

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD at 7.30pm
12 NOVEMBER 2013 IN FAILAND VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT – Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), King, Sheppard, Mrs Moon, Thompson, Sage, Delmas and Ambrose from 8.05.

APOLOGIES – Cllrs. Law & Pratt. D/Cllrs Cook & Cave, Liaison Officer Mike Rees.

IN ATTENDANCE – PCSO Charlotte Thompson & Clerk.

PUBLIC – Ian Malpas.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST An extra item: Church Farm Cottage, Lower Failand – Cllrs. King & Sage.

198 MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held 8 October 2013 were agreed and signed.

199 CRIME FIGURES & SPEED WATCH – PC Matt Christie has taken over from Adam Clarke but was unable to attend this meeting. PSCO Thompson advised that there had been no reported crimes in our area since our last meeting. It was agreed to send our thanks to Adam for all the help he had given to us.

Speed Watch – PCSO Justin Robbie is continuing with this.

200 QUERIES FOR LIAISON OFFICER- Four items were to be sent to the Liaison Officer for investigation –

- 1 Status of Gowan Croft, Church Lane, Lower Failand.
- 2 Long term sickness in Enforcement Dept.
- 3 A Cllr. had reported ‘fly tipping’. He was told by Dave Barrett that it was not there but he maintains that it IS still there.
- 4 New vehicle permit policy at the household waste recycling centres. Cllr. Sage explained that this was problematic. No trailers can go through without scrutiny.

Cllr. Ambrose joined the meeting at 8.05pm.

201 ISSUES

a **PYLONS** –Cllr. Pratt attended a meeting at Sedgemoor District Council. Sedgemoor felt they had to support NG’s proposals. There are some very angry parishes in Somerset.

Nailsea Town Council are questioning the legality of NG’s approach Barrister could undertake this, estimate £3,000.

Clerk undertook to advise Cllr. King what we have spent so far for the Pylon issue.

Cllr. Sheppard said that Cllr. Ambrose must find it disappointing and frustrating that NSC are on side but Sedgemoor are not. He asked if there was any help that we could give. Cllr. Ambrose had attended a meeting with Somerset Against Pylons (SAP) and was not disappointed. We must take encouragement. Cllr Sage said that NG just ignore anyone against them. Cllr. Mrs Moon said we had foresight to have raised the money but Cllr. King said that it was not right that we spend it for things

not in our Parish. Cllr. Mrs Moon had investigated the health risk – she had learned that an area of U.S.A. had required that electricity wires had to be undergrounded.

b GE OIL & GAS – It appears that GE do not want to use the former Coates industrial estate. There is still a problem with cars still parking on Lodge Lane and at the ‘layby’ at the bottom of Tower House Lane .

c TOWN & PARISH DIGEST – Cllr. Sage commented that he gets Life magazine – why this one too ? The Chair explained that this was aimed at providing better and timelier information to Councillors. He warned that NSC, in their Budget, were divesting themselves of some items and seeking to provide a lesser service. Cllrs did not wish the PC to take on any additional Assets. .

d SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – It was felt that the Coalition government had let Parish Councils down – we now have houses where we do not want them. There are Powers under those Act are not relevant/appropriate to this PC. Cllr. Sheppard raised the issue of Solar Panels, which some residents may consider to be ‘Inappropriate Development in the Green Belt’ Cllr Robinson said that there were powers out there which could be used if the community brought their concerns to us.

e COMMUNITY RESILIENCE – Very poorly attended for a large area. NSC are trying to join with the SW although NSC has a tent and trailer for supporting control of an incident. NSC are trying to get Charity status so they can request access to other funding.

f ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NS : DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS – by 18 Nov.

After some discussion it was agreed to concur with Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s recommendations but to retain the name of Wraxall in the title of the ward boundary for the District Council.

There was concern that NTC want the land down to the Land Yeo in our parish and it was agreed that our boundary should not be changed.

Voting – Unanimous.

202 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a APPLICATION 13/P/1882/F – First floor extension above existing garage for Mr R Jones, 16 Green Pastures Road, Wraxall.(Cllrs. Robinson, Ambrose & Delmas).

RECOMMENDATION – NOT to support

b APPLICATION 13/P/2005/TPO – 1 Acer-Fell for resident of Sunrise, 19 Weston Road, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT. Voting unanimous.

c Clerk reported on decisions made by NSC on P/A’s previously considered by this PC.

203 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

- a Report to be made re Sixty Acres Close.

204 PROW

- a WALK TO SCHOOL – Nothing further to report.
- b QUEEN’S JUBILEE RIVERSIDE WALK – Nothing further to report.
- c ROTARY ROUND WHEEL ‘n’ WALK – Nothing further to report.

205 MEETINGS

- a ALCA LIAISON MEETING 9 October - Cllr. Robinson gave a report of the meeting.
- b NS CCG July Governing Body Meeting. No one was able to attend.
- c CYCLE FORUM 17 October - Cllr. Thompson & Cllr Sheppard attended. This did not pertain to our PC area but they did make them aware of other areas. Both will attend again. Cllr. Thompson said that there was a major extension of resident parking in Bristol planned. This is likely to increase pressure on cycling routes. Those driving in will find it difficult to park and will therefore have to find alternative forms of transport. He understood that white lines on the road precluded ‘Hail & Ride buses from stopping. The Clerk undertook to raise this with Liaison Officer. Cllr. Sheppard gave out leaflets ‘Cycle routes and ROW in Clevedon.
- d CCG Autumn Stakeholder Event 24 Oct Cllrs. Robinson & Ambrose had attended and gave a report of the meeting. It was interactive – using smart phones, with Twitter response, Emphasis on clinical lead, Healthy population – 70% in 4 towns 30% in rural areas. WSM has 1% extreme deprivation which reduces lifespan - 22 years less than the least deprived. The Clerk undertook to obtain booklets ‘NS CCG Prospectus’ for all.
- e ALCA AGM BATH – No one was available to attend. Minutes are available.
- f LOCALISM – CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN NS – 2-4.30pm Nov 14 Castlewood. Cllr. Robinson will attend.
- g BUDGET MEETING – A reminder that the Budget Meeting will be at 7.30 pm Tuesday 26 November 2013. Failand Cricket Club.

206 CORRESPONDENCE

- a OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE – NSC are making changes to specifications without consulting Parish Councils. Cllr. Mrs Moon felt that we should challenge this. Chairman will liaise with the clerk. Cllr. King could advise the approximate costs.

b EARTHLIGHT TERMS & CONDITIONS – Only Cllr. Robinson uses this. T & C's form signed and returned.

c SMOKEFREE PLAY AREAS AND PARKS Approval given by Cllrs. to put up notices. (Subsequently Miriam Thornton rang to say that the 'posters' were A3 size and on metal frames – Asked her to arrange for one sign to go in each of our play areas – 3 on Elms, 1 on Millennium Green, The Grove).

d ENFORCEMENT DEPT.- This is covered by one of the queries put to the Liaison Officer.

e FREE TREES – Declined.

EXTRA – Allotments. Re. possible land – one has a covenant on it. National Trust had decided the land previously considered to be suitable is now intended to be an orchard. They have offered to come to tell us what trees they are planting. However, NT are still prepared to have discussions once there is clarity on the demand for allotments.

207 FINANCE

a ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT- APPROVED

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2336	Cllr. Hugh Pratt	Reimburse – Printing & Proof Reading re NG Report	380.00
2337	Cross Tree Centre	Hire of Room – 8.10.13	24.00
2338	NSC	Dog Bin Emptying	19.20
2339	Landscape Services	Grass Maintenance – Last payment this season.	238.68
2340	Intouch crm	Monthly Payment re Web	35.99
2341	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – Stamps 28.80, Waitrose re 'Old' Web 1.69 Talktalk 35.23, Telephone 39.99	105.71
2342	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary	1002.27

208 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

Church Farm Cottage, Lower Failand – As Cllrs Sage and King declared an interest, Cllrs Thompson and Mrs Moon volunteering to take their place as Investigating Councillors. The Clerk agreed to seek a time extension to be requested from P/Officer.

209 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING – Nil.

Cllr. King thanked the Cllr. Robinson for the way he chaired the meeting.