission to the IPC on the 13 July 2015. It is to be placed on the web site.

Mr Ambrose's report included two major changes from previous submissions:

- 1) National Grid' cost of OHL has been reduced to reflect their verbal statement.
- 2) Data on CO2 emissions has been introduced.

Dr Liam Fox MP has met Angus MacNeil MP, the new Chairman of the Energy and Climate Change Committee, and has put .Chris Ambrose's name forward to speak at any future inquiry.

James Heappey MP for Wells is also now a member of this committee.

Thanks were given to Mr Ambrose & Dr Pratt for their work on this issue.

Nailsea TC, on behalf of the Nailsea action group, issued their submission on 13 July 2015 to IPC Copy to be placed on the web site.

e ENFORCEMENT ACTION – The Dept. are now producing a monthly update of cases with current comments. The Parish Forum was told by Richard Kent that there was a lack of Enforcement resources. They are hoping to recruit more staff.

f WALLS replacing Hedges. An e-mail has been received re Walls at 16 & 18 Flax Bourton Road, Failand and a Fence at 37 Weston Road, Failand both having replaced hedges. Enforcement Dept. are to be asked to investigate.

g NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN Churchill & Langford.  
No comments.

h RoSPA Play Area Annual Inspection was generally ' Low Risk'. Cllr. Law is meeting the installers of recent equipment to discuss the signs of rotting on timbers on the

log trail and one of the posts supporting the zip wire.

RoSPA advise that the swing's metal tubes need descaling and painting, flat swing seats could be replaced (£40) and there is a legal requirement for a sign on the site stating who owns & maintains the site. Cllr Law will do the costing. Cllr. Law had consulted brochures re a further item for the play area Clerk to write to the Nailsea Community Trust and Wraxall Parochial Charities asking if they will allow the £500, each have promised, to be used for the picnic table which is now in situ and another item – say a 'springer'. The Parish Council have also agreed to contribute a third share.

Cllr. Robinson, seconded by Cllr. Law, resolved that Cllrs. Delmas, Law & Mrs Vowles should decide on which 'springer' is most suitable.

CLOSED 8.49pm.

MEETING RE-OPENED 8.49pm.

i RESOLUTION for Road Safety, Tower House Lane – Cllr. Mrs Lock reported that Tower House Lane had fast traffic using it in the evening 'rush hour'. Drivers turn into Tower House Lane when they see traffic 'backing up' from Stone Edge Batch. Residents wish the PC to write to NSC re a roundabout at Stone Edge Batch OR a 'No left turn' at the top of Tower House Lane at certain hours, as they have in Abbots Leigh. Also, 'No left turn' at the bottom of Tower House Lane for the 'rush hour' in the morning.

Cllr Mrs Lock proposed the resolution, Cllr. Mrs Vowles seconded – 9 in favour, 1 abstention. This is subject to agreement between Cllrs. Robinson, Sheppard & Mrs Lock.

MEETING CLOSED 8.57pm – Mr Chris Ambrose spoke:-

j Litter at Lay-by bottom of Tower House Lane. Although the litter bin is emptied 3 times per week, weekends are bad and a bin twice the size, with flaps to keep out the magpies etc., is needed.

NSC to be asked if there will be a charge to empty a larger bin, and if they are prepared to fund a double-sized bin. If a charge is levied it may be possible to pass that charge on to the snack-bar located in the lay-by.

MEETING RE-OPENED 9.05pm

## **27 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

a APPLICATION 15/P/1347/F – Widening of existing vehicular access to agricultural field on land to the West of Flax Bourton Road, Failand for The Trustees of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Wraxall Will Trust.

Resident's concerns with road safety were noted and Councillors considered that this application had similar issues to a previous application for an access to a field off the B3128 at the top of Wraxall Hill.

PROPOSAL – Not to support.

b APPLICATION 15/P/1377/F – Erection of a two storey side extension for Mr S Underwood, 65 Vowles Close, Wraxall.

PROPOSAL – Support.

c APPLICATION 15/P/1385/F - Removal of Condition 8 of planning approval 15/P/0177/MMA (Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 14/P/1171/F (Erection of 3 detached chalet style bungalows with associated double garages together with provision of new access drives and landscaping following demolition of existing commercial and residential buildings and removal of hard standing and ancillary structures) to allow the addition of basement storage space to Plot 1) as Code 3 for sustainable homes no longer applies - for AWH Porter, re Hillside Nursery, West Hill, Wraxall.

PROPOSAL – Support.

d Decisions made by North Somerset Council on Planning Applications previously considered by this Parish Council.

APPLICATION 15/P/0446/F – Conversion of existing office and welfare building to self- contained holiday accommodation for Ms. T Jagger re Building at Horse Race Lane, Failand. DECISION - REFUSED.

Cllr. Mrs Moon was concerned that NSC's Planning & Regulatory Committee had decided to refuse this application despite the Parish Council's support for it. She advised that the Agent intended to Appeal. It was resolved that the Parish Council should be represented at the Appeal hearing. Proposed Cllr. Robinson, seconded Cllr. Law. All in favour.

Cllr. Robinson said that the residents had ample time at the PC meeting to make their views known. He didn't think that their views were unclear.

Cllr. Sheppard said that the Cllrs. attending the Appeal should know the resident's views.

CLLR. SAGE LEFT THE MEETING 9.45pm.

APPLICATION 15/P/0764/MMA & 15/P/0765/LB - Removal of condition 14, 15 & 16 and variation of condition 19 of planning permission 11/P/1245/F (Change of use and alteration to 2 no. traditional stone agricultural buildings to create 3 no. dwellings and 3 no. work units together with associated landscaping works including the reinstatement of a walled garden. Removal of units E,F and G and restriction on units H, J and K to ensure use for non-livestock agricultural purposes) for live/work

unit to be removed from Unit B and installation of two roof lights for C Wyatt, Birdcombe Farm, Tower House Lane, Wraxall.

DECISION – GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/1070/F – Erection of a single storey side extension to house a thermal store. Installation of photovoltaic panels to roof, for Mr M Aikens, Limekiln House, Portbury Lane, Wraxall.

DECISION – GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/1206/LUP – Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of home office and covered parking area for Mrs L Rushin at The Copse, Tower House Lane, Wraxall.

DECISION – CERTIFIED.

Decisions were also given for 65 Clevedon Road, Failand GRANTED and Tyntesfield Springs. 14/P/1057/CUPA – APPEAL DISMISSED.

Mention was then made re the Lidl proposed development. They have gone some way to addressing the concerns re loss of car parking spaces but our original comments still stand.

CLLR MRS MOON LEFT THE MEETING AT 9.59pm.

## **28 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

- a TEMPORARY RTO – 6 AUGUST FOR 4 DAYS RE BRISTOL BALLOON FIESTA.
- b TEMPORARY RTO – 17 AUGUST FOR 4 NIGHTS B3130 Wraxall Hill to The Grove. Western Power replacing Poles & transferring wires to new poles.

## **29 PROW – WRAXALL VILLAGE WALK.**

Cllr. Delmas is arranging a meeting with Danny Baker – the owner of the field south of Wraxall Hill.

## **30 MEETINGS**

- a PARISH WORKSHOP – Cllr. Robinson attended this interesting meeting. 17,000 development spaces are still to be found with few areas to use. Core Strategy is awaiting approval. There is pressure on NS to find more areas. Developers have an interest in land to north of Nailsea.
- b ALCA AGM. Cllr. Robinson attended. CEO of NSC (formerly Highways – Norfolk) also attended. Road Safety was one of the agenda items discussed.
- c Training – Being a Good Councillor – Cllr. Mrs Vowles, who had recently attended a ‘Being a Good Councillor’ course, said that it was interesting and informative.

**31 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter of thanks had been received from All Saints' Church, Wraxall regarding the recent Grant.

**32 FINANCE**

a ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – Approved.

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2527	Cross Tree Centre	Hire for Interviews 2 June 2015	24.00
2528	Cross Tree Centre	Hire for PC 9 June 2015	30.00
2529	Cross Tree Centre	Hire for Allotments meet. 10 June	24.00
2530	ALCA	Good Cllrs. Guide booklets	12.80
2531	Intouch crm	Monthly Web fee – June 2015	35.99
2532	Dreamscape Gardening	Installing Picnic Bench	160.00
2533	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary – June 2015	
2534	HMRC	Tax & NIC April – June 2015	544.31
2535	Digital Problem Solving Ltd	Computer work 29.6.15	72.99
2536	Archant	Advert. Re APM	38.40
2537	Intouch crm	Monthly Web fee – July 2015	35.99
2538	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – Computer work to set up new computer 173.00, Twin pack Printer cartridges 29.99, Sticky Labels 2.99, TalkTalk 41.88.	247.83
2539	Bin-it	Dog Bin emptying	62.08

**33 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.****34 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING.**