

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

Present: Cllr D Glynn (Chairman)	Cllr G Bigg (part)
Cllr J Fowler	Cllr B Taylor
Cllr P Ledbury	Cllr G Lankester
Cllr D Woolf	Cllr D Yamanaka
Mrs F Burke (Clerk)	Cllr P Robinson

In attendance: Mr Steven Ashley (resident)

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1. To receive apologies from Members for non-attendance.  
Cllr Rawlins (illness), Cllr Howells (personal reasons) and Leo Taylor, NSC Parish Liaison Officer.
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 1 December 2014.  
The minutes were reviewed and signed as a true record.
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.  
Mr Steven Ashley addressed the Council with his concerns about the speed of traffic along Silver Street and in particular between Church Walk and High Street. He explained that he had recently moved to the village and had been struck on the elbow by a vehicle whilst walking along Silver Street.  
The Chairman thanked Mr Ashley for addressing the Council.  
The Council discussed the issue and agreed both to ask NSC Highways for their advice and to refer the matter to the Highways Group for further consideration.
5. To receive a report from the Police representative, if present.  
The Chair reported that PCSO Mayo had now left her post to work in a different area. A report from the new PCSO Pen Gatenby was received. The Committee wished to thank PCSO Gatenby for the report and invite her and/or PC Foster to the next meeting.

*To reconvene the meeting.*

6. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
  - Email from Liz Linnitt advising the Council of dates for Wrington Youth Week 2015. This was noted.
  - Letter from Mike Jackson, NSC Chief Executive, in response to a letter sent jointly on behalf of parish councils concerning road-side grass verge cutting and road sweeping by NSC contractors. This was noted. It was agreed to ask Jeff Shipway, Area Officer, whether to his knowledge the work quoted in the letter had been done this year.
  - Email from Ione Douglas, Parliamentary Assistant to Dr Liam Fox, enclosing a letter from Les Matheson, CEO of RBS Group, concerning the closure of the NatWest Wrington branch. This was noted.  
The Chair reported that the NatWest branch in Yatton is now also closing.

The Chair also confirmed that Dr Liam Fox would be visiting Wrington to meet with the Council to discuss the bank closure, the future of the post office, bus service changes and local housing issues, with the meeting scheduled for 10 January 2015.

7. To receive the Clerk's report.

Handyman jobs

It was agreed that the handyman could proceed with essential maintenance and repair jobs around the Hall, Pavilion and play areas. The Clerk holds a list of these jobs.

8. To receive the Finance Report, including payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Memorial Hall – grant, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014/15	£2,750.00
M F Clark & Son - Grass cutting and grounds maintenance for 2014	£2,526.00
Blachere Illumination – Christmas Tree lights	£306.00
Society of Local Council Clerks - Regional Conference for Cllr Glynn and Clerk	£153.60
A S Robertson Electrical - installation of defibrillator and lighting at the Rec	£150.00
North Somerset Council – Grit Bin	£150.00
North Somerset Council – Dog Bin emptying, December	£124.80
Greenslade Taylor Hunt – rent for Glebe Field, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014/15	£100.00
North Somerset Council – monthly inspection of play areas, November	£28.80
Jayne Hitchborn – cleaning of Broad Street toilets, December	to be calculated
HMRC 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter NI and tax	to be calculated
Parish Orderly's salary – December	£208.00
Clerk's salary - December	to be calculated
Clerk – reimbursement for travel to SLCC Regional Conference in Taunton	£40.87
Assistant Clerk's salary - December	to be calculated
Assistant Clerk – topping up of petty cash following purchases made:- stamps (£20.16) and hardware for installation of defibrillator at Redhill Village Hall (£7.29 and £19.99)	£47.44
Assistant Clerk – travel to noticeboards during 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarters 2014/15	£15.02

**Resolved: To approve the payments as proposed. Cllr Bigg proposed approval and Cllr Taylor seconded the motion.**

9. To receive and consider reports from:

a. District Councillor, Cllr Yamanaka  
The report was received and noted.

b. WVMP report, Cllr Robinson  
No report had been received.

Cllr Lankester wished it to be noted that in his opinion the Pudding Pie Lane surgery is working well.

c. Sports & Social Club

Cllr Glynn reported that he had attended the last WSSC meeting and had circulated a report. This was received and noted.

d. Twinning Association, Cllr Rawlins

It was noted that the annual grant from the Council had now been paid to the Twinning Association.

10. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:

a. Finance, Cllr Rawlins

The report was received and noted.

b. Environment, Cllr Bigg & Highways, Cllr Ledbury

Cllr Bigg and Cllr Ledbury agreed to organise a joint Highways and Environment

Groups meeting in the New Year.

11. To consider the following recommendations by the Finance Group:
- To agree to replace any damaged plant tubs in Broad Street at a budgeted price of £50 each.  
**Resolved: To agree to this proposal.**
  - To agree to donate an additional sum of £100 towards the repair of the boundary wall and fence erected around the Sycamore tree in Station Road as the tree is considered to have significant environmental and public amenity value, with this conditional on the tree not being felled.  
Following discussion on the issues a vote was taken; Cllr Bigg abstained, Cllr Woolf voted against and six Members were in favour. Cllr Bigg wished for it be noted that she did not wish to show support for the fence that has been erected as she felt that it is not in keeping with the adjacent stone walls.  
**Resolved: To agree that the Council would donate an extra £100 towards the repair of the boundary wall and fence provided that the owner formally commits to retaining the tree.**
  - To note and confirm that new low voltage lights have been purchased and installed on the village Christmas Tree together with safer switching hardware at a total cost of £286.48. This cost is offset against the postponement for technical reasons of an installation in Broad Street.  
**Resolved: This was noted and confirmed.**
  - To note and confirm that an external electrical socket been installed on the wall of the Broad Street toilets at a budget cost of £150 to facilitate work with powered tools and occasional illumination as required.  
**Resolved: This was noted and confirmed.**
12. To note that the salaries of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk will be reviewed for consideration at the January meeting of the Council in relation to the recently agreed National Joint Council (NJC) pay award for local government staff and to agree that a related NJC recommended non-consolidated payment of £100 each should be paid in December 2014.  
**Resolved: This was noted and agreed.**
13. To note the proposed draft income and expenditure budget for 2015/16, with this to be confirmed at the January meeting of the Council following further consideration of any issues raised.  
**Resolved: This was noted and agreed.**
14. To agree that the Precept for 2015/16 should provisionally be set at £90,025, as indicated in the draft budget, with this equivalent to an unchanged Band D charge of £76.37 and with any additional expenditure to be met from reserves.  
**Resolved: To agree that the Precept provisionally be set at £90,025.**
15. To consider requests to serve alcohol in the Memorial Hall as follows:
- Anna Prowse wishes to sell alcohol at a charity barn dance in aid of the Make-A-Wish foundation, 29 December 2014.
  - The Drama Club wish to sell alcohol at their seasonal shows, 7-10 January 2015.
  - Caroline Harding wishes to sell alcohol at a charity event in aid of Weston Hospicecare 31 January 2015.
- Resolved: To agree to the above requests.**

16. To note that the Council has been informed about a consultation on Proposed School Admission Arrangements 2016-17. Deadline for comments 13 February 2015.  
**This was noted. Any comments to be brought to the next Council meeting.**
17. To consider planning application 14/P/2617/F, a proposal by FRR Ltd to vary planning permission 13/P/0352/F (Continued use of land from forestry/woodland to a multiple use of forestry/woodland and recreational use including erection of a base camp shelter, etc.) by removing conditions 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9. This is in recognition that the next Planning Committee meeting has been deferred to Thursday 8 January 2015.  
**The Council agreed to object to this application.**

The principal reasons for this were:

- The Council can see no justification in the arguments presented by the applicant and not only supports the conditions originally imposed under planning permission 13/P/0352/F but expects these to be enforced by North Somerset Council.
  - The Council feels that it has probably not been the applicant's intention to comply with the conditions attached to the Decision Notice, otherwise this matter would have been expected to be addressed as a matter of course following the granting of planning permission. The Council feels that it is only as a result of enforcement action that the applicant is now seeking to avoid his obligations.
  - The Council disputes that the land 'had been used continuously for recreation paintball games for an extensive period of about 23 years'. The Council's understanding is that residents have walked the public footpaths through or adjacent to the site concerned on many occasions in the past with no signs of any paintball or other recreational activities being underway, although at other times some noise has been an indicator of use.
  - Consideration must be given to the potential impacts on the immediate neighbours who have chosen to live in what should be, and mostly has been, a quiet woodland setting. The conditions referred to in this application and proposed for deletion are considered reasonable and to help offset of the impacts of the proposed land use. The Council felt that these conditions need to be retained.
18. Items raised by Members for possible consideration at the next meeting to be held Wednesday 21 January 2015. There were no items raised.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9pm.

Chairman