

**MINUTES OF THE WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13 MARCH 2012 AT
FAILAND VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT : Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Ambrose (Vice Chairman), Mrs Shaw, Pratt, Sheppard, King, Sage, Law, Delmas & Mrs Moon.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Thompson & D/Cllr. Cave.

IN ATTENDANCE: D/Cllr. Cook, Mr Ian Malpas, Liaison Officer Richard Blows & Clerk.

PUBLIC: Mr Mark Lewis.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Nil.

155 MINUTES – Minutes of the meeting held 14 February 2012 were agreed and signed.

156 CRIME FIGURES – Three crimes since last meeting – Non dwelling burglary in Horse Race Lane, theft of £10 food from Budgens and theft of scaffolding from Tyntesfield

157 ISSUES

a **WEB SITE** – Presentation by Ian Malpas who had done much research into the company chosen by Cllrs. at the last meeting – 'In Touch with Communities' - and had met with James White (CEO) together with Cllr. Robinson. The Company has 15 full time staff inc. 5 developers and 3 full time customer support staff. Their service would be to build the Parish Council web site, manage the hosting of the site (inc. taking care of the interface to the hosting provider {Rackspace} and manage domain names)and provide 9am-5pm support and an out of hours support number. The cost is £495 set-up with four management items each at £9.99 per month (If all 4 are purchased the cost is £29.99 per month, a saving of £9,97) The four items are Use of the ITwC system to amend and update website; Hosting on dedicated server at Rackspace; Phone based support; Use of their e-newsletters and e-survey tools. Additional development £50 per hour. Ian Malpas felt that the PC should budget £2,000 for the set-up and running of the site for the first year.

The possibility of having a Web address ending .gov was queried. This would add £60 to the set up and £40 to manage. Cllr. Robinson felt that .gov would give higher credence and be more secure. He felt that the quote was good and put forward the proposal that the PC should accept it. Seconded by Cllr. Sage. When asked if there would be provision for Neighbourhood Plans the answer was yes, the voting for the proposal was unanimous.

b **LOCALISM / NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Cllr. Robinson thanked all Cllrs. who attended the meeting. Cllr. Law asked if we needed to produce a NHP. Is it not the same as the Parish Plan ? Cllr. Mrs Moon said that if we do not specify the style we want, in a NHP, we would not make our thoughts heard. Cllr. Ambrose explained that, although we did a good Parish Plan which was supported by NSC, it is not a legal entity and therefore is not enforceable. The Core Strategy states what it will and will not do to protect us. The NHP could say what we want to keep – e.g. Green Belt. Cllr. Ambrose thinks that we should go down the NHP route. Cllr. Mrs Moon said she was most worried by the Weston Road boundary and had drafted a letter to Long Ashton PC asking about boundary protection for that area. Cllr. King said that it should be bound by the Core Strategy. He felt we could use some of the info. from the P.P, but it is 5 years old now. He thinks that we should be in together with other PC's. Cllr. Ambrose said that Nailsea TC want to push into other parishes as Boundary Changes. NSC would be the arbiter re. Encroachment. There could be academic boundaries – a need to make comments on land beyond ones own boundary but not TAKE that other land into ones parish/town boundary. Cllr. Delmas said that NHP only carries weight if approved by the Inspector (Legal Document) followed by a referendum with 50% approval by those voting. He asked what NSC's approach was to these plans. D/Cllr. Cook said that NSC would have to do what is required of them. If WE don't do a NHP then someone in the community could e.g. a developer.

D/Cllr. Cook said that under the Core Strategy, Failand will not be a service village. Long Ashton is Meeting content to have Cllr. Mrs Moon's letter sent to Long Ashton.

EXTRA ITEM GE Oil & Gas – Meeting re Car Parking Space, 15 March Tythe Barn, CA will attend.

NTC are supporting a request for Car Parking space for GE Oil & Gas on land to the north of the factory. Twice Cllr. Ambrose has told Cllr. James Tonkin of NTC that we do not wish to give up Green Belt. Cllr. Ashton of NSC does not see why G.E. can't have it as he does not wish to lose GE. There are other solutions i.e. If they went through the site they could make 100 spaces; there is already a large existing car park at Wraxall House Hotel. Cllr. Pratt proposed that Cllr. Ambrose be given a mandate to put this PC's views at the meeting. Voting unanimous.

c PYLONS – Update & Change of PC's Rep

The Chairman of the NG meeting had to abandon the meeting as those attending were so angry. CA is to write a letter to Sir Michael Pitt (IPC) Cllrs. Agreed that this should be sent.

Cllr. Ambrose said that he wished to attend a meeting of Energy Network Strategy Group in London and asked approval for the PC to pay his rail fare of £68 if purchased now. It was suggested that £100 max. be approved. Voting Unanimous.

Cllr. King queried Dr Neumann's allowance for coming from Germany to a meeting in London.

Cllr. Ambrose apologised – he had underestimated the cost.

Dr. Fox is arranging a meeting – Cllr. Ambrose will let us know when.

Cllr. Peter Gregory has resigned as a P.Cllr. at Mark PC and will, therefore not be able to represent PC's.

Cllr. Richard Parker (Compton Bishop) on behalf of Community Forums asks us to confirm our support of Cllr. Ambrose to represent PC's on the Hinkley C Connection Group. Proposed by Cllr. Pratt, seconded by Cllr. King, voting Unanimous.

- d DIAMOND JUBILEE – Suggestions were for
- 1 Stones – re-carving – quotes obtained
 2. Oak Tree – 2 quotes obtained - £450 + tree
 3. Rector at All Saints Wraxall has obtained a quote for a garden with water feature, 2 seats and landscaping in part of the Church Yard - £3,000
 4. Re-name the Riverside Walk PROW (Publicity and small plaque)

It was thought that 2, a donation towards 3, and 4 should be undertaken to a Budget of £800. Voting 9 for, 1 abstention

e OLYMPIC TORCH – Awaiting the publication of the route and timings on 16th March.

f ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Date, content & support. Date set as 1st May – Cross Tree Centre if available. Content – Web Site, Pylons, NHPlan. Invite NHWatch, Wraxall Charities & Police..

g ASSET & SERVICE TRANSFER - Any questions from Cllrs? Nil.

158 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a APPLICATION 12/P/0169/F – Erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing extensions. Removal of front porch and the creation of new dormer to rear elevation for Mr & Mrs Ellis, Oakfield Barn, Horse Race Lane, Failand.
RECOMMENDATION – Support.

b APPLICATION 12/P/0333/F – Erection of gates at site entrance for Keynsham Property re. Land at Lodge Lane, Wraxall.
RECOMMENDATION - Our response to the previous application 11/P/2301/F was ' The gates will cause a large car, driving in, to be over the path when the gates are closed. The gates do not seem to be necessary. NOT TO SUPPORT.'

In the case of 12/P/0333/F we note that timings of the closures have been added. It is felt that this will be even more dangerous and hazardous as the closure times, 6pm to 8am, will be during the hours of darkness and a large car having to stop over the footpath and into the road will be even more of a danger to those driving along the road. NOT TO SUPPORT.

- c Clerk will report on decisions made by NSC on P/A's previously considered by this PC.

159 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Re Sandy Lane, Lower Failand – NSC's contractors attended to do the work but were outside Laurel Farm when they should have been outside Mulberry Farm. Contractors admitted that their equipment was not suitable. Cllr. King to tell David Murphy (NSC) to call him when the contractors are coming & he will meet with them and show them what is needed.

Cllr. Mrs Shaw reported Pot Holes on Sixty Acres Close from Woodland Way to B3128 and ruts made by a lorry on the verge between Flax Bourton Road & Failand Inn. The earth has been moved onto the pavement.

160 PROW

- a OSS re opposing our agreed PC policy. Awaiting reply.
- b OSS subscription – as a.
- c RIVERSIDE WALK- Awaiting decision..
- d WALK TO SCHOOL – One landowner has 'gone quiet', others going ahead with admin but do not want to go ahead with the work..
- e TYNTESFIELD B'WAY – Now in operation.

161 FINANCE

- a GRASS MAINTENANCE TENDERS – Only two tenders received (Four schedules had been sent out and schedules had been placed on the 6 notice boards)
Ambience Landscapes £1,801 + vat.
Landscape Services South West Ltd. £1,392.30 +vat.

Landscape Services to be accepted if not more than 5% increase. Voting 9 for 1 Abstention.

Cllr. Mrs Moon wanted it recorded that she did not feel that we should say that we are paying, either in part or in full, if we do not know the amount.

- b ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – Approved. Voting Unanimous.

Chq. No	Payee	Details	Amount
2145	Woodland Trust	Annual subscription	£72.00
2146	Cllr. Chris Ambrose	Travelling Expenses	121.82
2147	Cross Tree Centre	Hire of room 14.2.12	£24.00
2148	Navigus Planning	Annual Subscription	£50.00
2149	OSS	Sub (Pending)	£33.00
2150	NTC	Half Dr Newmann's expenses (Pylons)	302.21
2151	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary – February	
2152	Fountains (Now OCS Group)	Empty Dog Bins	£21.60
2153	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse. Web server name £1.69 Computer rebuild after 'Fatal error' £105. Computer – make compatible new Printer, Laptop & Wireless modem £70. New Printer – cartridges £30.48	207.17

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£3153.54
BUSINESS RESERVE	£50343.61

Cllr.Pratt left the meeting at 9.51pm.

162 MEETINGS

- a NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING EVENT – 21 February – see 157b.
- b NS CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG) STAKEHOLDER EVENT 18 April 2012 - Noted
- c PCAA 3 April – Felton 7.30 – Cllr. Ambrose will attend if he is back from a daytime appointment.
- d APM – Possible Dates 24 April or 1 May ~ May 1st chosen.

163 CORRESPONDENCE

- a YOUTH SERVICES – Local Commissioning Network sent to all 28.2.12
- b LITTER – New National Award for rural litter heroes.. See if 'offenders' can help with litter picking.
- c LETTER FROM BA – Postponed to April.
- d NS SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE – Postponed to April.
- e VILLAGE STREET PATROLS – Postponed to April
- f WRAXALL CHARITIES – PC NOMINATED TRUSTEE – Julia Norton nominated subject to her agreement.
- g DRAFT TENANCY STRATEGY – Any views – sent to all 18.1.12- closes 9 April 12.
- h WEST COUNTRY CRIME STOPPERS – Request for a Grant.- Clerk to write saying that we only consider o grants at the Budget meeting.
- I PSMA (Mapping) – New members elections 5-16 March

164 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS - Nil

165 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING - 163c,d,e.