

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON 11
FEBRUARY 2014 IN CROSS TREE CENTRE, WRAXALL

**FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS WITH TWO CANDIDATES, IAN MALPAS WAS CO-OPTED, SIGNED THE
ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM AND JOINED THE MEETING.**

PRESENT - Cllrs. Robinson, Thompson, Sheppard, King, Pratt, Mrs Moon, Sage & Malpas plus Cllr. Ambrose from 8pm.

IN ATTENDANCE - D/Cllr. Cave & Jason Beale of North Somerset Council.

APOLOGIES - Cllrs. Law & Delmas & D/Cllr. Cook

PUBLIC – One – Mrs Caryl Harding, Warden of St Bartholomew’s Church, Failand.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE ITEMS BELOW – Nil

The Council was then addressed by Jason Beale re Paperless Parishes.

He told the Councillors that every Council was different in the way they approached the Paperless Parishes, in respect of Planning Applications not having large scale plans as from April. This is because the whole of the Dept., which had been producing the plans, is to close in an effort to reduce outgoings. He outlined various ways we could overcome the matter. There was then a discussion by Cllrs on the way forward.

238 CRIME FIGURES

PC Matt Christie (Beat Manager who replaced PC Adam Clarke) was welcomed on his first visit to the PC. He reported that there had only been 1 crime in January –in our parish – that of a theft from Budgens. He also mentioned a theft from a car which had been broken into in Ashton Hill Woods car park. £5,000 was stolen. (This is in Long Ashton parish but adjacent to our parish boundary.) Also Sheds & garages have been targeted in Long Ashton, Wrington, Congresbury. Seven had been arrested – 2 groups. The thefts seem to have stopped.

Quiet Lanes were mentioned as were a possible speed indicator, as in Portbury, and the cyclist fatality in Lower Failand. PC Christie did not think that anyone would be prosecuted in regard to this incident. The Inquest findings will be out late Spring.

239 QUERIES FOR THE LIAISON OFFICER – Nil.

241 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a ENFORCEMENT ISSUES Inc. Advertising Signs.

It was reported that all the advertising signs, and the van with advertising boards, had been removed from the fields to the right at the bottom of Tower House Lane. W.

APPLICATION 14/P/0083/F – POSTPONED FROM EXTRA PLANNING MEETING 5.2.14.

Erection of a two storey front extension for Mr B Greene, 20 Flax Bourton Road, F.

RECOMMENDATION - No objection. Voting 7 for - 1 Abstention.

INFORMATION ONLY PORTBURY P/A – POSTPONED FROM EXTRA PLANNING MEETING.
APPLICATION 14/P/0110/F – Formation of a soil planting base to enable the reversion of Racecourse Quarry back to woodland for Mike Aikens re Racecourse Quarry, Portbury Lane, Portbury.

INFORMATION ONLY – NO REPLY REQUIRED – POSTPONED FROM EXTRA PLANNING MEETING 5.2.14.

APPLICATION 14/P/0247/HHPA - Prior approval requested for erection of s/s rear extension that would -1. Extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.0m.

2. Have a maximum height of 2.8m and 3. Have eaves that are 2.55m high.

b Clerk reported on decisions made by North Somerset Council on items previously considered by this Council.

237 MINUTES - The minutes of the meetings 14 January & 5 February 2014 were agreed and signed.

240 ISSUES

a PYLONS – Nothing further at this time.

b BUSES THROUGH WRAXALL- -Clerk had been waiting for the proposal from Amanda Laughton, as promised, but that had not arrived. She has since asked me to collect a petition from her as she could not come to our meeting. However her mother has forwarded it direct to First Bus.

c REVIEW OF DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA & MINUTES – POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH MEETING

d PROPOSAL FOR CLLRS. TO OPT FOR DISTRIBUTION BY E-MAIL – POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH MEETING. All present, bar Richard King, are happy to receive the Agenda & Minutes by e-mail if this is allowed. Richard needs hard copy for the Failand Notice Boards

.242 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a POT HOLES – The pot-holes in Sixty Acres Close have been ‘temporarily’ repaired. In future, if Urgent action needs to be taken, speak to Area Officer, Gregg Brake or Area Manager Paul Smart and inform D/Cllr. Cllr. Robinson has not yet received a reply from David Turner regarding the initial lack of action in the case of Sixty Acres Close.

b QUIET LANES (Cllr. Sheppard) - Residents in Horse Race Lane, Lower Failand, adjacent to the site of the fatality, are asking about Safety, Speed Limits, Signs etc. They are asking if they can put up their own signs, where they want them. What is required? ; What will work? ; What is achievable? Format and content for leaflet is required – nature of lane & how to use it.

A discussion ensued regarding traffic calming methods – ‘sleeping policemen’, ribs, cattle grids - speed limit say 20 mph, eye-catching signs. Costs need to be looked at more closely. We should consult the two adjacent parishes.

Meeting, of certain interested parties, to discuss further, with a view to submitting a proposal to the Council at the next meeting, to be arranged by Cllr. Sheppard.

243 PROW

a WORKING GROUP MEETING REPORT- Well supported and the members were updated re what had been undertaken since they last met.

b WALK TO SCHOOL – This had been walked. There is a steep slope within the walk which would be difficult when pushing a pushchair. The question of the usage was discussed and it was decided to distribute a flyer, to all from Hazel Farm through to the school on both sides of the road and including The Grove, asking if they support the provision of a Walk to School (for school children and other residents) asking ‘Would you be prepared to use the route’?

It was thought that surfacing could be £25,000 total. The flyers should be sent out shortly with a meeting to be arranged asap. Residents who could not attend the meeting could e-mail the Clerk with their thoughts or use the tear off slip provided.

c DIAMOND JUBILEE RIVERSIDE WALK –Cllr Pratt had met with North Somerset Agricultural Soc. Re. ‘follow on’ walk. Flax Bourton chairman was not interested in coming to the meeting.

d ORDER CONFIRMATION – THE PADDOCKS – PROW Diversion.

244 MEETINGS

a NS ALCA 21 JANUARY 2014 – FLOOD MANAGEMENT SCHEME. Cllr Robinson gave a resume of the meeting and a flood management policy. Cllr. Ambrose will compose something re giving to flood hit farmers. Later in the meeting he suggested we send £100 to the farmers Proposed by Cllr. Sage, seconded by Cllr. King Voting 8 for and 1 Abstention. It was suggested that we send this to Burrowbridge PC. (Post meeting - On checking with their clerk, our clerk was told that they were not organising a collection but gave two suggestions of where to send gifts. However Cllrs. searched the internet and found collections being made which took less from the donation for admin costs. One hundred pounds was sent to Farming Community Network specifying that it was for the farmers in the flooded areas).

Councillors had maps which showed areas prone to flooding. If any areas prone to flooding, which they knew of, had been missed off the map they were to give the OS Grid Ref. to the clerk.

b LOCAL ACCESS FORUM 21 JANUARY 2014 A report of the meeting was given and PC's were asked to encourage their members to attend. Next meeting will be held on 8.4.2014 at 6pm in the Tythe Barn, Nailsea.

c AVON & SOMERSET CONSTABULARY with PCC Sue Mountstevens & Chief Constable Nick Gargan – Public Forum 28 January. D/Cllr. Cave had attended and gave a report of the meeting which consisted of a statement by the PCC & the Chief Constable with the rest of the meeting taken up with questions.

245 CORRESPONDENCE

a Cllrs. are invited to put forward ideas for Nailsea Community Trust and Hope 2014 e.g. suggestion for a grant or support for a project in the Community. The Priest in Charge has also asked what a group of parents and children from the school could do to help.

Tidy – Paint – make Pretty. Help the Elderly do the garden. Change the whole area. Telephone Kiosk, Bus Shelters, Art Work. Chairman & Clerk will liaise.

b GRASS MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES have been placed on the Notice Boards. The closing date is 8 March 2014.

246 FINANCE

a SUBSCRIPTION FOR JOURNAL OF LOCAL PLANNING - £50. Approved

b REQUEST FOR FUNDS – CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU. Ask how many in our parish benefit.

c ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. Proposed by Cllr. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Thompson, Voting - Unanimously approved.

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2356	In touch crm	Monthly Web fee	35.99
2357	NSC	Empty Dog Bins	19.20
2358	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary (inc adjustment re RTI)	
2359	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse. 4x Toner Cartridges – 57.96; Computer work 45.00; 2x Binders 2.60; TalkTalk 37.89; Staples 1,49.	144.94

- 247 AGREE TWO STANDING ORDERS – See the details sent last time at Item 233.
Agreed.**
- 248 CHAIRMAN’S URGENT BUSINESS - Nil**
- 249 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING - 240 c & d**