## Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 October 2021

Present: Cllr P Neve (Chair) Cllr J Steinbach

Cllr S Treweek Cllr B Taylor (Vice-Chair)

Cllr G Bigg Cllr H Ward

Cllr D Yamanaka Cllr M Abdul-Wahab

Cllr L Vaughn Cllr S Lovell

J Bishop (Assistant Clerk)

In attendance: District Cllr S Hogg

1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate. Apologies were received from Cllrs Coffey (work commitment), Jervis (work commitment) and Samuel (work commitment).

2. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) related to agenda items and to receive any amendments to the Register of interests.

Cllrs Yamanaka declared an interest in agenda item 11d (To bring to full Council the question of whether the PC should provide financial assistance towards the initial purchase of plants for the new planters in School Road) as she is a School Governor.

3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021.

The minutes were signed and approved as a true record after it was agreed to change, under item 7c (Wrington Recreational Facilities Working Group), the sentence 'Cllr Ward reported on a recent meeting' to 'Cllr Ward reported on a recent WSSC meeting'.

- 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation. No members of the public were in attendance.
- 5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
  - Letter from the Campaign to Protect Rural England with details of their AGM and request for new trustees.

This was noted. It was felt no action was necessary.

6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book.

The report was received and noted. Matters arising:

Letter from a resident asking for permission to have H-Bar (keep clear) markings outside 18 The Cottages, Station Road – following clarification from North Somerset Council on their policy regarding driveways in the conservation area, the Council agreed to approve the resident's request. The Council also agreed with North Somerset Council's suggestion that 50mm lines should be used rather than the usual 100mm. Cllr Yamanaka proposed approval with Cllr Ward seconding the motion, with a majority in favour.

## 7. To consider reports from:

a. District Councillor Report, Cllr Hogg.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting which Cllr Hogg summarised. He said he would contact North Somerset Council to get updates on the progress of the Silver Street safety Scheme and the 20mph Scheme.

- MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg.
   Cllr Bigg provided a brief update on the group's activities. She reported that MVMP now had a second Bristol surgery.
- c. Wrington Recreational Facilities Working Group, Cllr Ward.
  Cllr Ward explained that no meeting had taken place but a request from WSSC for the Council to pay for a new glass washer would be discussed under agenda item 11 (Finance Recommendations).
- d. Bristol Airport update, Cllr Steinbach.
  - Cllr Steinbach provided an update on the appeal hearing which had now finished. He felt the closing statements were particularly impressive and took some comfort from the fact that there now seemed to be a political consensus on opposition to airport expansion. However, he still felt a judicial review was likely.
  - He reported that the CAP 1616 consultation, which started two years ago, had been revived and would restart with a public session on 9 November.
  - He also reported on Bristol Airport Consultative Committee and the progress made to amend the constitution of the committee by removing the membership of a local authority officer. He thanked Councillor Hogg for his support.
  - Cllr Steinbach still felt that, in the future after the appeal, the Council and the airport should be able to work positively together.
- e. Climate Change Working Group, Cllr Neve. No report had been received. Cllr Neve reported that Cllrs Taylor, Samuel and himself would be attending a Town & Parish Council Climate Workshop via Zoom on 3 November.
- f. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group update, Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg explained this had not progressed due to medical reasons. The constitution and terms of reference for the steering group were discussed and Cllr Bigg reported she would be contacting Celia Dring of North Somerset Council to make sure they were proceeding on along the right lines.
- g. Twinning Association/French Connection, Cllr Jervis. No report had been received.
- 8. To receive the Finance Statement to authorise payments recommended for approval.

Memorial Hall – grant, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020/21	£3,000.00
Memorial Hall – Investment income paid on behalf of the Parish Trust	£251.57
Redhill Village Hall - Investment income paid on behalf of the Parish Trust	£83.85
YMCA – Youth Club provision, September	£440.00
Travis Perkins – hardware for repairs of: zip wire (£15.04), Tennis Court drainage	
Slabs (£46.21) and a padlock (£8.21)	£69.46
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying, September	£420.00
G B Sport & leisure – repairs to swings at Church Walk Play Area	£132.00
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, October	£28.80
PKF Littlejohn LLP - Annual Return 2020/21	£480.00
Assistant Clerk -topping up petty cash following purchases made: stamps (£20.04)	
and subscription to Village Journal (£5.00)	£25.04
Assistant Clerk - travel to noticeboards during 2 <sup>nd</sup> guarter 2021/22	£2.25

Parish Orderly – travel around the parish, 9 April to 7 October 2021	£10.80
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), NEST Pension	
Scheme and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.	
Felton Village Hall – grant 2021/22 (paid)	£400.00
T Bird – Handyman, relief Village Orderly in September (paid)	£257.90
Society of Local Council Clerks – Clerk's subscription (paid)	£208.00

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

9. To receive the Finance group notes. These were received and noted.

10. To consider a request for funding to enable the 'Youth Club on Wheels' to continue to operate from the Recreation Field carpark on a Thursday. More details on this circulated with the papers.

Councillors discussed both the 'Youth Club on Wheels' and the service currently provided at Barley Wood by the YMCA. The number of participants and activities for both provisions were discussed as was the level of funding required and how the Council could provide this.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to fund the 'Youth Club on Wheels' for the next 6 months. Cllr Bigg proposed approval with Cllr Ward seconding the motion, all in favour. However, it was agreed, the need for more detailed reports from both providers is important going forward.

## 11. To consider finance recommendations:

- a. To purchase two more strands of Christmas lights and batteries at a cost of £263.96 and to agree to the purchase of a Christmas tree for the village green (estimated Cost £200-£300).
  - **Resolved:** The above expenditure was approved. Cllr Lovell proposed approval with Cllr Ward seconding the motion, all in favour.
- b. To agree that GB sport and leisure carries out this year's annual play inspection at a cost of £240.
  - **Resolved:** The above was approved. Cllr Lovell proposed approval with Cllr Steinbach seconding the motion, all in favour.
- c. To recommend setting aside a budget of £2,000 to carry out the work to clear the North side of the allotment to enable more allotment plots to be made available. **Resolved:** The above was approved. Cllr Yamanaka proposed approval with Cllr Taylor seconding the motion, all in favour.
- d. To bring to full Council the question of whether the PC should provide financial assistance towards the initial purchase of plants for the new planters in School Road. The Finance group has made a recommendation not to support a request of £240 (see finance notes).
  - As the Clerk's Report explained that North Somerset Council had agreed to provide one-off funding of £350 towards the purchase of plants, agreement on this agenda item was not now necessary.

The Finance Group had recommended refusal of a request by WSSC for the Council to pay for a new glass washer at the Pavilion. The Council agreed with the Finance Group's recommendation as they felt this item of equipment is the responsibility of the bar and could not be considered the property of the Council.

12. An update on the closure of The Plough and related actions.

Cllr Neve reported an email had been received from Punch Pubs, the owners of The Plough, explaining that they were advertising for a new manager to run the pub. It was agreed that the Council would still submit an application, currently being prepared by residents, to register the building as a Community Asset and would also continue to pursue the possibility of registering the building as a Heritage Asset (even if the application for Community Asset status was successful).

13. To consider the start time of Planning meetings going forward.

It was agreed to change the start time of the meetings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on trial basis until the end of the year to see if this facilitated attendance.

14. Consultations:

North Somerset Council Housing Strategy 2022-2027.

Closing date: 1 November, 2021.

A draft response, prepared by Cllr Taylor, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to submit the response as drafted. A question was raised as to whether the development at Cox's Green was included in the parish's allocated number of new houses. Cllr Hogg offered to find this out from North Somerset Council.

15. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr Treweek proposed an item on the possible installation of a 'chat bench'. It was understood the Scouts had already fund raised for this and the Council should consider where they felt the bench should be installed.

Chairman