

**Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council  
held in the John Locke Room on Wednesday 20 September 2017**

Present:	Cllr D Glynn (Chairman)	Cllr J Fowler
	Cllr S Lovell	Cllr D Simpson
	Cllr G Bigg	Cllr B Taylor
	Cllr P Ledbury	Cllr D Robertson
	Cllr P Jervis	Cllr D Yamanaka
	Mrs F Burke (Clerk)	

In attendance: Mr Russell Perry, PCSO Cathryn Turner

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1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate.  
Apologies were received from Cllr Lankester (prior commitment).
2. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) related to agenda items and to receive any amendments to the Register of Interests.  
No declarations of interest were received.
3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting held 19 July 2017.  
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.  
PCSO Turner addressed the Council in relation to a suggested recent spike in crime in Wrington. She advised that there had been an increase in crime during the past few months, mainly shed and garage break-ins, but there had also been a rise in anti-social behaviour. She pointed out that these crimes were felt to be seasonal in nature. PCSO Turner was confident that the break-ins were not being carried out by local residents but by people from other areas travelling along the A38 and entering rural villages looking for opportunities. The PCSO stressed how important it is for crimes to be reported to the police, no matter how minor they might seem. PCSO Turner had recently met members of the Community Resilience team and would like to bring the mobile police van to Wrington once a month in future. Cllr Lovell enquired about the possibility of the crime prevention team undertaking an assessment of the village and then to report back on potentially vulnerable areas and issues. PCSO Turner agreed to consider this and explore options with colleagues.  
The Chair thanked PCSO Turner and she left the meeting.

*The meeting was then reconvened.*

5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
  - a) Email from Katie Park, NSC ITU Project Manager, requesting the Council's comments on future route options for the A2 bus service (details circulated previously). Feedback requested by 22 September 2017.

It was agreed to respond to the invitation to comment on bus route options with option 4 being preferred, this route linking Weston to Bristol via the rural villages.

- b) Letter from Pill & Easton-in-Gordano PC proposing that rural parishes in North Somerset call on the Highway Authority (NSC) not to defer a review of the waiting restrictions in parishes until 2020 and to offer an immediate review across the district. Also, that the Highway Authority should now invite all parishes to submit proposals for all sites which are considered to have road safety issues.

It was agreed that the Council would write to NSC Highways supporting Pill & Easton-in-Gordano's comments and also to suggest that review of waiting restrictions should be more of an ongoing process than currently proposed.

- c) Email from the Wrington Vale Rotary Club in relation to the Rotary Tree Planting Project offering tree planting and inviting the Council to respond by suggesting possible locations and tree varieties.  
Councillors suggested asking the School if they would like to be considered for receiving one or two trees. The Clerk to enquire.
- d) Email from Adrian Woolcott, NSC, requesting possible funding support for footpath improvements on public path AX30/4, which runs south-west from Court Farm/Ladywell across the river towards Stock Lane.

It was agreed to consider this request in more detail at the next Finance meeting. The Chair suggested that Councillors might like to walk the footpath in question to check its condition.

- e) Email from Andy Jones, Citizens Advice North Somerset, advising that they are piloting a new appointment only advice service in Congresbury, this commencing in September. This was noted.
- f) Briefing note received from ALCA concerning the Government's 'Litter Strategy for England'. This was noted.
- g) Email from Wrington School PTA requesting permission to use the Recreation Field as a viewing area for the annual fireworks event to be set off in the adjacent field on the evening of 3 November 2017.

**Resolved: To grant permission to Wrington PTA.**

6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book. The report was noted.
7. To receive the Finance Report and to authorise payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Payments requested for approval:

Glasdon UK Ltd – dog bin for the Recreation Field	£208.44
Travis Perkins – hardware for the Handyman:- play area (£4.97), open spaces (£18.35), property works (£184.37)	£207.69
E Kinsey – relief Parish Orderly, August	£255.00
NEST Pension Scheme (employer and employee contributions) – September	£54.84
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, September	£28.80
Assistant Clerk - topping up of petty cash following purchases made:- stamps (£13.44), notebook (£5.68) and Weathershield wood preservative (£18.86), £37.98	
Assistant Clerk - reimbursement following purchases made:- 'hi-viz' jacket (£11.55) and litter pick hoop (£13.06) for use by Parish Orderly	£24.61
Somerlap – play bark for Church Walk play area (paid)	£433.80
Glasdon UK Ltd – dog waste bin for the Glebe Field (paid)	£211.48

Travis Perkins – hardware for use by the Handyman:- play area (£4.97) and property works (£83.57) (paid) £88.54

Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), Handyman (Charlie Griffin), Relief Parish Orderly (E Kinsey for work carried out in September), HMRC (NI & Tax 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter), and salaries for Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

**Resolved: To approve the payments as proposed. Cllr Taylor proposed approval and Cllr Simpson seconded the motion, all in favour.**

8. To receive and consider reports from:
  - a. District Councillor, Cllr Yamanaka. The report was received and noted.
  - b. NE Ward/Redhill, Cllr Fowler. No report had been received this month.
  - c. Twinning Association, Cllr Simpson. The report was received and noted.
  - d. Wrington Sports & Social Club, Cllr Glynn. Cllr Glynn reported briefly on the last meeting held 8 August
  - e. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg briefly commented on the minutes of the last meeting, which included data on use of the Practice transport car. She reported that Pudding Pie Lane surgery would be holding an open meeting on Tuesday 7 November in the reception area. She also reported that MVMP has proposed closing the Wrington branch surgery and that NHS England will require that consultation is undertaken. A Member reported that they had been told by a receptionist at MVMP that the Wrington branch surgery is already closed.
  
9. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:
  - a. Finance. The report was reviewed and noted.
  - b. Environment. No report had been received. Cllr Bigg reported that she would soon be meeting Mark Slater from the Wrington Community Resilience group.
  - c. Highways. No report had been received. Cllr Glynn reported that a survey of village speed limits had recently been undertaken by NSC Highways in relation to the possibility of creating a 20mph zone in the centre of the village. The survey results and scheme options to be reviewed with Highways when details are available.
  
10. To consider the following recommended expenditure:
  - a. To agree expenditure at the Recreation Field for repairs and maintenance to various play items; the zip wire, slide, skate park and swings as detailed in the finance group report. The total for the work including materials and labour is £817. This to be provided from the play area maintenance budget.  
**Resolved: To agree to this expenditure.**
  - b. To agree to pay an additional insurance premium related to the increased valuation of the Parish Council's buildings from £1,002,669 to £2,071,627. The increase in premium for the period to 1 June 2018 is £924.27.  
**Resolved: To agree to pay the increased premium.**
  - c. To agree to purchase four more large bags of play bark at a cost of £300 for use under the multi-play unit at the Church Walk Play Area to ensure that sufficient depth is provided.  
**Resolved: To agree to purchase four more bags of play bark.**

- d. To agree to renew the 2017/18 annual subscription for the Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA) at a cost of £50.  
**Resolved: To agree to renew the PCAA annual subscription.**
- e. To agree to renew the Clerk's 2017/18 annual subscription for the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £149.  
**Resolved: To agree to renew the SLCC annual subscription.**
- f. To agree that the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Chair can attend the SLCC annual regional conference at Holiday Inn, Filton, 22 November 2017, at a cost of £247.  
**Resolved: To agree that the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Chair should attend the SLCC annual regional conference.**
- g. To agree to pay Rialtas Business Solutions the annual Omega accounting software maintenance and support charge of £245.  
**Resolved: To agree to pay the above charge.**

**Cllr Simpson proposed approval of the above resolutions with Cllr Ledbury seconding the motion, all in favour.**

11. To confirm the appointment of Ed Kinsey as Parish Orderly, with this on a part-time basis from 1 August 2017 following the resignation of Jeni Fulker. This for six hours per week, the work to be agreed with the Clerk, at the same hourly rate as previously and with a formal contract to be agreed and to be effective from 1 October 2017.

**Resolved: To ratify and confirm the appointment and to agree that this should be effective from 1 October 2017. Cllr Jervis proposed approval with Cllr Bigg seconding the motion, all in favour.**

12. To consider a request received from the Wrington Village Alliance for grant funding in support of the forthcoming planning Inquiry concerning proposed development at Cox's Green, Wrington. The Finance Group has considered this request and agreed to recommend that a maximum payment of £2,000 might now be made to assist with the planning consultant's fee, this on condition that if the fee charged is less than the total amount raised by WVA then the amount paid will be reduced appropriately. Also, any payment to be conditional on receipt of the relevant quotation in advance and sight of WVA's latest bank statement.

The request for grant funding from the Wrington Village Alliance was discussed in detail. Cllr Taylor proposed approval with Cllr Simpson seconding the motion. Cllr Fowler was against the proposal and Cllr Lovell abstained from voting. All other members were in favour.

**Resolved: To agree to offer the Wrington Village Alliance a maximum payment of £2,000 to assist with the planning consultant's fee, conditions as detailed above.**

13. To note that an evening session of the public Inquiry into the proposal to build 59 houses on land at Cox's Green will be held in the Memorial Hall, Wrington, on 28 September, at 5.30pm. This follows the opening of the full Inquiry hearing which will be held at the Town Hall, Weston, commencing Tuesday 26 September.

This was noted. The Chair informed Councillors that if they wished to speak at the Inquiry they should let the Clerk know before 25 September.

14. Consultations:

- West of England Combined Authority Strategy discussion Paper  
Details circulated previously, see email sent 30 August  
Consultation deadline: 27 September 2017  
The Chair requested Councillors to send any comments they may have on this consultation to the Clerk by 25 September.
- DfT: The future of UK aviation: a call for evidence on a new aviation strategy  
Details circulated previously, see email sent 7 September  
Consultation deadline: 13 October 2017  
The Chair requested any comments to be sent to the Clerk in good time.

15. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council to be held Wednesday 18 October 2017.  
Cllr Yamanaka queried when a parish meeting would be taking place.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.32pm.

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**Chairman**