Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held in the John Locke Room on Thursday 16 March 2017

Present: Cllr D Glynn (Chairman) Cllr G Bigg

Cllr S Lovell Cllr D Simpson

Cllr B Taylor Cllr D Yamanaka (part)
Cllr D Robertson Mrs F Burke (Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate.

Apologies were received from Cllr Lankester (illness), Cllr Ledbury (prior commitment), Cllr J Fowler (prior commitment), Cllr Woolf, Cllr Rawlins (illness) and Mr Leo Taylor, NSC Parish Liaison Officer.

- 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 15 February 2017.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

- 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation. There were no members of the public present.
- 5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
 - a. Email from David Inman, Rural Services Network, requesting that the Council might consider completing a survey entitled 'Growing a Rural Community for North Somerset'. This was noted. The Clerk to complete the survey.
 - b. Letter from Kevin Moore, President of Yeo Valley Lions Club, concerning their centennial celebrations and Yeo Valley Lions Club's 50th anniversary celebrations, inviting the Council to participate in a celebratory tree planting project. This was noted and it was agreed to reply expressing the Council's interest in participating in the scheme.
- 6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book. This was noted.
- 7. To receive the Finance Report and to authorise payments recommended for approval. Approval for the following payments was requested:

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SSE Contracting Ltd – 4 x replacements streetlights

(phase 4 replacement programme)

£4,446.14

SSE Contracting Ltd – replacement streetlight, C5 Garstons

Orchard £1,111.54

North Somerset Council – Non Domestic Rates for Broad Street

Toilets, 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018	£764.59
Bin-It – dog bin emptying, 4 February to 3 March	£269.04
Greenslade Taylor Hunt - rent for Glebe Field, 1st quarter 2017/	18 £100.00
Travis Perkins – hardware for maintenance by the Handyman:-	
repairs to benches on Recreation Field (£41.54 and £21.60)	£63.14
A Ledbury – flowers for Cllr Bigg	£22.00
CommuniCorp – subscription to Clerks & Councils Direct 2017/	18 (paid) £75.00
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas,	
January (paid)	£28.80
Debbie Heal – cleaning of Broad Street, March	(to be calculated)
Charlie Griffin – Handyman, March	(to be calculated)
Parish Orderly's salary - March	(to be calculated)
Clerk's salary - March	(to be calculated)
Clerk – travel to noticeboards during 4 th quarter 2016/17	£2.25
Assistant Clerk's salary - March	(to be calculated)
Assistant Clerk - topping up of petty cash following purchases made:-	
stamps (£13.20) and saw blade for Orderly (£32.50)	£45.70
Assistant Clerk – travel to noticeboards during 4th quarter 2016.	/17 £4.50
NEST Pension Scheme – March	(to be calculated)

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 A report had been received and noted.
 - b. NE Ward/Redhill, Cllr Fowler.
 - No report had been received.
 - c. Twinning Association, Cllr Simpson. Cllr Simpson had previously circulated a short report raising the possibility of either a formal visit to Villeneuve or an invitation to the Mayor of Villeneuve to visit to Wrington. As an alternative he proposed that the Council might fund a reception for any group visiting Wrington from Villeneuve. It was agreed to
 - d. Wrington Sports & Social Club, Cllr Glynn.
 It was reported that there had been no WSSC Committee meeting this month.
 - e. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg Cllr Bigg gave a short verbal report, commenting that the PPG is working quite well. She mentioned the MVMP newsletter and how some PPG members felt this needed to be more objective, with it having been suggested that the PPG might produce their own newsletter or a PPG section in the MVMP newsletter. Cllr Bigg also wished to draw attention to the live consultation on services provided by Weston General Hospital.
- 9. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:

consider this further at a future meeting.

- a. Finance, Cllr Rawlins
 No finance meeting had taken place this month.
- b. Environment, Cllr Bigg. No meeting had taken place this month.
- c. Highways, Cllr Ledbury. Cllr Glynn reported that while issues and schemes are being progressed there was no formal update this month.

- 10. To consider the following recommendations by the Finance Group:
 - a. To agree to replace the waste bin on the Glebe Field at a maximum budgeted cost of £160 excluding VAT.

Resolved: To agree to this expenditure.

b. To agree to renew the Council's annual subscription to ALCA/NALC for the year 2017/18 at a cost of £482.35, as budgeted.

Resolved: To agree to renew the annual subscription.

Cllr Taylor proposed approval of the above resolutions, with Cllr Robertson seconding the motion, all were in favour.

11. To reconfirm the Council's commitment to Working Groups for consideration of relevant issues outside full Council meetings. These to continue as Finance, Highways and Environment Working Groups, with it proposed that the Finance Group continues to meet monthly where necessary and that meetings will in future be arranged at least quarterly for the others, with preferred days and times to be agreed.

This was noted and agreed, with a proposed meeting programme to be prepared and circulated.

At this point Cllr Yamanaka joined the meeting.

12. To consider a request from the householder at 14 Orchard Close, Wrington, that the Council might agree to a white line marking across the property access and along the opposite kerb. Under NSC's H-bar policy this can proceed subject to agreement from the relevant parish council and the neighbour opposite, with the applicant to pay a £95 fee. The objective is to minimise the risk of obstruction at school drop off and pick up times.

Resolved: To agree to the above request.

13. To note that the Sycamore tree in the garden of 19 Brooklyn and which has considerable public amenity value in the Station Road street scene has now been shown to be located just outside the Conservation Area. As a result the householder has been advised by NSC that permission is not required for tree works or felling, this after previous tree works applications had been requested by NSC. It is suggested that the Council should consider the implications and what action might now be taken.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Sycamore tree has significant public amenity value and that the Council should now request that NSC makes a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to protect the tree.

- 14. To note that Broad Street will be closed to traffic on Saturday 6 May 2017 from 1.25 pm to 3.00pm and from 4.25pm to 6.00pm for the Wrington Pageant, with any comments on this proposal to be submitted to NSC by 22 March 2017. This was noted.
- 15. Consultation by the NHS North Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group on services provided at Weston General Hospital, closing date for comments 6 April 2017. For further information see: https://www.northsomersetccq.nhs.uk/get-involved/wgh-engagement/

Cllr Simpson agreed to draft a comment, including references to GP services.

16. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council to be held Wednesday 12 April 2017.

- Cllr Lovell queried the standing water on Cox's Green. He reported that Bristol Water had advised that the site had been investigated with no faults found.
- Cllr Robertson asked if the Council might enquire if there's a programme available for the planned works on Wrington Road.
- Cllr Yamanaka informed Councillors that works on the Bath Road, Blagdon. would be taking place in April and a concerned resident of Cowslip Green had contacted her enquiring if Cowslip Green would be used as part of the diversion.
- Cllr Yamanaka queried the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Cllr Yamanaka enquired about the status of the Silver Street footpath scheme.
- Cllr Bigg thanked the Council for the flowers she had received following her recent hip operation.
- It was noted that due to Easter school holidays and other commitments the next Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 12 April.
- Cllr Yamanaka commented briefly on the Community resilience meeting held on 7 March, 2017.

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