

WEST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at the Memorial Hall, West Harptree starting at 7.30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Mr C Gay, Mrs L Hillier, Mrs R Wakeley and Mr T Warren.

2 members of the public attended.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2017 were agreed as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed for adoption.

Min. 3272 – Matters Arising from the Minutes - None.

Min. 3273 – Urgent Business as agreed by the Chair – None.

Min. 3274 – Mendip Hills AONB Presentation

Jim Hardcastle, Unit Manager based at the Charterhouse Centre gave a very informative presentation on the work carried out by the AONB in partnership with other organisations and by Volunteers. He would like to encourage more community engagement.

Applications were invited to a Fund set up to aid community and environmental projects. Further details were available at mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/mendip-hills-fund.

It was agreed that AONB leaflets would be kept in the Hall and made available to the public.

It was also agreed to organise an AONB lead village walk to give an insight into local places of interest.

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Min. 3275 – Chew Valley Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors unanimously agreed to re-affirm and adopt pooling the 10% NP funding and nominated Mr R Ireland as their representative on the CIL Administrative Committee.

Min. 3276 – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding

It was suggested that a portion of the CIL funding could be spent on assisting households to connect with super-fast broadband, i.e. TrueSpeed. Other ideas and suggestions were sought.

The West of England Rural Network confirmed that the Broadband voucher scheme had only been available until August 2017.

Min. 3277 – Memorial Hall

The AGM took place on 18th September. Some long-standing Committee Members felt it was time to stand down and thanks were extended to them. Their sound stewardship meant that the Hall was financially sound and in excellent order. The future of the Hall looked very positive.

Min. 3278 – Highways and Pavements

Further to a meeting with B&NES Highways, several highways issues were addressed.

1. Speeding on the A368. The issue of enforcement would be raised with the Police Enforcement Unit. Some enforcement (speed camera) would be in the village very soon.
2. Millennium Way and a neighbouring driveway were repeatedly blocked by drivers of vehicles using the Shop. B&NES had advised that Millennium Way was in private ownership and did not form part of the adopted highway, therefore the request for Keep Clear markings would not be followed through. A single line between the highway and the private road would be acceptable. Councillors agreed to look into this further before making any decision.
3. The 30 mph signs in Ridge Lane had been wrongly sited and that there was no playground sign in Ridge Crescent. The 30mph signs
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had recently been moved to the correct location, in accordance with the legal TRO. Due to severe cost cutting and prioritizing, there were insufficient funds to provide a Playground sign.

4. VAS Sign, A368. To purchase an additional sign sited only a few metres from the existing would have little impact on traffic speed. Two VAS signs within the village was considered sufficient.

Proposed pavement from the Leacroft development to the village. It was recently agreed that the provision of Tegula paving outside the Crown would go ahead. Discussions were ongoing regarding the provision Manchester bollards.

In order to keep the village tidy, it was agreed to ask residents to keep their own frontage swept and tidied. A village tidy up day would take place in the Spring.

Potholes were reported outside the Shop and on Harptree Hill outside the Wellsway. Drains were also blocked on Harptee Hill.

Thanks, were extended to the new residents of Bank House who were willing for the Parish Council to use their water to water the flowerbed when necessary.

Concern was raised regarding the small diameter of the new pipe, and works carried out in the culvert near Dilly Meadows.

Jim McEwan, B&NES would be contacted as a matter of urgency.

Min. 3279 – Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground was in good order. The hedges would be trimmed in due course.

Play equipment steel work refurbishment. A specification was agreed and tenders would be sent out to 3 Contractors.

Min. 3280 – Assets of Community Value

Mark Hayward, B&NES had been invited to the November meeting to

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assist with registering the ACVs.

Min. 3281 – Correspondence

The following items had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.

1. B&NES – Street Works 12/09/17 –18/09/17.
2. Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 37
3. Liz Richardson – ACVs.
4. Mark Hayward – ACVs.
5. B&NES – Parish Charter.
6. B&NES – ACVs.
7. B&NES – Revision of Cabinet Portfolios.
8. B&NES – Pavement.
9. B&NES – Warding Pattern submission.
10. B&NES – Street Works 19/09/17 – 25/09/17.
11. Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 38.
12. Chew Valley Area Forum – Meeting notification.
13. WERN – Broadband Voucher Scheme.
14. B&NES – Planning Policy, Parishes briefing on JSP and New Local Plan: follow up information.
15. Mendip Hills AONB – Grant funding available.
16. B&NES – Minutes CVAF meeting, 17th September.
17. Rural Services Network – News Digest.
18. ALCA – National News.
19. ALCA – Thinking about the implications of GDPR.
20. B&NES – Street Works 26/09/17 – 02/10/17.
21. Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 39.
22. Latest News from Bristol Airport.
23. Blagdon PC – Congestion.
24. Development Management – New application 17/03866/FUL, The Blue Bowl.
25. B&NES – ACVs.
26. ALCA – In Short.
27. B&NES – Remittance advice.
28. ALCA – Books at discount prices.
29. ALCA – LIAS Precept consultation.
30. B&NES – Funding Bulletin.
31. B&NES – CVAF Follow up.
32. Data Protection Registration – Reminder to renew.
33. Jim Hardcastle – Confirmation of presentation.
34. B&NES – HELAA Review.
35. B&NES – Street Works 03/10/17 – 09/10/17.
36. Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 40.
37. ALCA – Defibrillator failure.
38. B&NES – Bath City Conference Programme.
39. B&NES – Housing Newsletter.
40. Latest News from the ICO.
41. B&NES – Highways report.

The following items were received at the meeting:- NONE.

Min. 3282 – Planning Matters

New applications

Planning application 17/03866/FUL, The Blue Bowl, Bristol Road –
Erection of 2 polytunnels for horticultural use.

- Councillors unanimously agreed to Support this application.

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Application pending consideration

Planning application 17/04106/FUL, White Rose Cottage, Bristol Road –
Erection of timber stable block and a “Ménage”.

Planning application 17/04129/FUL, Fairash Poultry Farm, Compton
Martin Road – Conversion and part demolition of poultry sheds to form
3no. dwellings and associated access and landscaping works
(Resubmission).

Notification of decision

Planning application 17/02840/FUL, Parcel 4700, Harptree Hill –
Erection of an agricultural livestock building. PERMIT.

Planning application 17/00146/LBA, Parsonage Farm, Bristol Road –
Internal and external alterations to facilitate refurbishment of SW wing
of Parsonage Farm. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LISTED BUILDINGS AND
CONSERVATION AREAS CASE OFFICER.

Min. 3283 – Financial Matters

The following invoices were proposed, seconded and agreed for
payment:-

SSE (Electricity)	£ 15.74
Data Protection Registration renewal	£ 35.00
Mrs J Burdge, Clerk’s wages	£1,214.46
Clerk’s expenses	£ 42.60

To acknowledge receipt of:-

Parish Precept	£4,000.00
Parish Grant	£ 85.00

Councillor’s acknowledged receipt of, and verified the audited accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2017.

Councillor’s agreed the Bank Reconsiliation as at 30th September 2017.

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Min. 3284 - Meetings attended

Highways meeting, reported above.

Chew Valley Neighbourhood Plan meeting, reported above.

Chew Valley Area Forum meeting where the main topics were a review of local Police matters and Transport initiatives.

The West of England Rural Network, were looking for ideas, photographs and memories to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Chew floods.

Min. 3285 – Items for the Information of the Clerk

Flowerbed – It was agreed that the flowerbed still looked good. Plants would be tended and weeds kept down for as long as possible.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Min. 3286 - Future Meetings

14th November at 7.30p.m.

12th December at 7.30 p.m.

9th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman Date Signed