

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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R Ireland (Chairman), Mr P Hutton (Vice-Chairman), Mr C Gay, Mr G Joyce, Mr J Mitchell and Mr D Wood.

APOLOGIES: Mrs R Wakeley and Mr P Wood.

No members of the public attended.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year, he hoped that they had had a good Christmas break.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed for adoption.

**Min. 3940 – Matters Arising from the Minutes – None.**

**Min. 3941 – Urgent Business as agreed by the Chair**

Recycling Collections – An unacceptable number of recycling collection dates had been missed, of most concern was food waste which had not been collected for over 3 weeks at some addresses. If an issue with recycling occurred, it was suggested that on the next collection date the route should be run backwards to give each household the same opportunity to have their recycling collected.

In response the Ward Councillor acknowledged that staffing had been an issue mainly due to sickness. To alleviate the situation 13 extra staff had been permanently appointed to help keep recycling collections consistent in future.

B&NES would be happy to publish up to date missed collection figures and were not adverse to communicating with the public.

**Min. 3942 – Correspondence**

Please see Appendix 1.

Initials ....

**Min. 3943 – Parish Precept Requirements for 2022/23**

A Financial Statement had been distributed to assist with Precept Requirements for 2022/23. Taking into account the usual considerations plus the renewal of both the electricity and insurance contracts and the increased number of residents within the Parish, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to increase the Precept by £250. The Precept Requirements form requesting £9,000 would be submitted.

**Min. 3944 - Community Infrastructure Levy**

Recreation Ground – The Recreation Ground fence and replacement gate was ongoing.

It was suggested that new children’s adventure equipment/climbing frame (or similar) and adult outside gym equipment would be good additions to the existing traditional equipment. A Councillor agreed to look into this and matched grant funding.

Bus Shelter – The matter was ongoing.

**Min. 3945 – Memorial Hall**

Work was continuing to improve the upstairs area, with flooring the next item to be addressed.

Very positive feedback had been reported following a National Lottery audit.

**Min. 3946 - Highways**

20mph Speed Limit – A public meeting would be arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30 p.m. where the first stage, Phase I would be discussed.

Pothole – A pothole on Bristol Road, between Easton and Mendip View would be reported.

**Min. 3947 - Recreation Ground**

The play equipment was in good order, please see Min. 3944 regarding fencing and additional play equipment suggestions.

Initials ....

Hedge Trimming – D B Gibbons had kindly trimmed the hedge at the end of December. A letter thanking them for their continued support had been sent.

**Min. 3948 – Bus Shelter**

Please see Min 3944.

It was proposed and seconded with all other Councillors in favour of awarding Mrs Robertson a one off gratuity to thank her for dealing with anti social behaviour during the course of her work.

**Min. 3949 – Local Plan Partial Update Consultation**

The Ward Councillor was thanked for his clarity in unravelling access to consultation responses available on the website.

**Min. 3950 – Chew Valley Climate and Nature Emergency**

There was no update at the meeting.

**Min. 3951 – Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II**

Councillors would liaise with the Memorial Hall Committee who were leading the event regarding memorabilia for children in the Parish. The Ward Councillor was asked to look into road closure procedure.

**Min. 3952 – Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial a Ride Grant Request**

It was proposed and seconded with all other Councillors in favour of awarding a grant of £75.00 to support Dial a Ride. The matter would be reviewed in 2023.

**Min. 3953 – Ward Councillor's Report**

The Ward Councillor was thanked for his recent report. Please see Appendix 2.

**Min. 3954 – Planning Matters**

New application(s)

Planning application 21/05439/FUL, Westleaze, The Street – Erection of 1.5 storey garage extension to form annexe.

It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

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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).

**Min. 3955 - Finance**

To agree the following payment(s):-

Mrs C Robertson, Bus Shelter Cleaning	£ 50.00
Mrs J Burdge, Clerk's Wages	£1,357.20
Clerk's Expenses	£ 48.71

**Min. 3956 – Meetings attended – None.**

**Min. 3957 – Items for the Information of the Clerk**

Anti Social Behaviour – Concern regarding drugs and fouling in the Bus Shelter were again raised for discussion. A notice asking Parishioners to please contact the Ward Councillor, in confidence or Crimestoppers if they had any information would be circulated to the Mail Group and on Facebook.

Church Clock - The Clock had lost time over the festive season. Smith of Derby confirmed that their Engineer would visit on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January. All work would be carried out under warranty.

**Min. 3958 - Future Meetings**

The date of the next meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 following the 7.30 p.m. public meeting to discuss West Harptree Speeding Phase I

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date Signed .....

## Appendix 1 Min. 3942 – Correspondence

### December

1. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04890/FUL, Compton Martin and 21/05522/FUL, East Harptree.
2. B&NES – Transport Planning – Journey to Net Zero.
3. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04654/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett.
4. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 51.
5. B&NES – Street Works 15/12/21 – 20/12/21.
6. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 14<sup>th</sup> December.
11. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04323/FUL, 21/04742/FUL and 21/04770, East Harptree.
7. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/05483/FUL, Compton Martin.
12. B&NES – Letter confirming tax base.
8. ICO – Latest News.
13. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04770/FUL, East Harptree.
9. Graham Harding – Cil.
14. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 52.
10. B&NES – Weekly e-newsletter.
15. B&NES – Street Works 21/12/21 – 28/12/21.
16. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 21<sup>st</sup> December.
20. B&NES – Weekly e-newsletter.
17. B&NES – Public Health – Update Covid 19 Testing Van.
21. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04742/FUL, East Harptree.
18. B&NES – Planning Policy, B&NES Local Plan Partial Update submitted for examination.
22. Mendip District Council – Notice of Adoption Mendip Local Plan Part II 2006 – 2029 : Sites and Policies.
19. B&NES – Merry Christmas from BrightStart Children’s Centre Services.
23. B&NES – Chew Valley Area Forum.
24. Graham Harding – Re: Cil.

### January 2022

1. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/05483/FUL, Compton Martin.
2. B&NES – 21/05439/FUL, Westleaze, extension granted.
3. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 1.
4. B&NES – Street Works 04/01/22 – 10/01/22.
5. B&NES – Weekly e-newsletter.
6. Smith of Derby – Acknowledgement.
7. B&NES – Parish Liaison meeting, Zoom link.
8. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest, January 2022 Edition.
9. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/05433/FUL, Compton Martin.
10. B&NES – Weekly e-newsletter.
11. Cllr D Wood – Report.
12. Gallagher – Buildings valuation and under insurance.
13. HAGS – Brochure.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Min. 3953 – Ward Councillor’s Report**

Dated 6/1/22

#### **LPPU Consultation**

I met with the Head of Planning and had a phone call with the Cabinet Member for Planning about consultations in the LPPU and the Full Local Plan, following Jon’s email.

My answer to Jon’s three questions were all yes.

From the meeting I have established the following:

- There was a delay in uploading the Consultation Statement with a schedule attached. This contains an analysis of the common themes and the Councils response to them. They apologise for this not being available at the time of looking.
- All consultation comments are published on the portal website. This is a searchable database of all comments. This can be searched by response by parish area for example. They believe this to be the technically easiest and most user friendly method of people being able to read responses.
- Responses for the final stage of public consultation of a LP or LPPU are always considered by the Planning Inspector rather than the Council. The PI will make changes based on comments by the public and statutory consultees. Otherwise, the cycle of consultations and changes would be unending.
- It is possible to have an extra stage of consultation where the second round of consultation comments lead to changes by the Council and then a third round of consultation takes place on these changes. The consultation responses to this third and final round of consultation would then be considered by the Planning Inspector (rather than the Council).
- The third round was not run for the LPPU due to the extra months this would have added onto the process. B&NES existing Local Plan was dangerously outdated due to the failure of the West of England Regional Plan (JSP). Additional delay would have risked the 5 Year Housing Supply which would have risked speculative development being approved where communities did not want housing from Spring 2022. The safe and early passage of the LPPU protects against this.
- With the LPPU in place there will be less time pressure on the Full Local Plan. I expressed to the Cabinet Member for Planning that this extra round of consultation should be included in the Full Local Plan next year and he agreed with me.

#### **West Harptree Speeding Phase 1**

Head of Transport confirmed this week that the advertisement for the TRO for a 20mph speed limit as previously seen will be approved this week.

The advertisement and consultation will be live by the end of January/start of February.

On the basis that TRO consultations run for 21 days they suggested we hold our local meeting in early to mid February as good timing.

I’m currently free the evenings of 1/2/7/15 February, etc.

#### **West Harptree Speeding Phase 2**

As previously reported, there is still £10k in the draft Transport Improvement Programme for a match funded scheme with WHPC in 22/23.

There is a lot of work to do to keep this on the list as competing pressures emerge between now and when the Council Budget is voted on, on 10 February.

### **Renewables**

I met with planners about renewables in the AONB following feedback on small renewables by the AONB. There were also comments from Natural England.

The crux of the position seems to be that landscape suitability for the smallest category of renewables doesn't mean they will be approved. There are strong legal protections for AONB Landscape character against developments. This is reflected in B&NES guidance that solar farms, for example, shouldn't be built in AONB locations that are visible across the landscape.

Natural England would prefer that this national law was restated in B&NES policies and B&NES planners felt this was superfluous. The Planning Inspector will decide what changes are made.

### **Suggestion for CV Meeting**

Following my call for pressing matters that would benefit from a direct meeting between Chew Valley councillors and senior council officers (as I facilitated last year) East Harptree suggested as a subject how planners apply the CVNP.

### **Meeting with PC Peard**

Following concerns expressed by WHPC about drugs and ASB in the village I met our 'new old' local constable, PC Peard.

He was not aware of any issues in the village so asked for information on addresses. If this is not known I can appeal for information from the community to be passed confidentially onto me so I can pass onto the Police. I've done this successfully in other villages via my newsletter previously. But any alternative advice would be welcome.