Minutes of a Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held in Wrington Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16 March 2022

Present: Cllr P Neve (Chair)

Cllr B Taylor (Vice-chair)
Cllr D Yamanaka
Cllr H Ward
Cllr J Steinbach
F Burke (Clerk)

Cllr S Treweek
Cllr S Lovell
Cllr M Wahab
Cllr G Bigg
Cllr P Jervis

In attendance: District Cllr Hogg and four members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Vaughn (work commitment), Cllr Coffey (work commitment) and Cllr Samuel (prior engagement).

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

 Cllr Taylor declared an interest with regards to item 11a.
- 3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.

A Member of the public spoke about the Strongvox appeal for houses at Butts Batch. He wished to urge the Council to fight the appeal and suggested ways this could be done.

A member of the public spoke to the Council about dog mess on the Recreation Field, an overgrown verge area near Tumbling Weir and to ask if the gate to the South side of the Recreation Field could be used to allow double buggies into the play area.

Then to reconvene the meeting

Cllr Neve requested an emergency resolution to add an item at the end of the meeting to discuss the Strongvox appeal. This motion was passed, all agreed.

- 5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action: a. Email from Mike Solomon, Executive Member (Neighbours and Community Services) providing an update on the future of Churchill Sports Centre. Cllr Neve reported on a meeting he had had with Mike Solomon, NSC. He is waiting for further information, but he reported that for the sports centre to open again would involve a multi-community effort.
- 6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book. The report was noted.

7. To receive written reports from:

a. District Councillor Report, Cllr Hogg. The report was received and noted. Cllr Hogg reported on the decision by NSC not to pursue a Statutory/Judicial review following the Planning inspectorate's decision to support Bristol Airport's appeal. He reported that the Bristol Airport Action Network (BAAN) has secured funding to take a Review to the High Court. Local plan - Cllr Bigg noted that there was no statement of enforcement in the Local Plan and suggested that Officers should be armed with policies behind them and that enforcement should form a formal part of submission of the Plan.

- b. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg gave a verbal update on the most recent meeting. She reported that she had invited the new 'Social Prescriber' to a Council meeting to talk under Public Participation or to talk at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.
- c. Wrington Recreational Facilities Working Group, Cllr Ward. Cllr Ward reported on a recent meeting with Wrington Sports and Social Club (WSSC), representatives from the Cricket, football and tennis club and the Memorial Hall and Recreation Field Committee to discuss the proposed changing rooms/extension of the pavilion and to consider how any changes would benefit all users.
- d. Bristol Airport update, Cllr Steinbach. Cllr Steinbach gave a verbal report on recent developments, including the decision by NSC to not proceed with a Planning Statutory Review. As reported earlier, BAAN have secured funding to apply for a Planning Statutory Review at the High Court Cllr Steinbach requested permission from the Parish Council to proceed to work with BAAN on this where possible. All were in agreement.
- e. Climate Change Working Group, Cllr Neve. Cllr Neve reported briefly on the rewilding work that had been taking place around the village and wished to thank all involved.
- f. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group update, Cllr Bigg. No report was received. The current focus is on the Local Plan.
- g. Twinning Association/French Connection, Cllr Jervis. Cllr Jervis wished to pass on thanks from the Twinning Association for the Council funding their hosting costs.
- 8. To consider scheme options provided by NSC for the Silver Street Pedestrian improvement scheme. A site meeting had been set up for 24th March. All Councillors were asked to have a look at the options provided by NSC and give any opinions on a preferred scheme before the 23rd March.
- 9. To receive the Finance Statement to authorise payments recommended for approval.

South Western Ambulance Service – 2 x new defibrillators (to replace the ones at Redhill Village Hall and at the Pavilion) plus maintenance/parts and an annual training session on a 4 year contract.

Habitat Aid – seeds for Rewilding Wrington project

Wrington Memorial Hall – Parish Trust dividend

E257.86

Redhill Village Hall – Parish Trust dividend

E85.95

Wrington Local History Society – grant for Wrington Thru the Lens project

Russell Play – replacement zip wire

£2,500.00

Aqua Washroom Solutions – servicing sanitary bins at Broad St public toilets,

4 th quarter 2021/22	£20.10
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying, February	£336.00
YMCA – Youth Club provision, February	£330.00
Greenslade Taylor Hunt - rent for Glebe Field, 4th quarter 2021/22	£100.00
North Somerset Council – business rates for Broad St public toilets, 2022/23	£873.25
Assistant Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of envelopes	£10.19
Assistant Clerk - travel to noticeboards during 4th quarter 2021/22	£4.50
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, February & March	£57.60
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), NEST Pension Scheme,	
HMRC (NI & Tax 4 th quarter 2021/22) and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish	
Orderly.	
YMCA – youth provision, December (paid)	£330.00
T Bird – handyman, tree planting (paid)	£48.00
Standen's Plumbing Co Ltd - Gas stove and Landlord's Gas Safety Inspection,	
John Locke House and at the Pavilion (includes replacement for cheque no	
3940 which was lost in the post) (paid)	£238.00
Wrington Twinning Association – grant (paid)	£272.11

Cllr Steinbach proposed approval of the payments, Cllr Bigg seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

- 10. To receive the Finance group notes. These were received and noted.
- 11. To consider finance recommendations:
 - a. To consider a request for a grant of £200 to Wrington WI **Resolved:** to agree to this request.
 - To recommend proceeding with Weston Rail and to accept their case-by-case costs to get as many bracket lights up and running again as is possible.
 Resolved: to agree to hire Weston Rail for ongoing streetlight repairs.
 - c. To agree to the new national rates of pay for Local Council employees, agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) applicable from 1 April 2021, to be backdated.

Resolved: to agree the new rates of pay.

- d. To agree to increase the Parish Orderly's pay, as detailed in the finance notes. **Resolved:** to agree to the increase in Parish Orderly's pay.
- e. To decide whether to install a new dog bin, potentially at the top of the Dring. **Resolved:** to agree to relocate the dog bin near the skate park on the Recreation Field to the top of the Dring.
- f. To consider a request from Wrington Fair week for a grant of £500 towards holding 'Wrington's big Jubilee Lunch' to be held on 5th June 2022, in Broad Street, Wrington.

Resolved: to agree to the request for a grant for Wrington Fair week.

12. Consultations:

North Somerset Local Plan: preferred options. Open from 14th March to 29th April. Cllr Taylor gave a brief overview of the Local Plan. He requested Councillors read the Local Plan. Cllr Taylor to prepare a draft response and circulate to the Council before submission.

13. Emergency item, Strongvox appeal on Butts Batch. A discussion took place as to how best to proceed to fight the appeal. Cllr Taylor, Cllr Hogg and Cllr Neve have all been working together on this and will continue to do so, along with the Parish Council and NSC.

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

- Strongvox appeal
- Preferred options Local Plan, if not yet submitted.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.49pm.

Chairman