Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held in the John Locke Room on Wednesday 18 October 2017

Present: Cllr D Glynn (Chairman) Cllr J Fowler

Cllr S Lovell
Cllr G Bigg
Cllr B Taylor
Cllr P Ledbury
Cllr P Jervis
Cllr D Simpson
Cllr B Taylor
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr D Yamanaka

Mrs F Burke (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr Tony Harden, Mrs Sally Bartlett and Leo Taylor (NSC Liaison Officer).

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Lankester (prior commitment).

- To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) related to agenda items and to receive any amendments to the Register of Interests.
 Cllr Yamanaka declared an interest in relation to agenda item 10.d as her husband has previously received support from Vision North Somerset.
- 3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting held 20 September 2017.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

- 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.
 - Mr Tony Harden addressed the Council requesting that the Council include five matters in its response to the Site Allocations Plan consultation and the Cox's Green 28 houses application. These were:
 - i. Walking distance to facilities in the village is greater than 800 metres, also the route is of high quality or convivial.
 - ii. There is no real choice of transport alternatives to the private car.
 - iii. Cox's Green north is already narrow at between 5.3 and 6 metres width on a tight blind bend and further narrowing to accommodate a footway would breach highway standards and result in safety hazards.
 - iv. Two unsuccessful engineering attempts have been made by developers to design a footway which would be needed to connect the site to the village.
 - v. All four roads surrounding the Cox's Green site flood frequently.

Mr Harden also requested that the Council might engage with the community on where future development might take place in the village and what the local need might be. He suggested that a public meeting or survey might be arranged, pointing out that as Wrington is currently classed as a service village it seems inevitable that some new housing development will need to be accepted. The Chair thanked Mr Harden for his comments, suggesting that the matter of housing or other new development would be considered in a Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs Sally Bartlett addressed the Council and requested that NSC Officers should be urged to visit Wrington and reassess the flood risk in Cox's Green and the

surrounding area. She pointed out that NSC admits to not having up to date records of drainage in and around the Cox's Green area or of the flooding experienced regularly on the roads surrounding it. Mrs Bartlett also asked that the Council should press NSC not to include this site in the Site Allocation plan The Chair thanked Mrs Bartlett for her comments and assured her that these points will be made to NSC.

The meeting was then reconvened.

- 5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
 - a) Email from Penny Price, NSC Access Support Officer, concerning a proposed Public Path Diversion Order for footpath AX30/18 and part of footpath AX30/16 over land west and south of Pigeon House Farm, Redhill.
 - Resolved: The Council agreed to make no further comment on the proposed footpath diversion.
 - b) Email from Helen Mitchell, NSC WW1 Centenary Project Team, concerning a project to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire further about war memorials in the Parish and pass the information on to NSC.
- 6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book. The report was noted.

 Cllr Lovell raised the matter of the quality of work by NSC when repairing roads, in particular re-surfacing Half Yard. Cllr Yamanaka agreed to ask a question on the quality of work in relation to highway repairs at the next NSC Council meeting.
- 7. To receive the Finance Report and to authorise payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Memorial Hall - grant, 3 rd quarter 2017/18	£3,000.00
Charlie Hopkins - contribution towards the fee for acting on behalf of	20,000.00
Wrington Village Alliance at the Cox's Green Planning Inquiry	£2,000.00
SSE Contracting Ltd - street lighting maintenance 2 nd quarter 2017/18	£766.19
Bin-It - dog bin emptying, 4 September to 3 October	£275.14
Children's Play Advisory Service - annual inspection of play areas	£190.80
Prism - 2 x printer cartridges	£174.34
Aquablast Drain Services - plumbing repairs at Broad Street toilets	£102.00
Travis Perkins - hardware for the Handyman:- open spaces (£13.23) and	
allotments (£13.30)	£26.53
NEST Pension Scheme (employer and employee contributions) - October	£54.84
Assistant Clerk - travel to notice boards during 2 nd quarter 2017/18	£6.75
AON UK Ltd - insurance, additional premium following revision of sums	
insured for buildings (paid)	£924.27
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd - Omega Software maintenance annual	
fee (paid)	£294.00
PCAA - annual subscription (paid)	£50.00
Water2Business - water bill for Broad Street toilets, March to September	
2017 (paid)	£103.97
Greenslade Taylor Hunt - rent for Glebe Field, 3 rd quarter 2017/18	£100.00
Society of Local Council Clerks - Clerk's annual subscription (paid)	£139.00
Association of Local Council Clerks - Clerk's annual subscription (paid)	£10.00
Regular payments made: Cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), Handyman	
(Charlie Griffin) and salaries for the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Parish Orderly.	

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

- 8. To receive and consider reports from:
 - a. District Councillor, Cllr Yamanaka. The report was received and noted. In subsequent discussion on the Cox's Green Inquiry, Councillors commented on the hearing and how the process was handled. It was agreed that the Chair would explore NSC's position in relation to the Appellant's statement that settlement boundaries are 'time-expired', with NSC not having contested this, and, if necessary, draft a Freedom of Information request on the matter.
 - b. NE Ward/Redhill, Cllr Fowler. No report had been received this month. Cllr Fowler commented that she was pleased issues concerning the Redhill village hall grant were being resolved.
 - c. Twinning Association, Cllr Simpson. The report was received and noted.
 - d. Wrington Sports & Social Club, Cllr Glynn. Cllr Glynn was unable to attend the last meeting and advised that no minutes or information had been made available. He reported that there had recently been some discussion about a possible extension to provide improved community facilities such as a toilet.
 - e. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg reminded Members about the planned open meeting at the surgery, to be held 7 November. Cllr Bigg reported briefly on the document 'Healthy Weston joining up services for better care in the Weston area'. She commented that the proposals would affect GPs, Weston Hospital and District nurses as it is intended to integrate these services, with a line having been drawn across North Somerset which puts Wrington into the 'healthy Weston' area.
- 9. To receive and consider reports from Working Groups:
 - a. Finance. The report was reviewed and noted.
 - b. Environment. No report had been received.
 - c. Highways. No report had been received.
- 10. To consider the following recommended expenditure:
 - a. To agree to purchase two waste bins, one for the disabled toilet in the Memorial Hall car park toilets and the other one for the Ladies toilet in Broad Street. Estimated budget cost of £20 for the two.

Resolved: To agree to this expenditure.

- b. To agree to purchase a second dog waste bin for the Recreation Field to replace the waste bin at the car park. This to be the same as the dog waste bin recently installed at the south entrance at a cost of £173.70 excl. VAT.
 - Resolved: To agree to this expenditure.
- c. To agree that the Council makes a donation of £300 towards public path improvement works on footpath AX30/4 which runs south from Court Farm across the old railway line to the river and then on towards Stock Lane.

 Resolved: To agree to this expenditure.
- d. To agree to the Council making a donation of £200 to Vision North Somerset towards their project work, this in recognition of their support for parish residents.

Resolved: To agree to this donation.

- e. To agree the Council accepts a quote of £463.50 from Ed Kinsey as a preferred contractor for supplying and installing a replacement planter on the village green, which will also act as the base for the Christmas Tree support structure. Resolved: To agree to accept the quote and ask Ed Kinsey to proceed with the work.
- f. To agree that the Council purchases and installs the Christmas Tree for the village green, as in previous years.

Resolved: To agree to purchase and install the village Christmas Tree.

Cllr Lovell proposed approval of the above resolutions with Cllr Jervis seconding the motion, all in favour.

11. To consider a proposal by MVMP to close the Broad Street branch surgery and what action might now be taken by the Council. Note that the Council was not informed by MVMP of this consultation, which has not been widely publicised and has a short response timescale, closing 15 October 2017. Councillors discussed the proposal and it was agreed the Chair would make a comment to NHS England reminding them the Council had previously raised its concerns about the possible closure and a lack of communication. Also, to request that MVMP should be instructed re-open this consultation, with all Wrington patients to be consulted and with more time allowed for responses.

12. Consultations for consideration:

- The 2018/19 Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation Consultation closes: 26 October 2017 It was agreed to make an appropriate comment, noting that the Council does not feel it necessary that a national policy or limitation should apply in the case of parish council precepts.
- North Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation Deadline for comments: 27 November 2017 Cllr Bigg and Cllr Taylor agreed to consider this consultation.
- 13. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council to be held Wednesday 15 November 2017:.
 - Cllr Fowler requested that the Redhill grant be considered at the next meeting if
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o payment had been made by then. With regard to the points raised by Tony Harden under public participation it wauggested this could be discussed further at a Planning Committee meeting.
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here being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.23pm.