## Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held in the John Locke Room on Wednesday 17 September 2014

Present: Cllr D Glynn (Chairman) Cllr G Bigg (part)
Cllr B Taylor Cllr J Rawlins

Cllr P Robinson Cllr G Lankester Mrs F Burke (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr Peter Perry, Mr Colin Young, Mrs Gabrielle Wilson and Mrs Jacqui Fowler

1. To receive apologies from Members for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ledbury (holiday), Cllr Yamanaka (holiday), Cllr Howells (personal commitment), Cllr Woolf (holiday), PC Difford and PCSO Mayo.

- 2. To receive Members' declarations of interests including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) related to agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct and to receive any amendments to the register of interests.

  There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2014. The minutes were signed and approved as a true record.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.

Gabrielle Wilson addressed the Council with her concerns over the closure of the Wrington branch of the NatWest Bank, commenting that the decision had been taken without any consultation with the local community. She urged the Council to contact the bank and to press both for a review of the decision and for the bank to attend a public meeting to be arranged in Wrington at which bank representatives might explain the rationale for the proposed closure.

Peter Perry addressed the Council on behalf of the Trustees of Redhill Village Hall. He raised the matter of grant for the year 2014/15 and requested an explanation for why this had not yet been provided. As had previously been advised, it was pointed out that in response to a recommendation from the Council's auditor a full set of accounts had been requested but these had not yet been received. The accounts to include a balance sheet, as required to be prepared by all charities by the Charity Commission, and to be made available on request to members of the public. It was agreed that the Chair would provide an example of accounts for a similar village hall/charity to enable the information to be produced. It was agreed that the grant should be released following receipt of the accounts.

The Chair thanked Gabrielle Wilson, Peter Perry and Colin Young for their comments, emphasising the Council's understanding and support for the issues raised.

To receive a report from the Police representative.
 A brief report had been received with crime figures for August.

To reconvene the meeting.

6. Mrs Jacqui Fowler to address the Council in relation to her request to be co-opted.

Mrs Jacqui Fowler introduced herself to the Council and spoke briefly about why she wished to join the Council.

Mrs Fowler then left the room.

Gabrielle Wilson, Peter Perry and Colin Young also left the meeting.

7. To consider the co-option of Jacqui Fowler to the Parish Council.
Councillors discussed Jacqui Fowler's application for co-option to the Council.
Resolved: To co-opt Mrs Jacqui Fowler on to the Council
Jacqui Fowler re-joined the meeting, when the Chair welcomed her as a new member.

- 8. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
  - Email from North Somerset CCG asking if the Council would like the CCG to attend a
    future meeting to provide an update on their 'Re-procurement' project and to explain
    the CCG's service model for the provision of Community Health Services in North
    Somerset.

It was agreed to invite the CCG to attend a Council meeting in the near future.

• Email from Nick Finch on behalf of the Football Club concerning dog mess on the football pitch and requesting that the Council might consider banning dogs from the Recreation Field.

It was agreed to propose that this issue should be considered by the Memorial Hall & Recreation Field Committee with a view to gauging the opinion of users. Also, to contact NSC about possible further steps the Council might need to take to ban dogs from the Recreation Field, should this be agreed at a future meeting.

- Email from Rhiannon Jones, NSC, enquiring as to whether the Council wishes to have a Parish Liaison Officer appointed to replace Philippa Penney.
  - Resolved: To request that a Parish Liaison Officer should be appointed and to request they attend meetings where possible.
- Email from Gabrielle Wilson encouraging the Council to oppose the proposed closure by Natwest of the Wrington branch, with this said to be closing 7 January 2015.
   Following on from the discussion under Public Participation, it was agreed to contact Natwest about the proposed closure.
- Email from Catherine McGrath, Clerk to Locking PC, advising of their intent to complain to NSC about the state of the verges in North Somerset and inviting other councils to offer support in the form of a group letter.

It was agreed to offer the Council's support to this proposal on the understanding that a final draft of the letter is provided for approval before it is submitted.

9. To receive the Clerk's report.

This was noted.

- 10. To receive the Finance Report, including payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.
- 11. To receive and consider reports from:
  - a. District Councillor, Cllr Yamanaka This was noted.
  - b. WVMP report, Cllr Robinson

Cllr Robinson enquired whether any more had been heard from WVMP concerning the status of the branch surgery, bearing in mind that the time limited permission for this use is understood to expire at the end of the year. The Chair confirmed that WVMP had not responded to the Council's enquiry.

- c. Sports & Social Club, Cllr Howells No report had been received.
- d. Twinning Association, Cllr Rawlins
  Cllr Rawlins reported that he would email details of upcoming events once a
  programme of events was in place.
- 12. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:
  - a. Finance, Cllr Rawlins

This was received and noted.

- b. Environment, Cllr Bigg
  No report had been received.
- c. Highways, Cllr Ledbury
  An updated Highways issues report had been circulated with the meeting papers.
- 13. To acknowledge the internal audit report for the year ending 31 March 2014 and to note that this has been reviewed by the Finance Group and that its comments and recommendations will be taken on board. To agree that in relation to item 3.b in the report the following amended paragraph is to be included in Financial Regulations, with subsequent paragraphs renumbered;

1.e. The Clerk may authorise expenditure to the value of £50 for any regular office supplies or services needed to ensure and maintain the efficient running of the Parish office, with a cash float of £50 held to facilitate this. An appropriate record of such expenditure must be maintained, together with receipts, with the payment to be agreed and the cheque stub initialled by the relevant signatories before the float is replenished.

Resolved: To agree to amend paragraph 1.e. in Financial Regulations as proposed.

14. To note that arrangements have been made for the Council to be supplied with two defibrillators free of charge, with these proposed for installation at the Redhill Village Hall or Club and at the Recreation Field Pavilion. To agree that following proposed requests for support funding to local businesses in relation to the required secure exterior cabinets, the Council will if necessary top up the funding to allow purchase of these cabinets at a cost of £1290 each.

Resolved: To note that an alternative exterior cabinet has been identified at a budget cost of £1000 each and to agree to confirm an order for two cabinets and to approach selected local businesses requesting support funding, with Cllr Fowler reporting that Alvis Bros would probably provide some funding.

15. To note the S106 funding proposal submitted to NSC in relation to the suggested multi-use development at Barley Wood, Long Lane, Wrington. Copies of the form circulated separately.

Resolved: To note and agree the S106 funding proposal submitted to NSC.

- 16. To consider the following recommendations by the Finance Group:
  - To agree to purchase a new picnic table for the Mike Bush Paddock following irreparable damage to the table previously in place and at a budget cost of £230. **Resolved: To agree to this purchase.**
  - To agree to purchase a single large planter to be located in front of the Council notice board to ensure unobstructed access for residents wishing to view the notices. Budget cost £200.

Resolved: To agree to this purchase.

• To agree to provide funding for a replacement for the community notice board at the Post Office at a budget cost of £950.

Resolved: To agree to this purchase.

• To agree to replace the litter bin outside the Post Office with a new ground mounted bin at a budget cost of £215.

Resolved: To agree to purchase a new litter bin on condition that NSC confirms that a replacement cannot be provided.

• To agree to remove the see-saw which is currently in place at the Church Walk play area and which is now considered to be too heavy, with the timber structure to be relocated for use as a static play item or bench and quotes to be obtained for a replacement see-saw or alternative item.

Resolved: To agree to remove the see-saw from the Church Walk play area.

17. Memorial Hall – to consider requests to serve alcohol as follows:

Wrington WI to serve alcohol on -

- 9 October 2014 for a Birthday event.
- 17 October 2014 for a Charity evening.
- 11 December 2014 for a Christmas meeting.

Resolved: To agree to all of the above alcohol requests.

- 18. Items raised by Members for possible consideration at the next meeting to be held Wednesday 15 October 2014.
  - Cllr Fowler requested that details of the information required from Redhill Village Hall should be confirmed so that the matter can be resolved as soon as possible.

Chairman