

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD 7.30pm 12 May 2015 IN FAILAND VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT - Cllrs. Robinson, Malpas, Sage, King, Sheppard, Mrs Lock, Law & Delmas.

APOLOGIES – Cllr. Mrs Moon.

IN ATTENDANCE – D/Cllrs. Cave & Mrs Stowey, Mr Ambrose (Pylons) & Clerk.

PUBLIC – NIL

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN - Cllr. Robinson was proposed by Cllr. Law, seconded by Cllr. Sage. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Robinson accepted the position of Chairman.

New Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN - Cllrs. Malpas & Mrs Lock were both nominated. Cllr. Malpas stated that he is often away and Mrs Lock said that she wanted to know more about the Council before taking on this position. Cllr. Malpas queried whether they could job share. This was acceptable to the other Councillors.

All councillors then signed 'Declaration of Acceptance' of Office forms. Cllr. Mrs Moon will not be able to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form until July meeting. Cllrs. present accepted this.

The new councillor was given a Declaration of Interests form for completion & return.

'Re-elected' councillors then read & amended their declaration of interest's forms where necessary.

Cllr. Robinson advised that he would prefer to delegate some admin. tasks. He proposed that the role of Webmaster and the task of producing Power Point slides pertaining to planning for the Parish Council meetings be contracted out for a trial period of 3 months. All in favour. Cllr. Mrs Lock offered to provide a template contract for outsourcing services.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE ITEMS BELOW – Nil.

1 MINUTES – Minutes of the meeting held 14 April 2015 were agreed & signed.

2 CRIME FIGURES – No report received from Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

3 ISSUES –

a Cllrs. considered co-option to fill councillor vacancies (2). Mr Simon Beck had expressed an interest; others had been approached but no interest at present. (PMN. Told by Election Dept. of NSC that it is not necessary to advertise or interview possible candidates).

EXTRA ITEM

MEETING CLOSED 8.10PM

Mr Ambrose gave a presentation on PYLONS. Cllr Ambrose had written several letters to the Planning Inspectorate, which he requested be uploaded to the PC website. The efforts of Mr Ambrose and Dr Pratt were commended. At the hearing Dr Pratt was able to ask NG to provide up to date costs. When produced it was noted that there were significant costs for Section 106 provision and mitigation costs (£748M) whereas these costs would not be incurred if the cables were undergrounded alongside the M5.

Mr Ambrose will give an update at the APM and attend the hearing in July.

MEETING OPENED AT 8.20PM

b SUITABILITY OF SMALL MEETING ROOM.

Cllrs considered that the small meeting room was inappropriate for a council meeting where equal access was necessary, If the main room in the Village Hall was not available (eg drama rehearsals) then it was resolved that the Cross Tree Centre would be used.

c ALLOTMENTS – Mr Simon Beck is working on a letter to those wishing to have an allotment. He felt that public meetings should be held. Dates ? Cllr. Robinson will liaise with him.

d QUIET LANE – Nothing further at this stage.

e VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN – The VAS machine loaned from Long Ashton (LA) could not be made to work by the Speedwatch team. They have returned it to LA but may be able to borrow it at some future date. LA councillors are considering procurement of a second machine, as the original is 8 years old. They will share with us any details of new machines.

f COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Cllr. Mrs Lock & Simon Beck are booked for a 'Good Councillors Course' on 6 June in Long Ashton. Cllr. Sage said that he too would like to attend – it is for existing and new Councillors.

g STANDING ORDERS approved at last meeting were adopted unanimously. (PMN The Chairman as removed all 'striking through' etc. and a PDF copy has been sent to all Cllrs.)

h PICNIC TABLES – Cllr. Law had seen a heavier picnic table than the one we had previously chosen. It weighs 120k compared with 60k for the other table. It is currently on special offer through Glasdons who supply it 'ready made' and with a good set of plans for fitting. The special offer price is £470 with 1-2 weeks delivery. Quotes for fitting are in the region of £200. It was voted unanimously to order the table with wheelchair access.

Cllr. Law asked if he could have approval to attend the Annual Safety Check of the Millennium Green with the ROSPA Inspector – cost £35. All in favour.

i JUBILEE DRIVE, FAILAND – GRIT BIN REQUEST – Cllr. Sage had enquired of residents in several roads within Failand whether Grit Bins should be installed. The general consensus was NO as the roads were not considered to be steep enough to warrant a bin.

j GE OIL & GAS RE LIGHT POLLUTION – GE do not recognise that light pollution is emanating from their premises. They have asked for photographic evidence. Cllr. Mrs Lock offered to provide this. D/Cllr. Cave said that he would raise this when discussing P/A 0291 with NSC planners and Mary Blatchford the councillor for the Nailsea Ward.

4 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a 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,
RECOMMENDATION – Support the material changes to the dwelling.

Support the removal and amendments to conditions placed under P/A 11/P/1245/F IF NSC have waived conditions regarding Live/Work units.

b APPLICATION 15/P/0791/PDA – Erection of an Agricultural Storage Building on Land off B3130, Wraxall for North Somerset Agricultural Society.

RECOMMENDATION - The Parish Council acknowledges the right of the Agricultural Society to build a barn on the show-ground site. The application is for a large barn to be used for the storage of hay and agricultural machinery.

However, a number of concerns have been raised:

1. To date, the Agricultural Society has contracted out the making of silage and hay and so there is no need to store agricultural machinery on site.
2. The Summer months when hay is produced coincides with the time the show-ground is used for events. It is not possible to produce good quality hay on the same ground.
3. The barn will be used for the storage of equipment related to the staging of shows and not for agricultural purposes.
4. The proposed location of the barn is highly conspicuous when viewed from both the Tyntesfield and Belmont estates, both forming part of a Grade II* listed historic park and garden and is very close to the historic landscape of Bathing Ponds woods.
5. The height of the proposed barn is such that it would not be easily screened by hedges or trees in the proposed location.

We also wish that the trailers/containers near the Land Yeo be removed completely from the site.

Wraxall & Failand Parish Council does not support this application.

However ruling received from NSC – Prior Determination NOT required.

Cllrs. did not understand why NSC planners now consider that Prior Approval was not required, given that the proposed development was more prominent in this valley and agreed that Cllr. Malpas & Robinson should draft a response to the Head of NSC planning for the clerk.

c APPLICATION 15/P/0846/F – Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension for P Luton & S Rich, 65, Clevedon Road, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT.

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

APPLICATION 14/P/2355/F – Extend and sub divide the existing house to create an additional dwelling for Mr K Christie at 1A Sixty Acres close, Failand. CONSENT GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/0135/F & 15/P/0136/LB – New door opening to the rear at ground floor level. Removal of existing steel staircase, replacing it with a new external staircase. External landscaping changes for Loungers Ltd, Battleaxes Inn, Bristol Road, Wraxall. CONSENT GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/0452/LUP – Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed use or development.

NSC - REFUSES TO CERTIFY.

APPLICATION 15/P/0478/F – Erection of a first floor rear extension. Erection of a single storey side extension to provide porch for Mr C Jones, Meadowlands, Green Lane, Failand.

CONSENT GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/0676/LB – Listed Building consent to fit a replacement kitchen door in visitor centre and store existing door on site at Home Farm House, Tyntesfield. CONSENT GRANTED.

APPLICATION 15/P/0566/F – Erection of a first floor rear extension. 3 no. dormer windows to front elevation.

Alter roof on front porch to match dormer windows for Mr G Hailes, 63 Clevedon Road, Failand.

CONSENT GRANTED.

5 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a WRAXALL VILLAGE SIGN – The PC are trying to re-locate the Wraxall Sign on the B3130 Bristol Road.

b POT HOLES in Woodland Way, Failand & footpath overgrown with grass from Failand Inn to corner of Flax Bourton road. D/Cllr Cave asked for details of all the times we had requested repairs.

6 PROW - Cllr. Sheppard volunteered to become the Chairman of the Footpath Working Group. The Chairman was keen to see that progress was made with investigating the feasibility of the southern route of the Wraxall Village Walk. Cllr. Sheppard said that he would speak at the APM.

7 MEETINGS

a COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORKSHOP 15.4.2015 – Cllr. Law gave a report on the workshop. It is intended that NSC Community Resilience will be organised as a Community Owned Asset. They will be going on tour to Tesco, Nailsea and other supermarkets – Cllr. Law hopes to support this. The Community Resilience Website is being re-designed and is hoped to be online by the end of June.

b APM 26.5.2015 – 7.30pm Cross Tree Centre. (7pm for light refreshments).

c TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING WORKSHOP – POSTPONED FOR 28 MAY. Hopefully it will be before the end of June.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

a VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS – LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Consultation period extended until 18 June. This is a chance to put forward ideas to NSC. Cllrs. wanted measurements on plans which should be to scale.

b Prevention and early intervention commitment and strategy proposals. See latest Town & Parish Workshop e-mail. Early notification of a proposal to come.

c Local Planning Application Requirements 2015. See latest Town & Parish Workshop e-mail. Early notification of a proposal to come. (See 8a)

d HORSE WARNING SIGNS – Bottom of Belmont Hill. The clerk has responded to the NSC request if we had ever received any comments or complaints re the site where the Long Ashton footpath exited onto Belmont Hill, to advise that there were none.

e SCHOOL TRANSPORT CUTS – Cllrs. did not wish to support the request from Rayne PC.

f PETER DUPPER-MILLER Deceased – Cllrs. were advised of the funeral arrangements.

EXTRA ITEM - The Council considered e-mail correspondence from a resident requesting that the speed limit in Flax Bourton Road be reviewed and agreed with the line taken by the Principal Engineer from NSC Highways team, that it should not be changed.

FINANCE

2501	Bin Shop (Kingfisher Direct Ltd)	Dog Bin	112.18
2502	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – Staples 1.99; Tippex 4.99; Talktalk telephone 39.82.	46.80
2503	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary	1042.19
2504	SLCC	Subscription	149.00
2505	ALCA	Good Cllr. course for Cllr. Lock.	60.00
2506	ALCA	Good Cllr. course for Simon Beck (this will be cancelled if Mr Beck is not co-opted).	60.00
2507	Dreamscape Gardening	Grass Mowing (1/6 th)	266.66
2508	Dreamscape Gardening	Replace 1 fence post at Millennium Green	23.99
2509	Failand Portbury Cricket Club	Grant	250.00
2510	Great Western Air Ambulance	Grant	200.00
2511	MS Therapy	Grant	200.00
2512	N & Dist. Community Transport	Grant	350.00
2513	NS Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant	100.00
2514	St Peters' Hospice	Grant	50.00
2515	Vision NS for Blind	Grant	100.00
2516	All Saints Church, Wraxall	Grant	1000.00
2617	St Barts Church, Failand	Grant	1000.00
2618	St Barts Church, Failand	Grant	1000.00
2619	Failand Volunteer Drivers	Grant	25.00

EXTRA FAILAND BUS SHELTER REPAIR – Estimate accepted from Bellew Contractors.

EXTRA COMPUTER TOWER – John Chapman recommends replacing the PC -1 Tower - Approved.

10 CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS**11 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**