

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

Parish Cllrs present: Maria Abdul-Wahab, Georgie Bigg, John Morgan,  
Barrie Taylor (Vice-Chair)  
Assistant Clerk: Judith Bishop  
In attendance: District Cllr Tom Daw plus Tony Harden, Bill Millard, Ian Harries  
and Hamish Denny from the Prestow Wood Nature Reserve  
Conservation Group

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Cllr Taylor chaired the meeting in Cllr Yamanaka's absence.

1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate.  
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Yamanaka, Cllr Steinbach, 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 Declaration of interests were received.
3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024.  
The minutes were signed and approved as a true record.
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.

A report on agenda item 10 had been previously circulated and members of the Conservation Group were in attendance to hear the Council's discussion on this item. Tony Harden gave an update on phase 2 of the project, explaining that the west lime kiln was in a worse condition than expected which would require an additional funding bid to Enover. Enover had agreed to this in principle, but the grant agreement would need amending. This additional work will delay the opening ceremony and the work on east lime kiln which now will not happen until 2025. The group are now slightly concerned that the east lime kiln may also require additional unexpected work which could be covered by further funding bids as outlined in his report.

*District Cllr Daw joined the meeting*

On the subject of the signage to be installed, Tony Harden asked if agreement of the wording could be delegated to the Clerk. Councillors agreed they would agree the wording via email once Tony Harden has sent this to the Clerk.

Councillors asked Tony Harden for more details about the parking area on Wrington Hill and he confirmed the surface would be gravel and that he would contact NSC as it was believed this was NSC Highways land. Councillors asked about whether there would be a barrier between the bench (to be installed as part of phase 3) and the cliff edge. Tony Harden confirmed they would look at using more 'dead hedging' and

privet. However, he would come back to the Council on this. The Conservation Group also confirmed that the pond would be approx. 5m x 3m and .5m deep, with gently sloping sides for wildlife. It would be filled by rainwater and would probably dry up at certain times of the year.

Cllr Taylor offered to bring forward agenda item 10 and the meeting agreed.

*Then to reconvene the meeting*

10. To receive reports on the Prestow Wood nature reserve project and, following unanticipated further restoration repairs of the West Lime Kiln needed, to agree to a further funding bid to Enovert for this work. Additionally, to approve Phase 3 of the original 2022 proposal, and in line with current recommendations.

**Resolved:** Cllr Morgan proposed approval the above, subject to receipt of the amended grant agreement. Cllr Bigg seconded the motion, and all were in favour.

*Prestow Wood Nature Reserve Conservation Group left the meeting*

5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
- a. To note that Trevor Jones has resigned from the Council  
This was noted and it was suggested a card offering the Council's best wishes should be sent.
6. To receive the Clerk's report.  
A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and its contents were noted.
- Allotments Working Group – Cllr Morgan offered to join Cllr Bigg on the working group.
  - Fire Station renovation – some Councillors were in favour of painting the fire station red and requested more advice on the use of paint on accoya wood.
  - Community Response Officer – the Clerk to invite the new Officer to a future PC meeting.
7. To consider reports from the following groups and to finalise membership to these:
- a. Bristol Airport update/Aviation, Cllr Steinbach  
No report had been received.
  - b. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg.  
Cllr Bigg reported that the PPG had last met at the end of June. The MVMP were conducting another patient feedback survey. Cllr Taylor queried the necessity of using an authentication app when requesting repeat prescriptions via email. Cllr Bigg offered to check on this for him. She also reported MVMP had a new website and were looking at 'rebranding' the surgeries in Bristol to better reflect their location.
  - c. Wrington Recreational Facilities.  
No meeting had taken place but there was an update on the MUGA in the Clerk's Report.
  - d. Environment, Highways and Neighbourhood Plan.  
No meeting had taken place. As District Cllr Daw was present, he gave an update on the proposed new scheme for School Road. He produced a plan

which included fewer planters than present and permanent 'build outs'. Councillors were particularly concerned about the possibility of a 'build out' diagonally opposite South Meadows which they considered extremely dangerous. District Cllr Daw explained the details were not completely finalised. He said a public consultation would take place in the next 2-3 months and the existing planters would stay in place until the new scheme was implemented. Once more details were known he would help promote the consultation. Cllr Taylor offered the PC's assistance and said the PC would like to be involved.

- e. Wrington Sports and Social Club (WSSC).

No meeting had taken place.

- f. Allotments.

A meeting would be called soon to discuss the use of S106 monies from the Cox's Green development.

8. To receive the Finance report to authorise payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Memorial Hall – grant, 2nd quarter 2024/25	£3,000.00
Foremost Signs Ltd – new signs for plays areas	£72.00
Tincknell Country Stores – marker spray for use at Prestow Wood Nature Reserve (funded by Enover grant)	£9.20
Travis Perkins – wood and hardware for use at Prestow Wood Nature Reserve (funded by Enover grant)	£126.28
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, July	£28.80
Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of additional storage for Microsoft 365 Basic (Hotmail) for April to June (£5.97). Plus cordless pressure washer (£69.29), water carrier (£55.50) and trolley (£89.95) for play area maintenance	£220.71
Assistant Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of office paper (£18.90) and Microsoft 365 subscription for April to June (£65.16)	£84.06
Assistant Clerk – topping up of petty cash following purchases of stamps (£1.95), refuse sacks (£1.99), notebooks (£9.98) and refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting (£20.58)	£34.50
Assistant Clerk - travel to noticeboards during 1st quarter 2024/25	£15.75
Parish Orderly – travel around the parish, 20 February to 2 July	£12.15
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), Avon Pension Fund and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.	
Drinkwater Tree Services – work to hedge at Old Surgery site (paid)	£372.00
Crown Gas & Power – relocation of Memorial Hall boiler following flooding, funded by Gatcombe Croft CIL (paid)	£2,308.70
Judith Bishop - subscription to Survey Monkey, funded by Cox's Green S106 (paid)	£75.00
Pro-Heating Services Ltd – repairs to allotment taps, funded by Cox's Green S106 (paid)	£153.60

**Resolved:** Cllr Bigg proposed approval of the above payments. Cllr Abdul-Wahab seconded the motion, and all were in favour.

9. To consider the following proposed expenditure and/or Working Group recommendations:

These were covered by other items on the agenda.

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See agenda item 4 above.

11. To re-confirm membership of the Memorial Hall and Recreation Field Committee and to approve a request to invite extra members from the Community to join the Committee, if felt necessary.

**Resolved:** The membership of Parish Councillors on the Committee was reconfirmed, being Cllr Yamanaka, Cllr Bigg and Cllr Morgan. However, as Cllr Treweek was not present, it was agreed to contact her to make sure she still wanted to be on the Committee. Furthermore, it was approved that the Committee could invite extra members from the community who are users of the Hall.

Cllr Taylor invited District Cllr Daw to give a verbal report and he reported on the following:

- Bristol Airport – He had attended a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee earlier in the day and was questioning the number of night flights. He is also pushing for more details about the Surface Access Strategy
- A38 improvements (as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan) – The scheme will go ahead with bus lanes and a new roundabout at the A38/A368 junction. NSC are looking to improve accessibility to and from bus stops and he hopes a new bus service will run from Weston-Super-Mare to Bristol via Wrington.
- Local roads – Several local roads are being resurfaced. Not all central white lines will be reinstated as there is evidence that their absence slows down traffic. He offered to check whether that included white lines at the sides of the road.
- District Cllr Daw thought a connection to the Strawberry Line could be achieved as part of the proposed solar farm development but Cllr Taylor thought this had been discounted following an email from the developers.
- Planning - District Cllr Daw asked if the Planning Committee had considered a change of use planning application for Unit 5 at Railway Wharf on Station Road. Cllr Taylor explained the Committee would consider this at their next meeting. Cllr Taylor asked if District Cllr Daw would look at 24/P/1247/CRA (Tin Barn, Red Hill, Redhill, BS40 5TE) which the Planning Committee had recently objected to as inappropriate development in Green Belt.

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

No matters were received.

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