

**Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Wrington Parish Council
held on Thursday 21 January 2021**

Present:	Cllr P Neve (Chair)	Cllr J Steinbach
	Cllr B Taylor (Vice-Chair)	Cllr S Treweek
	Cllr G Bigg	Cllr L Vaughn
	Cllr J Coffey	Cllr H Ward
	Cllr S Lovell	Cllr D Yamanaka
	Cllr L Samuel	F Burke (Clerk)

In attendance: A resident observed the meeting and a representative from the Churchill Sports Centre working Group.

1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate. Apologies were received from Cllr Samuel due to unforeseen circumstances.
2. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) related to agenda items and to receive any amendments to the Register of Interests. No declarations were received.
3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the virtual meeting held via zoom on 16 December, 2021.
The minutes were approved after two amendments were agreed. These were:
 - Under item 2 the word 'Chair' to be changed to 'Vice-Chair'.
 - Under item 6f) 'Becky Matthews from Wrington Primary School' to be changed to 'Becky Matthews who works at Wrington Primary School.'
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.
Jill Maycock from the Churchill Sports Centre Working Group gave the Council further information about the working group and its aims. She explained that its main is to find a way forward for the Churchill Sports Centre for all local Community use. She asked for support from the Council and support in getting the message out to residents. She also asked if one or two representatives from Wrington and/or the Council could join the working group or at the very least be a link.
Jill answered some questions from Councillors.

The meeting was reconvened.

Agenda item 15 was brought forward.
15. To consider and respond to the Churchill Leisure Centre working group documents, from Churchill Parish Council and previously circulated. Their objective is to try to develop plans that could lead to the centre being re-opened in the future for the benefit of all local village communities.
The group has asked for the Council's comments about what is being proposed and whether the Council is prepared to give its formal support for the ongoing work. If so, then they would welcome two people from the village – not necessarily parish councillors – to take an active role in the current working group.

- It was agreed to help get the message out to local residents by sharing the survey on our social media channels and putting up posters.
- It was agreed that representatives from the Recreational Facilities working group will liaise with the Churchill Leisure Centre working group on a rotating basis.

5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:

- a. Email from an allotment holder requesting permission to erect an 8 x 14ft polytunnel on plot 4. This was agreed.
- b. Email from allotment tenant of Plot3b requesting permission to erect an 8 x 10 ft poly tunnel. This was agreed in principle, subject to clarifying a question of plot tenancy.
- c. Email of thanks from the Parish Council's Airport Association to the Council for its donation to the legal fund for the Bristol airport expansion appeal. This was noted.
- d. Email of thanks from Felton village hall for the grant cheque from the Council. This was noted.
- e. To acknowledge the resignation of Cllr Rawlins via email. This was noted.
- f. A proposal from Tony Harden to organise improvements to Ladywell footpath, with a request for funding of £280 from the Council for materials.
Resolved: The Clerk to write to the landowner requesting permission for these improvements. If agreed then the Council agree to pay the requested funding amount to complete the improvement works.
- g. Email informing the Council of a full road closure set for 12 April, 2021 on School Road for work on behalf of BT Openreach. This was noted, with no comments to add.

6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available on request. This was received.

- Cllr Neve clarified that the lawyer looking at the WSSC lease will have completed this task by the end of next week. If this does not happen then the draft lease as it is will need to be sent to WSSC as the operative lease.
- The Clerk clarified that NSC have lost the post part of the Cox's Green fingerpost, not just the Wrington finger. They are trying to locate it and the Clerk will chase this up.
- Cllr Lovell enquired about the Garstons/Silver Street junction and the edging where the two roads meet; this having been completed recently to a poor standard. District Cllr Hogg reported that NSC had refused a quotation from the developers for proper completion works but will do some further investigation into this.

7. To consider reports from:

- a. District Councillor Report, Cllr Hogg. This was received and noted.
- b. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg gave a short verbal report on the vaccination programme at MVMP.
- c.. Wrington Recreational Facilities Working Group, Cllr Ward. No report had been received as there had been no meeting with WSSC recently.
 - Cllr Ward will soon get in touch with WSSC to let them know which Councillors will be going to WSSC meetings.
- d. Bristol Airport update, Cllr Steinbach. Cllr Steinbach gave a verbal report of the recent response to the addendum from Bristol airport in support of expansion. A detailed response was prepared and submitted, using a team of knowledgeable

volunteers. A simplified version of this response is now being prepared to be used in the statement of case in the appeal.

- e. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group update, Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg reported that she had recently had a few more volunteers coming forward and is hoping to reach more people and residents once restrictions are loosened.
- f. Twinning Association/French Connection, Cllr Jervis. No report had been received.

8. To propose a review of the Working group titles, with a view to streamlining them, in particular to consider amalgamating Wrington Sports and Social Club and Recreational Facilities groups.

Resolved: To agree to amalgamate the working groups of Wrington Sports and Social club and the Recreation Facilities group, to be called the Recreation Facilities Group. This group to liaise with the Churchill Leisure Centre group.

9. To receive the Finance Statement. To authorise payments recommended for approval.

Approval for the following payments is sought:

Memorial Hall – grant, 4th quarter 2020/21	£3,000.00
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, January	£28.80
Aquablast Drain Services Ltd – plumbing repairs at Broad Street public toilets	£114.00
(We may also need to re-issue the payment approved at the December PC meeting (cheque no 3729 for £114.00) as it appears this has been lost in the post)	
Travis Perkins – box of PPE gloves for Parish Orderly	£22.88
Overstones Ltd – securing the main door following vandalism at the Broad St public toilets	£102.00
YMCA – Youth Club provision, December 2020	£220.00
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying, December 2020	£420.00
CPRE – annual subscription	£36.00
Vine Counselling – transfer of a donation received from H Smith towards the ‘Tree of Lights’ memorial sponsorship project organised by J Cruse. (This is the only donation the Council received as all other donations went straight to Vine Counselling)	£20.00
Assistant Clerk - travel to noticeboards during 3rd quarter 2020/21	£9.00
Parish Orderly – travel around the parish, 23 October to 22 December 2019	£21.60
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), NEST Pension Scheme, and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.	
Jill Rawlins – reimbursement following purchase of battery-operated Christmas lights (paid)	£332.93
YMCA – Youth Club provision, November 2020 (paid)	£440.00

Cllr Steinbach proposed approval of the above payments with Cllr Taylor seconding the motion, all in favour.

10. To receive the Finance Group notes. These were received and noted.
- Cllr Yamanaka asked if new planters could be painted white/made visible once installed. This was agreed.
 - The cubicle door on the Ladies toilets in Broad Street has now been installed.

11. To consider Finance recommendations:
- a. To replace three planters in Broad Street – precise cost not yet known.
Resolved: To agree to this in principle, with costs for this to be circulated once known.
 - Cllr Neve to enquire at Thatchers about half barrels.
 - b. To replace the Ladies cubicle toilet door in Broad Street at a cost of £60. This has now been done.
 - c. To agree to Centregreat's ongoing maintenance prices for repairing streetlights.
Resolved: to accept the maintenance quote from Centregreat. Fiona to enquire with NSC as to which other Parishes also own their lights and to see if there is any means to bring together local parishes who also use Centregreat to see if any savings can be had.
12. To confirm the proposed budget for the year 2021/22 and agree the amount of Precept this Council will request.
Resolved: To confirm the budget for the year 2021/22.
Cllr Treweek proposed approval of the budget with Cllr Ward seconding the proposal. All were in favour.
Resolved: To confirm and agree the precept request to NSC of £107,000.
Cllr Steinbach proposed approval of the Precept request with Cllr Taylor seconding the proposal. All were in favour.
13. To agree to proceed with tree work in Wrington Quarry and at the allotments from the tree surveys undertaken at a cost of £1500. The trees in the Mike bush Paddock to be considered separately as there is question about ownership/responsibility for some of this area.
Councillors had a long discussion on this. Councillors did not want to remove trees unless they were a danger.
 - Cllr Taylor to take a further more detailed look at the allotment site with regards to a poplar tree that had been flagged up in the report and to also have a look at some of the other areas. He would report back as soon as possible with his findings.**Resolved:** It was agreed to only carry out essential, high priority work for the moment, not all work flagged up, and as recorded in the tree survey.
14. To consider the draft Climate Crisis Strategy and Action plan documents, written by Cllr Neve, for information and comments.
Cllrs were supportive of the documents circulated. It was agreed that it is important to inform residents of the small things that they can do to help.
Resolved: To adopt the climate crisis strategy and action plan as the initial working document.
Resolved: To agree to set up a Climate change Working party.
 - Cllr Neve to email Councillors about membership of this.
15. This agenda item had been brought forward to after item 4.
16. Consultations:
- Your Library, Your Place, Draft emerging Library Strategy, 2020-2030. Deadline for comments: 22 January, 2021. This was noted for now, in anticipation of a more detailed action plan on this later.

- Consultation on assessing new nuclear power station designs. Open for comments from 11 January to 4 April, 2021.
[Assessing new nuclear power station designs: Generic design assessment of General Nuclear System Limited UK Hualong pressurised water reactor \(UK HPR1000\) - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](#)
 - Cllr Vaughn agreed to have a look at this consultation.
17. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council.
- Cllr Yamanaka requested that something to be put on the website about the A5 bus service being re-tendered, not stopped. The Clerk confirmed this had already been done.
 - Cllr Bigg asked for the day-care consultation to be circulated to residents and also reported that a carer's survey will soon come out, which she asked could be circulated if possible. The Clerk to make sure these surveys go on the Council's social media pages.
 - Cllr Treweek raised a problem with a drain at the bottom of Gatcombe lane/Westhay Road, along with others around the village. Cllr Treweek to confirm which other drains and the Clerk will report these to our NSC area officer.
 - Cllr Taylor brought up the service 'Somewhere to go' and queried why it wasn't currently running. Cllr Bigg reported that she felt certain that it was because of Covid but Cllr Hogg would look into this.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.

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