

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT THE CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Cllrs Robinson (Chairman), Amos, Delmas, Law, Malpas, Sykes, Mrs Vallentine and Wyatt.

District Cllrs Cartman and McQuillan

Parish Clerk – Tony Jay

At the commencement of the meeting Andy Moore, the Truespeed Broadband regional manager, gave a fifteen minute presentation regarding some of the work they are planning in the parish.

153/19 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Sheppard. The absences of Cllrs Mrs. Moon and Parsons were noted.

154/19 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM.

Cllr Wyatt declared an interest in planning application 19/P/0080/FUL, as he is the applicant. As this application has the potential for the Council to receive CIL money from the applicant then the Clerk granted a dispensation for all Councillors apart from Cllr Wyatt to consider the application.

This dispensation will apply to all future planning applications where there is the potential for the Council to receive CIL money from the application.

155/19 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2019.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

156/19 TO INVITE PUBLIC SPEAKING.

A member of the public spoke regarding agenda item 165/19 which was moved to this point in the meeting for discussion.

157/19 TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

A schedule of all invoices and payments had been previously circulated to the members of the Finance Committee

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2988	Anthony Jay	Mileage £15.30; Homeworker allowance £18.00; Mobile phone (1/2 split) £6;	£39.30
2989	PCC of Wraxall	Cross Tree Centre hire for Councillor training	£37.50
2990	NSC	Parish Council election charge	£3377.63
2991	Kevin Weekes	Dog bin emptying	£125.00
2992	Ed Sage	Grass cutting	£287.00
2293	ALCA	Playground inspection course	£20.00
2294	John Brown	Batteries	£11.94
DD	Intouch	Website hosting and email address costs	£55.79

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments.

The Clerk had provided a summary of receipts and payments for the present financial year.

158/19 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT.

The Clerk has received a response from David Bailey of the NSC highways department which stated that the delay in the agreed highway improvements in Wraxall is due to his lack of resources. The work will be completed as soon as possible, but no date can be given at the present time.

The District Councillors will contact David Bailey regarding this situation.

The Wellspring Counselling Services 25th Anniversary celebration will be taking place on Friday 15th November at 7.30 pm in the Holy Trinity Church/Centre, Church Lane, Nailsea. Cllr Delmas will be attending to represent the Parish Council.

The process of changing the Parish Council's bank from Nat. West to Lloyds has begun.

The accounts have been submitted to the internal auditor for the six monthly review.

The locations of the 2020 Parish Council meetings have been confirmed. All meetings will be held in the Cross Tree Centre, apart from the meetings in May, July and August which will be held in Failand Village Hall.

159/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FOLLOWING ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS.

Cllr Mrs Vallentine recently attended a playground inspection training course, which was very informative. If she receives a copy of the presentation then this will be circulated.

The Chairman attended a community awareness seminar hosted by the Tyntesfield Medical Group. It was very well attended by local community groups. The NHS is encouraging GPs to recommend activities that promote fitness and social interaction in order to improve health and wellbeing. He also attended the ALCA AGM. There were two presentations. One was by District Councillor Bridget Petty about climate change. The slides from the presentation will be circulated. The other presentation was from Ian Morrell the Project Director for 65, High Street which is being used as a community hub. ALCA gave a financial report. Their subscription fees for the forthcoming year will be notified shortly.

160/19 TO NOTE AND COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

19/P/0080/FUL. Birdcombe Farm Tower House Lane Wraxall BS48 1JR. Demolition of existing light industrial units and installation of 5no. residential park homes together with a touring caravan and tent park.

Cllr Wyatt left the meeting.

It was unanimously resolved to respond that there is not enough information on the planning application for the Parish Council to support the application, particularly in relation to the proposed touring caravan and tent-park. Based on the information provided, the Parish Council would have the following concerns regarding the application:

- It is in conflict with the Local Plan in relation to the Green Belt, and the Heritage and Listed Buildings Policy (DM4).
- Objections to the application have been submitted by Historic England.
- The access road is in 'Flood Zone 2' and the documents supporting the application do not refer to this.
- The Highways Department has commented that it would object to the application as it has great concerns about the access way.

Cllr Wyatt returned to the meeting.

Post meeting note – This planning application has now been withdrawn.

19/P/2219/FUH. 7 Weston Road, Failand. BS8 3UR. 2 storey front and side extension, single storey rear extension.

It was resolved to submit this response (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

The Parish Council is concerned that there is a lack of information on the application. There are no measurements provided with the plans, so it is not known whether the height of the existing building would be increased, or whether the total volume of the proposed building would be more than 50% larger in volume than the existing building. Also it is not clear if the footprint of the proposed building would be closer to the highway, and if there would be at least one metre between the proposed building and the plot boundary. The Parish Council would be mindful to support the application only if it is confirmed that the height of the building is not increased; the new building is not more than 50% greater than the existing one in terms of volume; the footprint of the new building is not closer to the highway and the new building will not be within one metre of the plot boundary.

161/19 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL.

There have been no decisions to note.

162/19 TO NOTE THAT PARISH COUNCILLORS HAVE EXAMINED THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND HAVE DECIDED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE ANY ISSUES TO RAISE.

19/P/2105/FUL. Charlton Farm Charlton Drive Wraxall BS48 1PE. Minor internal alterations to include layout changes to Starborn room and adjacent mediation room with minimal changes to elevations and relocate door to north west elevation.

19/P/2155/TPO. 2 Bowden Way Failand Bristol BS8 3XA. T1 - Beech - Crown lift over road and neighbours drive to 5m and 3m over the garden. T2 - Copper Beech - Crown lift over the road to 5m and 3m over the garden. This would include the removal of the lowest 2 limbs over the garden at approx 50mm diameter plus further secondary laterals. Prune clear of the side elevation of the house to a minimum gap of 2.5m. T3 - Corkscrew Willow – Fell.

The planning applications were noted.

163/19 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PRIVACY POLICY.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the Policy.

164/19 TO CONSIDER THE DECLARATION ON PARISH COUNCIL AGENDAS REGARDING PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Parish Council meeting agendas currently contain a declaration that states that members of the public and press may speak only once, and only in respect to items listed on the agenda, for a maximum of three minutes. Prior notice must have been given to the Parish Council Chairman or the Parish Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on the third working day prior to the scheduled start time of the Council meeting.

There has been a recent example of a parishioner attending a meeting and speaking without giving the required prior notice. The Clerk asked whether Councillors wished to retain the declaration, and enforce it, or whether they would like the declaration removed.

It was unanimously resolved to retain the declaration.

165/19 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A PLAYGROUND TO BE INSTALLED IN FAILAND.

It was confirmed that the ownership and management of Failand Village Hall is nothing to do with the Parish Council.

Cllrs Malpas and Sykes have attended a Failand Hall meeting and spoken to the trustees. They have considered the question of the installation of a playground for many years but have always turned it down in the past. The trustees said that the green on the north side would not be considered as this is used for major events e.g. marquees for a wedding. The green on the south side (closest to Bristol Road) could potentially be considered, however the trustees have major concerns over children crossing the busy Bristol Road to visit the playground. If there was a pedestrian crossing installed then the trustees would carefully consider a proposal for a playground in this area.

The NSC highways department have made it clear that for a pedestrian crossing to be installed, the speed limit on Bristol Road would need to be reduced to 30 mph. Plans have already been prepared for this speed reduction. The Failand residents will be asked their views on this speed reduction in a forthcoming survey.

In the meantime, the NSC highways department will consider improving the pavement which runs from the traffic bollards in Bristol Road to the pedestrian entrance at the southern entrance to the hall land, but initially the hedge encroaching onto the pavement would need to be cut back.

It was unanimously resolved to agree to the Parish Council paying for this hedge cutting if the trustees were to agree to this.

Cllr Sykes will contact the hall trustees to see if they would like the Parish Council to pay for the hedge to be cut.

166/19 TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED MEASURES TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE.

NSC is currently drafting a climate change action plan, which will be published when it is completed.

The Parish Council would welcome any guidance from NSC towards becoming carbon neutral.

167/19 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

A nomination had been received for a Parish Council trustee to the Parochial Charities. This will be decided upon at the next meeting.

168/19 TO AGREE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

See 167/19.

169/19 TO AGREE ACTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING.

165/19 Cllr Sykes.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th November 2019 in the Cross Tree Centre.