

**Minutes of a meeting of Wrington Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 17 January 2024**

Parish Cllrs present: Maria Abdul-Wahab, Georgie Bigg, Trevor Jones, John Morgan, Joachim Steinbach, Barrie Taylor (Vice-Chair), Deborah Yamanaka (Chair), Toby Woolway

Clerk: Fiona Burke

In attendance: Rev David Gent and two members of the public.

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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 Treweek and Cllr Vaughn.
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 13 December 2023.  
The minutes were signed as a true record after a minor grammatical correction.
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.  
Tony Harden addressed the Council; he reported that no news on the Enover bid for renovating the lime kilns and further work in Prestow wood nature reserve (the old quarry) had yet been received. If the bid is unsuccessful, he recommended trying again with a slightly amended bid, failing that then another option was to reconsider applying to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.  
He also commented on the clearing work being carried out in Goblin Combe, which he felt was a very positive thing, but wished the Council to enquire about the effect on one or two of the footpaths.  
Another resident reported on the situation in Kings Road and the problems with the water supply due to Bristol water considering the road a private road. He briefly outlined the problems residents have been suffering and informed the Council of the options that had been presented to residents by Bristol Water. Cllrs asked him various questions on this after he had spoken.

*Then to reconvene the meeting*

*It was agreed to bring agenda item 11 forward.*

11. Cllr Abdul-Wahab to provide an update on the latest situation with Bristol water affecting residents on Kings Road and some on Butts Batch and to consider if the Council can support them in some way.  
Cllr Abdul-Wahab circulated a plan of Kings Road detailing where the current pipes are and where potential pipes could be installed. She reported the issues residents of Kings Road are facing, they effectively have a very poor water supply, at times even no water supply. Bristol Water are saying they will charge the Kings Road

residents affected to rectify the problem, as they consider the supply to be a private supply.

Cllr Abdul-Wahab has been in contact with District Cllr Tom Daw, who has been in discussions with Bristol water.

The Council agreed it wished to support residents with this issue. Cllr Abdul-Wahab would have a further conversation with Cllr Daw first and draft a letter on behalf of the Council and, if necessary, the Council would pursue a meeting with Bristol Water with a view to include MP Liam Fox, NSC and Alliance Homes.

5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
  - a. Email from a resident concerning parking issues outside the Golden Lion.  
Cllrs discussed this concern but felt the pavement there is too narrow to have a barrier and would also cause a hazard. The Clerk to forward on the concerns of parking right outside the pub to the PCSO.
  - b. Email from a resident concerning road safety in Wrington.  
It was agreed to ask NSC to add the corner of Silver Street opposite Church Walk on to their list of potential works, using the form they have supplied to Parish Council's, in the first instance. The Clerk will also contact the Police to make a request for a mobile speed van to be situated within the 20mph zone of Wrington from time to time.
  - c. Email from Richard Kent, Head of Planning, NSC detailing the Airport Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund (AEAIF).  
Cllrs discussed the change, and it was agreed to write to Richard Kent detailing the reasons the Council are unhappy with the change of criteria to apply to the Local Community Fund, the implications the new criteria will have on the availability of the fund and the lack of consultation about this.
  
6. To consider reports from:
  - a. Bristol Airport update/Aviation, Cllr Steinbach. Cllr Steinbach agreed to bring up the change of the Bristol Airport Local Community Fund to the Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA).
  - b. District Cllr Report. No report had been received.
  - c. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. No PPG meetings had taken place since the last Council meeting.
  - d. Wrington Recreational Facilities. No report was received.
  - e. Environment, Highways and Neighbourhood Plan. No report was received.
  - f. Wrington Sports and Social Club (WSSC). A meeting with members of the Council and WSSC was due to take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.
  
7. To receive the Finance report to authorise payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Memorial Hall – grant, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2023/24	£3,000.00
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying, November & December	£831.60
ALCA – ‘Budgeting for Clerks & finance staff’ and ‘Procurement’ training courses for the Clerk	£60.00
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, January	£28.80
Assistant Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of: office diary (£4.49) and Microsoft 365 subscription, October to December (£41.64)	£46.13
Assistant Clerk - travel to noticeboards during 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023/24	£6.75

Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), Avon Pension Fund and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.  
 Aquablast Drain Services Ltd – plumbing repairs at Broad Street Public Toilets (paid) £138.00  
 Standen’s Plumbing Co Ltd – annual service of boiler at the Pavilion (paid) £85.80

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

8. To consider the following proposed expenditure and recommendations:
  - a. Tree quotes – to consider and agree a quote for the work required in the Church Walk Play area, Glebe Field, Old Surgery site and Broad Street toilet area. Quotes to be circulated. Three tree quotes were considered by the Council.  
**Resolved:** The Council agreed to use Drinkwater tree services for the work at a cost of £6,180.
  - b. To confirm to go ahead with gardening quotes from Morley services to carry out extensive clearing/gardening work in front of the Parish Office and in front of Broad Street toilets and as previously quoted.  
 The Clerk reported that since the agenda had been written another contractor, who had been requested to supply a quote, had carried out a site visit and would be submitting their quote for the work shortly. It was agreed to wait for that quote first and then to make a decision via email once received due to the need for the work to be carried out before the nesting season.
9. To adopt the budget for 2024/25. This had been previously discussed in the December budget meeting and re-circulated with some minor amendments. Cllrs were happy with the amendments.  
**Resolved:** To adopt the 2024/25 budget.
10. To agree the Council’s precept request for 2024/25.  
**Resolved:** To request £131,976 for the Council’s 2024/25 precept, an increase of 3.6%.
11. Cllr Abdul-Wahab to provide an update on the latest situation with Bristol water affecting residents on Kings Road and some on Butts Batch and to consider if the Council can support them in some way. This agenda item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
12. To ratify a comment from this Council to the Parish Council’s Airport Association (PCAA) concerning the consultation on the Green Belt in the Local Plan, where it is suggested that the airport is taken out of the Green Belt.  
 This was noted. A comment directly to NSC concerning this would be submitted shortly.
13. Consultations:
  - North Somerset Council Local Plan, 2039 pre-submission version. Deadline 22 January 2024.  
 Cllr Taylor had been working on this and would email a suggested submission to Cllrs before the deadline. Cllr Taylor was thanked.
14. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next

meeting of the Council.

- Cllr Taylor informed Cllrs that he would wish to step down as Chair of Planning towards the end of the year. He suggested Cllrs might want to consider who might be interested in taking on the role.
- Cllr Morgan reported that he had a conversation with a church representative about the War Memorial in the Church Yard and a meeting to assess the current state of it would be set up soon. The Clerk reminded him that the Church had agreed and had now found written evidence that the War Memorial is their responsibility.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.06.