

MINUTES OF THE **WRAXALL & FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL** MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014 IN THE CROSS TREE CENTRE.

PRESENT – Cllrs. Robinson (Chairman), Ambrose (Vice Chairman), Sage, Pratt, Delmas, King, Malpas, Sheppard, Thompson, Mrs Moon & Law.

IN ATTENDANCE – Simon Beck (re Allotments), D/Cllr. Bob Cook, Clerk & Police at 8pm. for 20 mins.

APOLOGIES – D/Cllr. Charles Cave – prior meeting.

PUBLIC - Mr & Mrs Rossiter (Belmont Estate); Greg Minor (re. 1A Sixty Acres Close)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil.

87 MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held 11 November 2014 were amended & signed.

88 ISSUES

Cllr. Sheppard had received notification from Robert Jones that he had not been approached regarding possible land for allotments. Clerk to write asking if he had any such.

a ALLOTMENTS – Notification received from NSC that Key Members have to be consulted. NSC cannot sell the land. Flyers NOT to be sent yet,

b STANDING ORDERS – Cllr. Ambrose has made several amendments to the NALC Standing Orders to adapt them for this PC. Cllr. Robinson will collate and circulate.

c QUIET LANES – Cllr. Sheppard gave details of prices for various signs. NSC will not allow the signs to be put up on their land so must be on private land but we could check with them if some would be best placed on NSC land.

d NOISES PURPORTING TO BE FROM GE Oil & Gas/Budgens. Long letter received from Corinne Day (PA to Managing Director) . They have been unable to find the source of noises. The Air Handling Unit gives off a low level ‘hum’ but only when switched on and can only be heard on the roof where it is situated. They reiterate the offer of arranging noise monitoring by NSC to determine its level, whether it is excessive and whether it emanates from the GE site.

Mr Taynton is also complaining about privacy and they assure that persons in their offices cannot see into his cottage.

EXTRA h. - Mr Taynton rang Cllr Ambrose on Saturday morning to report that trees were being cut down on the site. This is being investigated.

e BROADBAND – Persons who have written in re, ‘slow connections’ are being contacted re. using their addresses when we campaign for faster connection speeds. Note to Notice Boards asking those without any broadband connection to write/phone the Clerk.

f LITTER –Cllr. Ambrose proposed that a bigger bin is needed on TH Lane ‘lay by’ and more bins elsewhere. Clerk to ask NSC.

NSC have been asked to remove litter from the parish but they do say they do not remove litter from ‘private land’.

Anyone can report litter to Council Connect via our Web Site.

EXTRA Cllr. Sage. drew attention to a telephone scam which entails a caller asking people to ring a particular telephone number. This turns out to be in Belize and will cost the caller £350.

EXTRA MEETING CLOSED 8.08PM

Mr Rossiter said that Trespassers/Fly Tipping has been taking place on Belmont Estate. He has installed CCTV cameras.

MEETING RE-OPENED 8.09PM

EXTRA D/Cllr. Cook reported that he had asked about Ballroom Dancing being discontinued at the Winter Gardens. Several groups have now been amalgamated and several dances are scheduled for 2015. He was thanked by Cllr. Pratt who had raised this issue.

g Cllr. Law reported that the grass on the Millennium Green required a further cut now. The cut will cost £55 + vat (which we can reclaim) and can be done weather permitting. All in favour.

89 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

a APPLICATION 14/P/2328/TPO – TPO 439 Reduce lower limbs by up to 4 metres on Southfield Road Trading Estate, Southfield Road, Nailsea

RECOMMENDATION – Investigating councillors advised that the tree is not in good condition and the reasons for treatment appear to be valid, although they appear to be contrary to the Delegated Report for the PA for the development of the industrial building. PC recommend SUPPORT.

b APPLICATION 14/P/2355/F – Extend and sub-divide the existing house to create an additional dwelling for Mr K Christie, re 1A Sixty Acres Close, Failand

RECOMMENDATION – Unanimously NOT to support, Three adjacent neighbours have reasonable objections - Adverse impact in height; amenity compromised & car parking concerns. Sixty Acres is a very narrow road and parking is very difficult, even before the proposal, as the new houses opposite have to exit their premises at the point in the road opposite to the proposal site.

The Core Strategy does not allow such development in the Green Belt except under very special circumstances, of which there are considered to be none in this case.

CRIME FIGURES – The Police arrived at this juncture having been on an earlier call-out. There have only been 5 significant crimes in our area in the past 7 weeks and since last meeting only 1 shed break-in in Clevedon Road, Failand.

PC Christie announced that he was moving to CID Bridgwater and will be replaced by Peter Rooke & Greg Difford. The Parish Council thanked PC Christie for his work and wished him well in the future.

c APPLICATION 14/P/2351/LB – Listed building consent for replacing mortar fillet to covered yard tiled roof with lead flashings to prevent water ingress.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT.

d APPLICATION 14/P/2372/LB – Removal of mortar fillet and replacement with lead flashing to correct persistent water ingress and decay to timber roof framing and stairs for National Trust, The Hayloft, Tyntesfield .

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT.

e APPLICATION 14/P/2381/LB – Extension of roof to existing Bin Store to west of Home Farm complex to provide cover for existing goods lift.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT.

f APPLICATION 14/P/2403/TPO – 3 X Oak Trees. Branch reduction in length by 3m.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT

g APPLICATION 14/P/2439/F – Two storey side extension, single storey porch and front dormer windows for Mr D Clark, Dandy View, West Hill, Wraxall.

RECOMMENDATION – Supportive BUT floor area is significantly increased by this and previous additions.

h APPLICATION 14/P/2486/TPO – T1 – Silver Birch – Fell and replace with Silver Birch, T2 – Oak – Fell and replace with Oak, for Mr Martin Addy, 3 The Willows, Manor Way, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – Silver Birch is past its best - Support Felling. Oak, thought it was good but roots are very close. Site visit requested so that P/O can make his own decision on the Oak.

i APPLICATION 14/P/2526/TPO – T1 Oak tree – Pollard to height of 12'. T2 Birch tree – Reduce crown of 80 feet height for Mr Martin Cohen, 5 Owen Drive, Failand.

RECOMMENDATION – SUPPORT

LIDL was mentioned at this stage and Rachael Lewis' (NSC) reply was read to Cllrs.

j Clerk will report on decisions made by NSC on Planning Applications previously considered by this PC.

APPLICATION – 14/P/2178/TPO – T1 Oak – Reduce lateral canopy by up to 2m and crown this canopy by 15% for Mrs Janet Truby, 9, Woodland Way, Failand. GRANTED.

APPLICATION – 14/P/2152/CUPA – Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building and land to a dwelling house within use class 3, for Mr M C Pearce, Charlton Barn, Charlton Lane, off Charlton Drive, Wraxall. REFUSED.

APPLICATION – 14/P/2134/F & 14/P/2135/LB – Change of Unit A from 2 dwellings to 1 dwelling with annexe. (Amendment to P/P's 11/P/1245/F & 11/P/1246/LB). Alterations to internal layout of approved scheme and minor amendments to external elevations for Mr Toogood, Birdcombe Farm, Tower House Lane, Wraxall. GRANTED.

APPLICATION – 14/P/1947/F – Erection of 2 detached chalet style bungalows with associated double garages together with provision of new access drives and landscaping following demolition of existing commercial and residential buildings and removal of hard standing and ancillary structures for Mr Porter, Hillside Nursery, West Hill, Wraxall. GRANTED (This is not the P/A which has gone to Appeal – that is for 3 dwellings).

APPLICATION – 14/P/2224/TPO – T1 Oak – Clean crown to remove dead, diseased and broken branches 2cm diameter and larger throughout the crown, crown lift to achieve 2.5-3m clearance over lawn and path, reduce crown by 2m from house for Mrs J Davies, 4 Woodland Way, Failand. RECOMMENDATION – GRANTED.

APPLICATION – 14/P/2236/TPO – T20 (LISTED AS T1 ON APPLICATION) – Oak- crown lift to 4m and remove significant dead wood the section that overhangs the lawned area opposite the house for Mr Hollingbery, 17 Green Pastures Road, Wraxall. RECOMMENDATION – REFUSE FOR THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL HOWEVER PERMISSION GRANTED FOR Crown raising to give up to 3m clearance from ground level by the pruning of sub laterals and twiggy growth only and remove significant deadwood.

k Report from Appeal Hearing re Hillside Nursery – 3 Dwellings 14/P/1171/F. Not yet available.

90 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

a METROBUS NEWS/NORTH FRINGE TO HENGROVE/SOUTH BRISTOL LINK consultation. Cllr. Robinson reported that the South Bristol Link had been approved by Government and a contractor appointed.

91 PROW

- a FOOTPATH WORKING GROUP – No report available.
- b FOOTPATH THROUGH VILLAGE - It was requested that the referendum go ahead now. Questions for the referendum are to be considered.
- c RIVERSIDE WALK – No reply yet received from North Somerset Agricultural Society regarding the continuation of the walk through NSAS land.

92 MEETINGS

a EGRESS/ENTRANCE – NATIONAL TRUST TYNTESFIELD ONTO B3128. Meeting held 26 November 2014. If any work is undertaken at this site it will be at the expense of NT. NSC is looking into siting a roundabout at Portbury Lane. Speed limit could be reduced to 50mph on part of the B3128. It would be 30mph approaching the roundabout.

b PARISH WORKSHOP 10 December 2014 – The Campus, Locking Castle. 9.30 am – 12 noon. Noted.

- c PLANNING INSPECTOR'S HEARINGS OF NSC CORE STRATEGY POLICY CS13
'Scale of new housing'. 10am 6 & 7 Jan. 2015 Winter Gardens WSM. Noted

EXTRA PYLONS - Cllr. Ambrose asked for PC support for Alison Lock (Solicitor) to represent the PC at the Planning Inspector's preliminary meeting on 19 January 2015. All in favour.

EXTRA SITE VISIT TO NOAH'S ARK ZOO FARM – 12.15pm Monday 15 December 2014. (2 Reps. Invited)
Cllrs. Sheppard & Malpas (Investigating Cllrs.) to attend.

93 CORRESPONDENCE

- a PARISH CLUSTERS (Postponed to January meeting)
- b CHANGE TO COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS (Postponed to January meeting)
- c RURAL CUTTING OF ROAD-SIDE GRASS VERGES AND ROAD SWEEPING – Reply from Mike Jackson to letter from 15 pc's. The PC is to be kept in the loop.
PC grass cutting specifications and work will be reviewed and Cllrs. advised of this in January.

94 FINANCE

- a BUDGET FIGURES – For approval. Cllr. Mrs Moon had been approached by Mrs Hale re Failand Volunteer Drivers for a grant of £25 - Granted. Navigus Printing had written to say that the Journal of Local Council Planning would in future be free (had been £50) and the figure for Millennium Green (inc. Grass) was removed, despite the Clerk explaining that this was for Millennium Green Maintenance as well as grass cutting. The figure for Grass Verge cutting had been increased to £2000 to cover both Verges & Mill. Green but was now reduced to £1500, which is below last year's figure. Councillors then voted to keep the Precept as last year at £34200.
- b VAT Refund received £816.54. Noted
- c ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – APPROVED.

Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Amount
2449	Intouch crm	Web Site - Monthly fee.	35.99
2450	Royal British Legion	Donation (on 11,11)	100.00
2451	NSC	Dog Bin Emptying	19.20
2452	Cross Tree Centre	Hire for 25.11.14.	20.00
2453	Mrs F Shattock	Net Salary for November	970.67
2454	Mrs F Shattock	Reimburse – Talktalk £35.15, Wine for Internal Auditor (who does not charge) {Not claimed in May 14} £13.98, Diary £1	50.13

95 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

96 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING