

**Minutes of a meeting of Wrington Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 16 October 2024**

Parish Cllrs present: Maria Abdul-Wahab, Georgie Bigg, Joachim Steinbach, Barrie Taylor (Vice-Chair), Laurie Vaughn and Deborah Yamanaka (Chair)

Clerk: Fiona Burke

In attendance: District Cllr Daw and two residents

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1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate.  
Apologies were received from 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 September 2024.  
The minutes were signed and approved as a true record.
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.  
Two residents wished to talk to the Council about the allocation of the Cox's Green S.106 money for playing pitches and sport and leisure facilities. They queried whether the funds could be used to purchase a piece of land near the Recreation Field, which could then be used by the community as a further pitch and so an extension to the Recreation amenities.  
The residents then left the meeting.  
*Then to reconvene the meeting*
5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
  - a. Email from the Wrington Local History Society regarding installing an interpretation board illustrating key aspects of Wrington's history and its significant buildings at the back of the bus shelter in Broad Street.  
The Council agreed in principle to the suggestion of installing an interpretation board at the back of the bus shelter but would want it to be protected from vandalism using Perspex or something similar.
  - b. Email from the licensee of Wrington Sports and Social Club regarding the installation of signs along the verge of the Recreation Field.  
Councillors discussed the signs and came to the decision that the signs should be removed. Cllrs felt that they are not appropriate for the area and had received a comment from North Somerset Council about them, indicating that they are not suitable for this location. A number of complaints from residents had also been received. No Planning permission or permission from the Landowner had been requested. Cllrs agreed to an A-frame sign to be positioned just near the gate, as previously, and suggested a rock or other heavy item be used to anchor it down.

Councillors suggested that as the club is a member only club then members can be emailed about events that are happening in the future. Councillors also suggested that to reach the demographic not online, then an advert or article in the village journal could be used to target them.

- c. Email from a resident concerning the possibility of installing double yellow lines alongside the church wall/hedge in Redhill to prevent parking on a blind corner. Cllrs agreed that there is a safety issue along this road when vehicles park on a blind corner. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach NSC Highways about this issue and contact the airport to gain their support if necessary.
6. To receive the Clerk's report. The report is available for inspection in the minute book.  
The report was received and noted.
  7. To consider reports from the following groups and to finalise membership to these.
    - a. District Cllr report. The report was received and noted, with some discussion on the potential new Special needs school in Redhill, a possible 20mph scheme along Cook's Bridle path and the proposed solar farm on Wrington Hill. Cllr Daw reported that Kitland solar farm had previously offered the use of the large field opposite the allotments for Community use; he suggested using it as an extra playing field pitch.
    - b. Bristol Airport update/Aviation, Cllr Steinbach. Cllr Steinbach gave a brief update on the Environmental effects meeting he had attended on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. He reported that there is currently a push for airlines to be represented on the one of the airport committees as they are the main polluters. Cllr Steinbach will be organising an Aviation working group meeting soon to report on further issues.
    - c. MVMP Patient Participation Group (PPG), Cllr Bigg. Cllr Bigg reported that Geoff Matthews has now stood down as Chair of PPG and had been replaced by John Gowar.
    - d. Wrington Recreational Facilities. A meeting has been set up for 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
    - e. Environment, Highways and Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Bigg reported that she had attended a NALC Neighbourhood Plan workshop and had got some initial ideas to work on. It was agreed that attention should be focused on choosing a suitable location for more housing, rather than having the locations chosen for the area.
    - f. Wrington Sports and Social Club (WSSC). No report had been received.
    - g. Allotments. The notes from the recent working group had been circulated. It was agreed that some quotes for permeable surfaces for the car park should be sought. Another allotment working group meeting is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> October.
  8. To receive the Finance report to authorise payments recommended for approval. Copies of the report circulated separately.

Memorial Hall – grant, 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment 2024/25	£3,000.00
G B Sport & Leisure Ltd – repairs to the stake park	£2,613.60
Society of Local Council Clerks – clerk's membership 2024/25	£238.00
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying, August and September	£831.60
The Business Supplies Group – 2 x printer toner cartridges	£182.38
Pro-Heating Services Ltd – plumbing repairs to Broad Street public toilets	£1,290.00
Water2Business – water & sewage for Broad Street toilets, April to September	£146.12

North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, October	£28.80
Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of additional storage for Microsoft 365 Basic (Hotmail) for July to September	£5.97
Assistant Clerk – reimbursement following purchase of Microsoft 365 subscription for July to September	£65.16
Assistant Clerk - travel to noticeboards during 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024/25	£4.50
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), Avon Pension Fund, and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.	
Jonathan Smith – final payment for external refurbishment of the Fire Station, Funded by Gatcombe Croft CIL (paid)	£6,835.00
Crown Gas & Power – second payment for relocation of Memorial Hall boiler Following flooding, funded by Gatcombe Croft CIL (paid)	£905.36

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

9. To consider the following proposed expenditure and recommendations:
  - a) Quote of £895 to install the Christmas tree lights, including PAT testing all lights and to agree to purchase the Christmas tree at an estimated cost of £250.  
**Resolved:** To agree to the quote and purchase of a Christmas tree.
10. To consider a request from Wrington Football Club for authority to apply for planning permission for a modular unit at the Recreation Field.  
Cllrs considered the documents received and discussed the proposals. It was agreed that the Council would prefer the finish of the modular building to be the same or very similar to the current pavilion, as had been requested via email previously.
11. To consider the NSC Highways plan for School Road.  
Cllrs agreed to refrain from commenting on the proposed scheme at this time but would comment on the consultation once it was live.
12. To consider streetlight timings for switch on and off and to consider what types of streetlights should be installed going forward.  
**Resolved:** To agree, where possible, to set part night timers to go off at 11pm at night and to come back on at 6am. To also agree that where a new streetlight is due to be installed then consideration should be given to the type of light on a case-by-case basis.
13. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council.
  - Delivering together proposals from NSC.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.