Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held in the John Locke Room on Wednesday 15 April 2015

Present: Cllr D Glynn (Chairman) Cllr G Bigg Cllr J Fowler Cllr G Lankester Fiona Burke (Clerk) Cllr P Ledbury Cllr J Rawlins Cllr D Woolf Cllr D Yamanaka

In attendance: Mr Leo Taylor, NSC Parish Liaison Officer

- 1. To receive apologies from Members for non-attendance. Cllr Taylor (holiday), Cllr Howells (personal reasons).
- 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 18 March 2015. The minutes were reviewed and signed as a true record.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation. No members of the public were present.
- 5. To receive a report from the Police representative, if present. A police report for March had been received and circulated previously. The Chair reported that the Beat Officer and PCSO had once again changed; this was as a result of changes to the District Council ward boundaries.
- 6. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
 - Email (26 March 2015) from PC Paul Morris confirming that, with effect from 30 March, the Beat Officer for Wrington will be himself with support from PCSO Kate Turner. PC Morris is to confirm whether he will be able to attend the Parish Meeting.
 - Email (22 March 2015) from Mrs Christine Turton requesting the Council's support in questioning the A2 bus service, timetable and Downside Road bus stops. It was noted that Cllrs Glynn and Yamanaka had met with NSC to discuss bus stops on Downside Road, with their positing now under review. Cllr Yamanaka raised the possibility of a stop on the airport access road, close to the Downside Road junction.
 - Email (23 March 2015) from D E Packham about the possibility of 'fracking' (coalbed methane wells) in North Somerset.
 This was noted with no further immediate action proposed. Cllr Bigg reported that the CPRE had also received the email and were in the process of responding to it.
- To receive the Finance Report, including payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately. North Somerset Council – Non Domestic Rates for Broad Street toilets (1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016) £708.00
 ALCA – annual subscription 2015/16 £457.38
 Chew Valley Trees – replacement tree for the Mike Bush Paddock £134.84

Prism – printer toner	£106.25
Blachere Illuminations – Christmas tree lights	£103.80
North Somerset Council – dog bin emptying, April	£124.80
Jeremy Blythe – re-roofing of John Lock House garage, repairs to	
the Memorial Hall roof tiles and snow guards (paid)	£5,022.00
SSE Contracting Ltd – street lighting maintenance 4 th quarter 2014/15 (paid)	£766.19
BWBSL - water bill for Broad Street toilets, September 2014 to March 2015 (paid)	£175.64
North Somerset Council – monthly inspection of play areas, March (paid)	£28.80
Mark Lillyman – cleaning of Broad Street toilets, April to	be calculated
Parish Orderly's salary – April	£208.00
Clerk's salary - April to	be calculated
Assistant Clerk's salary - April to	be calculated

Resolved: To approve the payments as proposed. Cllr Bigg proposed approval and Cllr Yamanaka seconded the motion, all in favour.

- 8. To receive and consider reports from:
 - a. District Councillor, Cllr Yamanaka This had been previously received and was noted. Cllr Bigg queried the provision of school bus places for local sixth form children.
 - b. WSSC, Cllr Glynn Cllr Glynn reported that no meeting had taken place since the last Council meeting.
 - c. Twinning Association, Cllr Rawlins No meeting had taken place since the last Council meeting.
 - d. Redhill report, Cllr Fowler No report had been received. Cllr Glynn informed Members that he would shortly be meeting with contractors to discuss the play equipment in the Redhill Hall grounds and options for refurbishment.
- 9. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:
 - a. Finance, Cllr Rawlins This was received and noted.
 - Environment, Cllr Bigg
 No report had been received. Cllr Bigg reminded Members that a joint Highways and Environment Groups meeting had been scheduled for 20 April 2015, 11am.
 - c. Highways, Cllr Ledbury As above.
- 10. To consider the following recommendations by the Finance Group:
 - To agree to investigate the possibility of sourcing a free or low cost photocopier to replace the Council's current machine that cannot now be repaired or serviced due to its age. If this is not possible to agree to purchase an A3 colour copier/printer at a maximum budgeted cost of £400.

Resolved: To agree to this proposal. Cllr Bigg suggested she might be in a position to source a copier and would now explore options and report back.

• To agree to allocate £1,000 from earmarked reserves, as in the agreed budget, to a defined cost centre as provision for work associated with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Resolved: To agree to this proposal. The Chair commented that the grant funding available for work on the Neighbourhood Plan would be used where possible before using any Council funds.

• To agree to provide refreshments at the Parish Meeting at a maximum budget cost of £50.

Resolved: To agree to this proposal.

- To note that quotes are to be sought for refurbishing the Christmas Tree support surround and corner posts on the Green. This was noted. The Chair reported that Ruth Clarke had now treated the planter, with this considered adequate for now. As a result quotes for further refurbishment would not now be sought until later in the year.
- To note that in line with the Council's building improvement and maintenance programme quotes are now to be obtained for painting the external rendering on the Hall and for re-pointing the boundary wall and for treating and painting the wall railings.

This was noted and agreed.

Cllr Rawlins proposed approval of the above recommendations, with Cllr Ledbury seconding the motion, all in favour.

11. To consider a proposal that the Council might subsidise the fees payable by the Wrington Pre-School to the Hall Committee with this under defined terms and conditions and for a period to be agreed.

Cllr Glynn reported that Members of the Hall Committee and the Council had met with the Pre-School Committee to discuss the future of Pre-School. He reported that a vote was due to be taken by the Committee at an EGM to be held 17 April to decide whether the Pre-School should close and re-locate to Barley Wood.

The Council were unanimous in wishing to encourage the Pre-School to remain in the village rather than relocate to Barley Wood. Although terms and conditions would need to be defined; it was agreed that if the Pre-School parents were to stay at the Hall then the Council would be willing to: install a telephone line to enable wifi in the Hall, to work with the Pre-School to help design an all-weather area at the rear of the Hall, to explore whether use of the Hall by Pre-School could be extended into the afternoon, and, subject to agreement on the details, to subsidise the fees paid to the Hall Committee for a limited period of time.

It was also agreed to suggest that a Member of the Council might take a role on the management committee or as a Trustee, either with the existing Pre-School committee or with a new village based Pre-school if this were to be established.

12. To consider a proposal by the Football Club that the east side pitch barrier posts and rails might be left in place over the summer months. It had been agreed by the Club that as a condition of the barrier installation '*All posts and rails are to be removed following the last home match of each season and stored off site outside the football season, with this normally considered to be from May until the beginning of September*'.
Resolved: It was agreed that all of the posts and rails should be removed for the

summer months, as had previously been accepted by the Football Club.

Cllr Rawlins proposed approval with Cllr Lankester seconding the motion, all in favour.

13. To consider issues arising from the meeting with First Bus concerning local bus services held on Friday 10 April and any resulting actions required. The Chair reported that James Freeman, Managing Director of First Bus had met with Cllrs to discuss the A2 bus route and bus stops. In particular, it had been proposed that First might now consider alternating the route between the previous 121 route along Long Lane and Church Road, Redhill, and the new A38 route. The discussion was felt to have been positive and while not guaranteeing any change First should be in a position to respond sometime in June. James Freeman indicated that the timetable will be reviewed in August, when any changes would be incorporated..

Cllr Yamanaka commented on the potential benefit to residents of 'through-ticketing' to allow the use of a single ticket on the A2, which is operate by First Bus, and on the 'Flyer', run by the airport. It was agreed the Council should raise this with Bristol Airport.

- 14. To consider whether the next meeting of the Council should be held on Wednesday 13 May, the first Wednesday following the parish council elections. It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting should be as previously agreed, with this on Wednesday 20 May 2015.
- 15. To consider the following requests to serve alcohol in the Memorial Hall:
 - Wrington Parish Council to serve alcohol at the Parish Meeting to be held in the Hall on Wednesday 29 April 2015
 - Wrington Bowling Club to sell alcohol at a fundraising event in the Hall on Saturday 24 October 2015.

Resolved: To agree to the requests.

16. Items raised by Members for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council. There were no issues raised for discussion at the next meeting, which will be the annual meeting of the Council.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman