

WEST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

Provisional Minutes to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 starting at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R Ireland (Chairman), Mr P Hutton (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Mitchell and Mr P Wood.

APOLOGIES: Mr G Joyce, Mrs R Wakeley and Mr D Wood.
Mr C Gay did not attend.

No members of the public attended.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th November 2021 were agreed as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed for adoption.

Min. 3923 – Matters Arising from the Minutes – None.

Min. 3924 – Urgent Business as agreed by the Chair

A Councillor who had provided a Christmas tree for the centre of the village was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the village.

Min. 3925 – Correspondence

Please see Appendix 1.

Min. 3926 - Community Infrastructure Levy

Recreation Ground – The tender documents received were discussed at length. It was proposed and seconded with all other Councillors in favour of accepting Andrew Tovey's quotation due to the higher material specification, as there was very little difference in overall cost.

Bus Shelter – The matter was ongoing.

Min. 3927 – Memorial Hall

Work had started to improve the upstairs area, plastering and lighting works were continuing. The next challenge to be addressed was to soundproof the floor.

Initials

Hall bookings continued to rise and several fundraising events had been organised, including a Christmas Bazaar with Father Christmas in attendance.

Memorial Hall Grant – It was agreed to write to the Memorial Hall Committee explaining that due to financial restraints we intend to discontinue the automatic grant funding set up many years ago when the hall was not so financially sound and request that the Committee apply for grant funding for a specific project in future, for example, Platinum Jubilee costs or towards the cost of preserving, framing and mounting the very large map somewhere in the Hall.

Min. 3928 - Highways

20mph Speed Limit – Concern was raised that there had been no movement with regards to a start date for the public consultation.

Councillors were in some doubt that funding had been ring fenced past the end of the current financial year even though assurances had been given by the Ward Councillor.

The Triangle – Volunteers would weed the flowerbed shortly.

Other Highways matters – all outstanding potholes and drains had been addressed.

Min. 3929 - Recreation Ground

The play equipment was in good order, please see Min. 3926 regarding the fencing.

Min. 3930 – Bus Shelter

Please see Min 3926.

Min. 3931 – Local Plan Partial Update Consultation

Please see the Ward Councillor's Report on Renewables Landscape Assessment in the AONB.

Initials

Min. 3932 – Chew Valley Climate and Nature Emergency

The Nature Emergency and Protection working group had contacted the National Farmers Union, they were offering free trees to Farmers and Land Owners in a bid to help offset carbon.

Min. 3933 – Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

It was agreed to support a community led event to commemorate the occasion. The Parish Council could request a road closure to support a Street Party and fund commemorative memorabilia, to be agreed. This format was very popular at other Jubilee celebrations.

Min. 3934 – Ward Councillor’s Report

In his absence, the Ward Councillor was thanked for his recent report, which updated Councillors on current topics of interest. Please see Appendix 2.

Min. 3935 – Planning Matters

Application(s) pending consideration

- a. Planning application 21/05362/COND, Orchard Cottage, Ridge Lane – Discharge of condition 13 (Materials – Submission of Schedule and Samples) of application 21/00050/FUL (Erection of a two storey 3/4 bedroom dwelling, car port for 2 cars and additional parking for 4 cars following demolition of existing cottage).

It was agreed to make no comment.

Notification of decision

- b. Planning application 21/0269/FUL, 1 Nine Elms Cottages, Widcombe – Erection of outbuilding and removal of existing sheds and storage container (resubmission). PERMIT.

Min. 3936 - Finance

To agree the following payment(s):-

Mrs C Robertson, Bus Shelter Cleaning	£ 60.00
West Harptree Memorial Hall, Grant	£700.00
West Harptree PCC, Church Lighting	£ 25.00
L A Hearse, Recreation Ground refurb.	£313.45

Initials

Min. 3937 – Meetings attended – None.

Min. 3938 – Items for the Information of the Clerk – None.

Min. 3939 - Future Meetings

The date of the next meeting: Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman

Date Signed

Appendix 1 Min. 3925 – Correspondence

November

1. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03269/FUL, I Nine Elms Cottages, Widcombe. PERMIT.
2. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04654/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett.
6. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 9th November.
7. ICO – Renewal confirmation.
8. ALCA – Festival of Discovery, 2021.
9. ALCA – Subscription estimate 2022/23.
10. B&NES – Community venues for indoor Covid 19 testing.
11. Playforce brochure.
17. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 16th November.
18. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04742/FUL, 21/04292/FUL, East Harptree.
23. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 23rd November.
24. 04800/FUL, 21/04801/LBA, Coley and 21/04654/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett.
25. B&NES – WECA, Supporting Bus Services Survey.
26. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04800/FUL, 21/04801/LBA, Coley.
27. ALCA – Managing Covid this winter.
28. Dial a Ride – Grant application.
29. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04415/FUL, East Harptree.
30. B&NES – Garden Waste suspension.
40. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 30th November.
41. Andrew Tovey – Quotation.
42. ALCA – Household Support Fund.
3. Mendip Hills AONB – New funding stream for Farmers and Land Managers.
4. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 46.
5. B&NES – Street Works 09/11/21 – 15/11/21.
12. Jackie Head – Subsidised Bus Routes Consultation.
13. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04290/FUL and 21/04742/FUL, East Harptree.
14. B&NES – Chew Valley Area Forum meeting, Tuesday 23rd November 2021.
15. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 47.
16. B&NES – Street Works 16/11/21 – 22/11/21.
19. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04232/FUL, 21.03730/FUL, East Harptree.
20. ALCA – November In Short.
21. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 48.
22. B&NES – Street Works 23/11/21 – 30/11/21.
31. B&NES – Follow up from Chew Valley Forum meeting.
32. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03730/FUL, Compton Martin.
33. B&NES – Precept Requirements 2022/23/
34. B&NES – Weekly Newsletter.
35. B&NES – Livewell.
36. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04322/COND, Compton Martin.
37. WECA – Consultation on the A37 and A367.
38. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 49.
39. B&NES – Street Works 30/11/21 – 07/12/21.
43. Graham Harding – CIL question.
44. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03575/FUL, Compton Martin.

December

1. ALCA – Councillor Personal Safety Advice.
2. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest, December 2021 Edition.
3. ICO – Latest News.
4. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04415/FUL, East Harptree.
5. Lewis Hearse – Invoice.
6. Insignia UK – The Queen’s Jubilee Commemorative products.
12. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 8th December.
13. B&NES, Development Management – 21/05364/COND, Orchard Cottage, West Harptree.
14. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04689/FUL, Compton Martin.
15. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/05160/FUL, Hinton Blewett and 21/05433/FUL, Compton Martin.
16. D B Gibbons – Quotation.
7. B&NES – Weekly e-newsletter.
8. CPRE Avon and Bristol – A message.
9. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/05160/FUL, Hinton Blewett and 21/05362/COND, Orchard Cottage, West Harptree.
10. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 50.
11. B&NES – Street Works 08/12/21 – 14/12/21.
17. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03575/FUL, Compton Martin.
18. ALCA – NALC, View on the latest Government Covid 19 Guidance.
19. Gallagher- Seasons Greetings.
20. Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Crime Prevention Advice.
21. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03575/FUL, Compton Martin.

Appendix 2

Min. 3934 – Ward Councillor's Report

Dated 11/12/21

20mph Zone in West Harptree

I contacted the Highways Engineer on 8/11/21, 21/11/21 and 7/12/21 chasing for updates on the running dates for the consultation to ensure we have maximum notice possible in order to arrange a meeting.

I am due to meet the Deputy Director for Transport on 14/12/21 to discuss the Transport Improvement Programme (the budget this falls under) where I will raise the importance of completing this ahead of the end of the financial year.

I had a meeting about including 10k match funding in the 22/23 TIP for the next phase, as discussed at the last WHPC meeting, and hope to have feedback on this soon.

Bath Transport Plan

An update on where this got to was requested at the last meeting.

I'm told it is due to go to the public Cabinet meeting for adoption in May.

Dog fouling enforcement in WH

This was raised at the last meeting. I have had further meetings about investment in Neighbourhood Services and it is still anticipated that additional resource for dog fouling enforcement will come on steam from April.

This will be intelligence-led based on information supplied by the community.

Antisocial behaviour in WH

Two different ASB issues were raised at the last meeting, which I have been reflecting on.

Could I have a steer on whether the Police already know the identities of the perps? I'm due to speak to our new PC in the coming week and can raise this if WHPC feel this is appropriate.

B&NES Mendip Ward Councillor Survey

This has not taken place yet but will soon.

Renewables Landscape Assessment in AONB

As requested at the last meeting I looked at the current status of the RLA within the context of the Mendip Hills AONB which includes West Harptree.

Potential for Solar in AONB:

Smallest (under 5ha): moderate-high in the valley, moderate on the hills

5-10ha: Low-moderate

10-15ha: Low

15-30ha: Low

Potential for Wind Turbines in AONB:

Smallest (under 25 metres): Low-moderate

16-60m: Low-moderate in valley, Low on the hills

61-99m: Low

100-120m: Low

121-150m: Low

Reaction of the AONB

As a member of the Mendip Hills AONB Board and as ward councillor I asked the AONB Landscape Planning Officer for the AONB view on this.

They were supportive of the consultation and refreshed evidence base to prevent inappropriate larger renewables development in the AONB. The previous evidence base was 11 years old so offered less protection.

They raised some concerns about the potential for the smallest of renewables development.

I have arranged a meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss this point.

Debris on The Street, WH

Residents escalated this to me. During the rain a large amount of gravel and stones washed down Ridge Lane and deposited on The Street.

This was raised with me at 9am on 15/11/21 and was cleared by 4pm on the same day.

Chew Valley Recreational Trail

B&NES is beginning work on finding a fresh solution to the southern link of the CVRT.

I expect a fuller briefing soon but I'm assured their intention is to work sensitively to see if there is a solution that addresses the concerns of the differing points of view on the issue.

I'm due to meet birders on site to hear their concerns.

B&NES issues:

- The last year was a record breaking year for recycling rates in B&NES. The amount of waste sent to landfill dropped by a factor of 5. Black bag waste decreased per household, even in the context of more people working from home in the period.
- By-election update. The first by-election in B&NES of the current four year term took place on 7/12/21, on Keynsham Town Council. This was a gain by the LD candidate with 48% of the vote. LDs now have majority control of Keynsham TC.
- Booking for Christmas Trees and garden waste. A new booking system launches in January to book free Christmas Tree collections and green collections going forward. This is to reduce the miles travelled to check often empty green bins.
- In-Cab technology for rubbish trucks. New ICT has been introduced into trucks to let crews know the next house they need to call at and whether it's assisted collections for older or less able people. This helps in rural areas too where house locations are less straight forward, where crews sometimes change and don't always have area knowledge. This has led to a big drop on missed collections and will be rolled out to recycling trucks soon.