Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held in the John Locke Room on Wednesday 19 March 2014

Present: Cllr D Glynn (Chairman) Cllr B Taylor Cllr P Ledbury Cllr P Robinson Cllr G Bigg Cllr D Yamanaka Cllr John Rawlins Mrs F Burke (Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs Philippa Penney and PCSO Yvette Mayo.

- 1. To receive apologies from Members for non-attendance. Apologies were received from Cllr Lankester (holiday) and Cllr Howells (personal reasons).
- To receive Members' declarations of interests on known agenda matters and any amendments to the register of interests. No declarations of interests were received.
- 3. To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2014. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation:
- To receive a report from the Police representative.
 PCSO Yvette Mayo addressed the Council with a brief verbal report on crimes reported and investigated in February. She reported that 4 crimes had been committed in Wrington; 3 thefts and 1 assault in this period.

PCSO Mayo also reported that all crimes relating to the shed, car and garage thefts in February had now been filed pending further enquiries related to possible suspects. The Chairman thanked PCSO Mayo for attending the meeting and she left the room.

The meeting was reconvened

- 6. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
 - Email from Ditch Townsend, Weston Hospicecare, 26 February 2014, concerning a project aimed at recruiting local volunteers to act as Community Companions. This was noted. The Clerk agreed to forward the details on to the Wrington Journal and Wrington website.
 - Letter from Mr & Mrs C.Luke, 11 March 2014, requesting permission to erect a shed on plot 8a of the allotments.

Resolved: To grant permission for this.

• Letter from the Planning Inspectorate advising of the Hearing of an appeal by Medcentres on the failure by NSC to issue a decision on planning application 13/P/2022/F for the erection of 4 dwellings following demolition of the existing surgery building at The Surgery, Station Road, Wrington, BS40 5NG. Note that this is included on the Council meeting agenda for timescale reasons, with the appeal to be held 2 April 2014.

This was noted. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would draft a follow-up submission for the appeal commenting on any further issues that might have arisen and emphasising the point that the decision on the designated Right of Way through the surgery was still to be finalised.

- To receive the Clerk's report. This was received and noted. <u>Street lights</u> Cllr Robinson enquired if any progress had been made in installing part-night sensors to street light photo cell circuits where possible in the village. The Clerk advised that she had requested further information on this from SSE and was waiting for a response.
- 8. To receive the Finance Report, including payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Approval for the following payments is sought: Avon Youth Association - Youth Bus, 5 sessions (January-March 2014) £1,000.00 Treecare Consulting – tree survey of Glebe Field and Church Walk play area £564.00 North Somerset Council - Non Domestic Rates for Broad Street Toilets (1 April 2014 to 31 March 2013) £694.73 Jayne Hitchborn – cleaning of Broad Street toilets, February £160.00 CPRE – annual subscription (paid) £29.00 City Web Design - final payment for technical amendment to website (paid) £15.00 HMRC 4TH quarter NI and tax – to be calculated Clerk's salary March - to be calculated Assistant Clerk's salary March - to be calculated Assistant Clerk - topping up of petty cash following purchases made:envelopes (£12.98), stamps (£19.20), magnets for Redhill noticeboard (£9.29), key for Broad Street toilets (£6.50) and advert in Post Office for Village Orderly (60p) £48.57 Assistant Clerk – travel to notice boards during 3rd & 4th guarters 2013/14 £18.03

Resolved: To approve the payments as recommended. Cllr Ledbury proposed approval, Cllr Taylor seconded the motion, with all in agreement.

A Member queried what publicity is currently used to promote the Avon Youth Bus. The Clerk agreed to provide something appropriate for inclusion in the Journal and to ask the Avon Youth Association for posters or other material for display in the local area.

- 9. To receive and consider reports from:
 - a. District Councillor, Cllr Yamanaka. This was received. Cllr Yamanka reported on a recent a Ward 'drive around' which she had recently

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b. WVMP report, Cllr Robinson.

Cllr Robinson reported on the limited branch surgery hours and on a sign that was now in place on the surgery window which suggests that the surgery and its services are only for the elderly and infirm.

Cllr Yamanaka reported that in the notes of a meeting held 16 January 2014 between WVMP, patient representatives and Public Health England, it had been agreed that a survey of local residents of their views on the services provided by the Broad Street surgery would be useful and should be undertaken.

Resolved: To contact Roger Harrison, Practice Manager, WVMP, to enquire when the survey would be undertaken and to request a copy of the survey form. Also to query the continued use of wording on signs at the Branch Surgery in

relation to 'eligibility' criteria.

- c. Sports & Social Club, Cllr Howells. Cllr Howells was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a brief report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. This was noted.
- d. Twinning Association, Cllr Rawlins Cllr Rawlins advised that he had nothing to report this month.
- 10. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:
 - a. Finance, Cllr Rawlins This was received.
 - b. Environment & Highways, Cllr Bigg & Cllr Ledbury No report had been received. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 April at 11am.
- 11. To consider and approve the following recommendations by the Finance Group:
 - a. To note that one tree, a willow, has been identified as dying and potentially hazardous in the recent survey undertaken of trees in the Glebe Field and Church Walk Play Area and to agree that this should be removed immediately. Other work related to the tree survey to be undertaken at a later date, following discussion with and quotations from suitably qualified contractors.

The Chairman reported that NSC had been informed about the damaged willow tree and that he had requested approval for immediate felling under the 'five day rule'. He advised that the Tree Officer had since viewed the tree and then stated that the work is not considered urgent and can wait for a tree works application. It was agreed to contact the Tree Officer to ask NSC to agree to indemnify the Council if the event of an incident which might be felt to be related to the reported condition of the tree.

b. To agree to contribute £500 from Council reserves towards the cost of the pedestrian crossing scheme proposed by NSC Highways on the A38 adjacent to Lye Hole Lane, Redhill, with this equivalent to the Council's agreed contribution to the Cowslip Green scheme.

Resolved: To agree to this proposal.

- e. To agree to proceed with the annual inspection of play and related equipment at the Church Walk Play Area and Recreation Field sites, with three quotes having been sought and at a maximum cost of £300.
 Resolved: To agree to this proposal.
- f. To agree to proceed with the installation of carpet and underlay in the John Locke Room, having received three quotes and to not exceed a budgeted price of £700.
 Resolved: To agree to this proposal.
- g. To agree to renew the annual subscription to Clerks & Councils Direct at a cost of £75. **Resolved: To agree to this proposal.**
- h. To note that Ken Richardson will be undertaking the Council's annual internal audit, with this scheduled for 28 April 2014.
 This was noted.

- 12. To note that confirmation of the 2014/15 contract price for emptying dog bins has still to be confirmed by NSC and that it might become necessary to make a decision on this in advance of the next meeting of the Council. The current price is £2 per bin, or £1352 per annum, with £6 advised as a possible figure for next year, £4056 total, as budgeted. **This was noted.**
- 13. To consider the Local Government Boundary Commission's further review of the North Somerset ward boundaries and how these proposals might affect Wrington with a view to submitting any further comments before the closing date for responses, 7 April 2014. **Resolved:** To respond to the consultation by stating that the proposed large three-Member Ward is felt to be potentially unrepresentative and is considered to be against the interests of both the wider community and parish residents. It was agreed to restate the Council's clear preference for a single-Member Ward, with this in the form of a new Ward with Wrington parish joined with Butcombe and Blagdon. It was also agreed that should this not prove practical then the Council would accept the Commission's previous proposal for a single-Member Ward in which Wrington is linked with Cleeve. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a response for submission to the Boundary Commission.
- 14. To agree to appoint a Parish Orderly following withdrawal by the previous successful candidate. With the position having been advertised locally and a suitable candidate identified, to agree that subject to interview that a prompt appointment might be confirmed on the basis that the terms of employment and payment are equivalent to those agreed with the previous Orderly.

It was reported that Ms Jenny Fulker had been interviewed since the agenda had been circulated and it was recommended that her appointment should now be confirmed. **Resolved: It was agreed that an offer should now be made to Ms Fulker on terms equivalent to those agreed for the previous Parish Orderly.**

 Items raised by Members for possible consideration at the next meeting to be held Wednesday 16 April 2014. No items were raised

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Chairman