

**Minutes of a meeting of Wrington Parish Council
held on Wednesday 15 November 2023**

Present: Cllr D Yamanaka (Chair) Cllr J Morgan
Cllr M Abdul-Wahab Cllr J Steinbach
Cllr G Bigg Cllr B Taylor
F Burke (Clerk)

In attendance: Stephen Porter (WSSC), Guy Winterbourne (WSSC), Rev D Gent, Tony Harden (quarry proposal), John Adams (Twinning Association), Shea Stew (Young Bristol) and a resident.

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1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Woolway and Cllr Treweek.
 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 of interest were received.
 3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October, 2023.
The minutes were signed as a true record.
 4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.
Shea Stew from Young Bristol and leader of the 'Bus on wheels' that visits Wrington every Wednesday evening addressed the council explaining how the bus operates, the activities that take place on the bus and the number of sessions and young people reached by the bus.
Shea answered some questions about the service and then left the meeting.

John Adams addressed the Council to explain the current situation of the Twinning Association. He explained that following resignations for health and other reasons, Committee membership is below the number required by the Constitution. He reported that Twinning activities are now suspended until an Extraordinary General Meeting. He explained that the latest date available under the Constitution for this is March 2024 and this delay would hopefully allow time for others to step forward. John Adams then left the meeting.

Tony Harden addressed the Council briefly regarding agenda item 13. Cllr Taylor queried when the consultation was taking place. Tony Harden confirmed it was starting on 20 November.

A resident addressed the Council with his concerns about the amount of traffic and parking-related issues that affect those living on the A38 in Redhill, in particular Ashford Road, and especially in light of the airport expansion plans.

Stephen Porter addressed the Council regarding agenda item 12 and to explain in more detail why a new lease is required to enable the pavilion extension to go ahead. Cllr Bigg queried if Wrington Sports and Social Club were happy that they could acquire the extra funding necessary for the extension. Stephen Porter explained that they have other grant funding applications and other offers of financial support on top of the main grant being sought.

The meeting was reconvened.

Items 12 and 13 on the agenda were brought forward.

12. Following a WSSC lease working group meeting (notes circulated) held on 7 November: to approve a recommendation to adopt the new lease (based on the current lease).

Resolved: To adopt the new lease as circulated.

13. Recommendation to apply to Enovert for a grant of £50k to cover matters including restoration of both limekilns, stage 2 construction of paths and signage, as detailed in the presentation, together with running a joint community consultation starting 20 November 2023. £5,000 of the remaining S.106 woodland monies to be used to enable the Enovert grant to be released.

Resolved: The majority of Councillors approved the application to Enovert and to use £5,000 from the S.106 woodland money towards this. Cllr Taylor abstained from voting and Cllr Steinbach voted against the proposal.

5. Trevor Jones to address the Council in relation to his request to be co-opted to the Council. Trevor Jones did not attend the Council meeting due to an unexpected circumstance.

6. To consider the co-option of Trevor Jones to the Council. This to be put on to the December PC meeting.

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

- a. Email concerning parking issues at the top of the Glebe/Butts Batch.

The Clerk reported that the PCSO had been alerted to the issues and had stated they would be visiting the area.

The Council discussed the issue. It was agreed to keep an eye on it for the next few weeks to see if the parking problems decrease as there is currently construction taking place nearby which may have displaced some vehicles. If no improvement is seen in the coming weeks, then the matter to be revisited at a subsequent meeting.

- b. Emails regarding requests for the re-instatement of the yellow lines opposite the school after the previous ones had been removed due to re-surfacing and a subsequent reply from David Bailey.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask when the consultation concerning the planters and yellow lines along School Road would be taking place. It is assumed that lines outside the school would be included in that consultation, but to check this.

- c. Email from a resident regarding the area around Ashford Road on the A38 and requesting support from the Parish Council about these issues (note circulated). The resident would especially like the pavement area outside Ashford Road to be reduced to minimise the opportunity for cars to park on there.

The resident had spoken under public participation on this matter and a note had been circulated detailing the issues in full. The Council was sympathetic with the problems raised but do not have powers over Highways. It was agreed that Cllr Steinbach would bring the issues detailed to the next Airport Consultative Committee meeting.

8. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book. The report was received and noted.
9. To consider reports from:
 - a. Bristol Airport update/Aviation, Cllr Steinbach. Cllr Steinbach reported on a recent Aviation Group meeting and also gave an update on the most recent Airport Consultative Committee meeting.
 - b. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. No update.
 - c. Wrington Recreational Facilities. No meeting had taken place.
 - d. Environment, Highways and Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Bigg reported that the Local Plan Consultation is due to take place over Christmas and would need to be responded to by January.
 - e. Wrington Sports and Social Club (WSSC). A working group lease meeting had taken place and the notes circulated to Cllrs previously.
10. To receive the Finance report to authorise payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.
To approve the following payments:

C Clark– cutting grass at the Mike Bush Paddock and hedge cutting at the Mike Bush Paddock and allotments.	£1,250.00
A Ledbury – strimming of Church Walk	£20.00
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying, October	£369.60
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, November	£28.80
Assistant Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of defibrillator sign for the Scout Hall (£22.31) and envelopes (£14.89)	£37.20
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (D Evans), NEST Pension Scheme and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.	
ALCA – Essential Councillor training course of Cllr Morgan (paid)	£40.00
Fountain Timber Products Ltd – stakes for signs for Quarry Project (paid)	£19.01

Cllr Steinbach proposed approval of the above payments. Cllr Taylor seconded the motion; all were in favour.

11. To consider the following proposed expenditure and recommendations:
 - a. A grant request of £500 from Vine Counselling from the S.137 budget.
Resolved: To approve the request.
 - b. To continue to fund the 'Youth bus on wheels' run by Young Bristol (see clerk's report for further information). A recommendation to grant 6 months more for now (£6,000) and this to come out of the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund of £40,000 recently received. Youth services fits the criteria for this expenditure.
Resolved: To provide £6,000 further grant from the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund (CIL), with a view to earmark further funds from this to provide future continuity of the service.
 - c. To approve a quote for essential tree work in the Church Walk Play and Glebe Field (awaiting quote). One quote had been received, another is currently being

sought.

- d. To approve a quote for extensive gardening/clearing work in front of the Parish Office (£600) and in front of the Broad Street toilets (£850).

The Clerk was requested to attempt to get one further quote for this work. If the further quote was more expensive then the Council agreed to proceed with the first quote and as priced above.

14. To note the agreement on the 2023/24 new pay scales by the Local Government Association (LGA). These to be implemented from 1 April 2023.
These were noted and agreed.
15. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council.
 - Cllr Morgan asked if the War Memorial repairs could be put on to the next Council meeting agenda.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.