

MINUTES OF THE WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD in Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall on 10 November 2015.

PRESENT – Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Malpas, Amos, King, Mrs Moon, Sage, Sheppard, Mrs Lock & Delmas

APOLOGIES – D/Cllrs. Cave & Stowey, Cllrs. Law & Mrs Vowles.

IN ATTENDANCE – Clerk – Mrs F Shattock.

PUBLIC – Seven.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil.

69 MINUTES – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, by all but Mrs Moon who was not at the last meeting, and signed.

70 CRIME FIGURES – There was no Police presence and no report had been received.

73 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION Taken out of order as public attended for this item.

c ROAD SAFETY, FAILAND. There had been a meeting of the residents of Flax Bourton Road with Cllr. Sheppard and John Painter of NSC. Various items of traffic calming were mentioned. Mr Painter said that it would not be good to just deal with Flax Bourton Road and Cllrs. felt that if we had to obtain a Traffic Restriction Order we should bundle all that we need to do into one TRO as they are expensive to obtain.

MEETING CLOSED 7.49pm.

Mr Hickleton addressed the meeting.

MEETING RE-OPENED 8.04pm.

The Chairman said that Councillors recognised the strength of feeling of the residents. It is hoped that John Painter can let us know the amount of funding available from say NSC, Police, Airport etc. before we hold our Budget meeting.

71 ISSUES

f BROADBAND - BT / Openreach have agreed to accelerate the connection of Failand to the Openreach fibre network. Subject to successful clearance of fibre ducts in Providence Lane, a new communications cabinet will be installed in Failand next to the existing cabinet at the junction of Beggar Bush Lane. The fibre from there will connect directly to the exchange at Bedminster where Openreach have a major hub. So customers

connected to the new communications cabinet can expect speeds in excess of 10 Mb/s, which is a significant improvement.

All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of Spring next year, however this date very much depends on the success of the work in January along Providence Lane. A Traffic Restriction Order has been obtained for 17 January to clear the ducts. A report is now on the Website. Cllr Malpas offered to address issues of poor Broadband speed for other areas in the parish.

a ALLOTMENTS – There are two restrictive covenants on the proposed land – ;Open Space’ & ‘No buildings on the land’. We need agreement from the successors, in title, of Bryants, the developers of the Elms. The proposal is to be worked up with NSC. A further site meeting is needed. Costs must be ascertained – Simon Beck is looking into this eg. Fence, Water, Hardstanding etc. Simon Beck was thanked for attending.

b PYLONS Cllrs. objected to letters/e-mails being sent in the name of the PC without being seen by the Cllrs. first. Letter to be sent to Hugh Pratt. Voting 7 for with 2 abstentions.

c LITTER – A second bin has been installed on the lay by at the bottom of Tower House Lane, Wraxall. The situation is under review.

d WAY AHEAD FOR TELEPHONE BOX IN FAILAND – A rocket (firework) was let off in the telephone kiosk in Lower Failand a week last Saturday. Minimal damage. Police informed. Last Saturday evening (7/11) there was a bigger blast – 6 panes of glass were blown out and the kiosk is now leaning. It is not easy for an individual to push it over. Cllr. King has cleared the glass (safety glass) and coned and taped off the kiosk. The door is wrecked – the wooden frame blasted away and the base damaged. Police informed again.

As this was purchased from BT under their ‘disposal scheme’ they are to be asked if they will have it back. Cllrs. thought it would be better if the PC disposed of the kiosk as this could easily happen again even if we repaired it. Voting for disposal - 6 for, 3 against. Cllr. Sheppard said that he thought he could get £1000 from residents towards repair.

e WRAXALL MILLENNIUM PLAY AREA – The ‘springer’ has been installed.

f BROADBAND – Oral report by Cllr. Malpas – See previous page.

72 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a APPLICATION 15/P/2155/HHPA – *Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension that would 1) extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.5 meters, 2) have a maximum height of 2.7 meters and 3) have eaves that are 2.5 meters high for Mrs Pam Mitten, 1 Green Lane, Failand.*

RECOMMENDATION – Support. The garage, approved last year, has not yet been built so it is intended to build that at the same time as this s/s extension, being more cost effective to have all building work done at one time. DECISION BY NSC - Prior approval not required.

b APPLICATION 15/P/2220/TPO – T1 x Oak – reduction of crown by up to 2m. for Mr Vicky Chapman, 25 Clevedon Road, Failand. RECOMMENDATION – Support.

c APPLICATION 15/P.2418/LB – Proposed rebuilding of existing chimney for Trustees of 2nd Lord Wraxall Will Trust at 71-72, Jubilee Cottages, Bristol Road, Wraxall. RECOMMENDATION – Support.

d APPLICATION 15/P/2422/F – Construction of 2no. new buildings for GE Oil & Gas, 2, High Street, Nailsea.

Councillors who considered this P/A felt that there were inaccuracies in it and that it was misleading. Request to be made to the Planning Officer for advice.

EXTRA - Small area of land at 57 Green Pastures Road adjacent to the cycle path.. It is currently amenity land and the owner of the property wishes to buy the land and intends to incorporate the land into his garden, extending his drive to provide a turning area. P/P for change of use will be needed and the loss of public open space will need to be advertised and formal Council approval will be required.

Cllrs. voted that they were content for the land to be sold to the residents providing it is not fenced off.

EXTRA – Posters for Major Alteration to your home are available and leaflets taken by Cllrs. for distribution. Meeting on the subject to be held at Winter Gardens WsM, 24 Nov. 2-8.

e Discuss the possibility of notifying Councillors of Applications and receiving their recommendations by E-mail. Voting-Unanimous for e-mail.

f Decisions made by NSC on planning applications previously considered by this PC.

APPLICATION 15/P/1672.F & 15/P/1674/LB – Conversion of classrooms in ‘stable block’ to a music block with removal of external stairs, install internal stairs, increase size of dormers, remove one dormer, insert roof lights, erection of single storey canopy to east elevation, window and door replacements and other internal alterations. Also install replacement windows/doors to match in classroom block opposite for The Downs School, Charlton Drive, Wraxall. DECISION – CONSENT GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/1909/TPO – T1 – Beech – Fell; T2 – Beech – crown lift lower limbs up to 5m; T3, T4 – Beech – Fell; T5 – Oak – crown reduce limbs over road up to 5m and remove split limb. DECISION – GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/1958/TPO – T1 –Sycamore – reduce height up to 3-4m; T2 – Horse Chestnut – reduce height up to 2-3m. at Failand House, Oxhouse Lane, Failand.

DECISION – GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/2109/F – Erection of a ground floor side extension for Mr S Underwood 65, Vowles Close, Wraxall. DECISION – CONSENT GRANTED

EXTRAS. APPLICATION 15/P/2190/F – Erection of a single storey rear extension for Mrs L Powell, 14 Sixty Acres Close, Failand. CONSENT GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/2155/HHPA - Application for prior approval for the erection of a single storey rear extension that would 1) extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.5 m: 2) Have a maximum height of 2.7 m and 3) have eaves that are 2.6 m high.

DECISION -Prior approval is not required.

APPLICATION 15/P/2124/F – Erection of a single storey rear extension, partial loft conversion and the erection of dormers to the northeast and southeast elevations for Mrs Gemma Bellamy, Tibbington, Lodge Lane, Wraxall. CONSENT GRANTED.

ENFORCEMENTS. Cllrs thought that the process was poor and queried whether the right decision had been made in some cases. It was felt that cases which are closed down should be advised to us beforehand. Letter to be sent to Chris Nolan stating our concerns.

73 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a TRO – LONGWOOD LANE, FAILAND – 17 November 2015 for three days.

Noted.

b ROAD SAFETY – TOWER HOUSE LANE, WRAXALL. Fifteen replies received following the 'drop' to all THL & Ham Lane residents. Most respondents did not agree with the two suggestion put forward – i.e. No left turn sign into Tower House Lane from the B3128 (when travelling in the direction of Tickenham) during peak evening hours and a similar no entry sign into Tower House Lane from the 'layby' on the B3130 during peak morning hours. Most suggested that there should be a roundabout at Stone Edge Batch despite being advised in the PC's letter that NSC Highway's Dept. had said that this was not feasible.

Cllrs. agreed that a further letter be sent to NSC.

c ROAD SAFETY, FAILAND. See the first item of these minutes.

74 PROW

a Oral reports by Cllrs. Sheppard & King regarding the correspondence from David Neale. Cllr. Sheppard undertook to contact Mr Ducker, NT Tyntesfield.

EXTRA – WRAXALL VILLAGE WALK – No response from Danny Baker. Cllr. Mrs Vowles to be asked if she had any better way to contact him.

75 MEETINGS

a PLANNING – FOCUS ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS – 22 October 2015

Whitminster – Report by Cllr. Malpas. Three good presentations. Government are taking great steps to simplify. Jeff Bishop felt that we need to understand developers.

b ROAD SAFETY, FAILAND – Thanks were given to Cllr. Sheppard for setting up and running the meeting.

c STRATEGIC PLANNING – The Strategic Development Group met and decided that the Joint Planning Policy should be reviewed.

d CPRE Avonside Branch AGM – Tuesday 17 November 2015. Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol. 7pm Registration, 7.30pm AGM – Noted.

EXTRA – Joint Spatial Plan & Core Strategy – Briefing Session WsM Town Hall 12 Nov. 2.30. Cllr. Sage wished to attend and Cllr. King added his name later.

76 CORRESPONDENCE

a Update on Footpath Clearance opposite to Failand Post Office.

Despite several reports to NSC nothing has been received in response other than that our Area Officer will be away from NSC for the foreseeable future. Clerk will now write to Paul Smart, Manager of the Area Officers, to try to get a response..

b CPRE – 22 October 2015. Cllr. Malpas gave an oral report.

EXTRAS – CORE STRATEGY – Sent to Cllrs. 8 Nov. Comments by 18 Dec. 2015.

HOMES & WORKPLACES and TRANSPORT STUDY– Consultation sent to Cllrs. 9 Nov. Comments by 29 Jan. 2016.

PARISH INCENTIVE SCHEME – Posters have gone to the Notice Boards and leaflets for Cllrs. to take, at the meeting.

WAR MEMORIAL AT WRAXALL – We have been asked if we would fund the maintenance work needed on the War Memorial in the lower Churchyard. The Clerk has checked the War Memorials Act 1923 and it says that we may fund maintenance work whether the memorial is vested in us or not. The Clerk has looked back in the records and we paid out £444 in 2001. Quote to be obtained before the Budget meeting.

EXTRA E-mail from Andy Jopp, Chairman of Easton-in-Gordano asking if we would join with 4 adjoining parishes (inc. EiG) to discuss Green Belt issues. E-mail reply saying that we would.

77 FINANCE

a ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2571	Cancelled	-	-----
2572	Failand Village Hall	Hire for Highway Working Group	20.00
2573	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – 2016 Diary £1.00; Telephone £42.87; Stamps £15.12	58.99
2574	Bin-it	Dog Bin emptying October	62.08
2575	Cathryn Butler	Admin Support Sept/Oct.	89.25
2576	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary	
2577	Cross Tree Centre	Hire for 13 October	36.00

78 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS Nil

79 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING Nil