

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 June 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr P Wood (Chairman of the meeting), Mr D Hooper, Mr J Mitchell, and Mr D Wood.

APOLOGIES: Mr R Ireland, Mr P Hutton, Mr C Gay and Mr J Joyce.

One member of the public attended.

Min. 4041 – To appoint a Chairman of the meeting.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman another Councillor was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed for adoption.

Min. 4042 – Matters Arising from the Minutes – None.

Min. 4043 – Urgent Business as agreed by the Chair – None.

Min. 4044 – Correspondence

Please see Appendix 1.

Min. 4045 – Clerk Vacancy

Disappointingly, no applications for the Clerk position had been received prior to the closing date of 31st May 2022. It was agreed to re-advertise the position after having updated the advertisement.

Min. 4046 – Memorial Hall

The Hall Committee reported that the upstairs area refurbishment was nearly complete. A grant had been received and several fundraising events were planned.

Initials

Min. 4047 – Highways

20 mph Speed Limit – Several comments had been received regarding anomalies since the implementation of the 20 mph Zone. These would be address by the Contractor in due course. The issue with foliage obscuring the new signage may be addressed by the Clean and Green team. Nevertheless, a letter would be sent to B&NES stating Councillors frustration and disappointment that the 20 mph speed limit was currently unenforceable.

The date of a public meeting to discuss Phase II of the project would be announced shortly.

It was noted that the Climate and Nature Emergency Group were encouraging people to use public transport, cycle and walk more. WHPC were looking into the provision of 2 new virtual footpaths from a road safety point of view.

Min. 4048 - Recreation Ground

The Annual Play Equipment inspection would take place during June 2022.

The National Lottery grant application had been successful. It was agreed that the roundabout was beyond refurbishment and required replacing, and a wooden obstacle course would add interest to the site. A shortlist of suitable equipment, with costs would be drawn up and shared, particularly with those with children who use the playground.

It was reported that the dog prohibition signs were not as visible as expected. It was agreed by replace them with 2x A4 sized signs which would be attached to the fence.

The gate closure mechanism was not working correctly. The Contractor would be asked to rectify the matter.

Min. 4049 – Bus Shelter

The Bus Shelter roof refurbishment was ongoing.

Min. 4050 – Local Plan Partial Update Consultation

The consultation document was still with the planning inspector.

Initials

Min. 4051 – Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

The Hall Committee in conjunction with the Crown organised a very successful Platinum Jubilee event which included races in the Crown garden followed by a children’s tea party and presentation of a Platinum Jubilee mug to each child living in the village. A vote of thanks was given to the organisers for all the effort they had put in to putting on such a well attended event.

Min. 4052 - Community Infrastructure Levy

Projects underway included, supporting the 20mph speed project and replacing the Bus Shelter roof.

Min. 4053 – Ward Councillor’s Report

Please see Appendix 2.

Min. 4054 – Planning Matters

New application

Application No. 22/01937/FUL, Westleaze, The Street – Conversion of garage to annex and form extension to form garage.

Councillors agreed to respond with no objection to this application.

Notification of decision

Application No. 22/01237/FUL – Bungalow Farm Workshop, East Harptree Road – Variation of condition 2 (plans list) of application 19/000958/FUL (Infill space between two industrial buildings to form new building and retrospective permission for further industrial building). PERMIT.

Application No. 22/01577/TCA, White Rose Farm, Ridge Lane – 2x Conifer – Fell. NO OBJECTION.

Min. 4055 – Finance

To agree payment of the following invoice(s):-

Dash (UK) Ltd, Platinum Jubilee mugs	£364.80
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Min. 4056 – Meetings attended – None.

Initials

Min. 4057 – Items for the Information of the Clerk

Triangular Flowerbed – Thanks were expressed to those who had helped plant the triangle flowerbed and planters with summer bedding plants.

It was agreed to invite the new Chair of Bath and North East Somerset Council who would also Chair the Parish Liaison Meeting to the next meeting.

Min. 4058 - Future Meetings

Date of the next meeting: Monday 11th July at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman of the meeting declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date Signed

Appendix 1

Min. 4044 – Correspondence

May 2022

1. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 19.
2. B&NES – Street Works 10/05/22 – 16/05/22.
3. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 10th May.
4. B&NES – Parish Charter Review.
5. B&NES, Planning Policy – Consultation on Draft Planning Obs Supplementary Planning Document and Draft Sustainable Construction Checklist.
6. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01841/CONSULT, 22/01840/FUL, East Harptree and 22.01215/COND, Hinton Blewett.
7. CAZ Support – Bristol Clean Air Zone Information.
8. B&NES – e-newsletter.
9. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01535/FUL, Compton Martin.
10. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 20.
11. B&NES – Street Works 17/05/22 – 23/05/22.
12. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 17th May.
13. B&NES, Development Management – Consultation request 22/01937/FUL, Westleaze, The Street, West Harptree.
14. NALC – Newsletter.
15. B&NES – Future Bright, Newsletter.
16. B&NES, Development Management – Extension granted.
17. Playsafety, Rospa – Notification of play inspection, June 2022.
18. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01709/FUL, Compton Martin and 22/01934/FUL, West Harptree.
19. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01577/TCA, White Rose Farm. No objection.
20. B&NES – e-newsletter.
21. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/00993/FUL, Hinton Blewett.
22. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin.
23. B&NES – West Harptree 20 mph.
24. Cllr David Wood – Clean and Green Weeks.
25. B&NES, Development Management, Consultation decision, 22/01237/VAR, Bungalow Farm Workshop. Permit.
26. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 21.
27. B&NES – Street Works 24/05/22 – 30/05/22.
28. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 24th May.
29. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01237/VAR, West Harptree, 22/01571/FUL, 22/01214/FUL, Compton Martin and 22/01400/FUL, Coley.
30. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01399/CLPU, Coley.
31. B&NES – Connecting Families Newsletter.
32. B&NES – Chew Valley Area Forum meeting, 14th June 2022.
33. NALC, Events – First Ever Hybrid Conference.
34. B&NES – Reminder, Solar Panel Bulk Buy Talk.
35. ALCA – Invitation WDP Stakeholder Workshops, June 2022.
36. B&NES – e-newsletter.
37. ALCA – In Short.
38. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 22.
39. B&NES – Street Works 31/05/22 – 06/06/22.
40. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/02094/FUL, East Harptree, 22/02089/FUL and 22/02178/FUL, Compton Martin.

June 2022

1. B&NES – Public Health Newsletter, June 2022 Edition.
2. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin, 1st June.
3. B&NES – e-newsletter.
4. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/01937/FUL, Westleaze, West Harptree.
5. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 22/02171/FUL, Compton Martin.
6. B&NES – Weekly Planning List No. 23.
7. B&NES – West Harptree, 20 mph Zone.
8. B&NES – Employment and Skills Event at Midsomer Norton Library.
9. B&NES – Street Works 07/06/22 – 13/06/22.

Appendix 2

Min. 4053

West Harptree Parish Council Report

David Wood, 9/6/22

West Harptree Speeding Phase 1

Thank you to WHPC for flagging the implementation issues with the new 20mph zone; residents also wrote in about issues.

The rectifications are handled by our contractors, scheduled for this month. I felt this was too slow to address the wrong sign on the Bristol Road so I put in a call and got that changed more quickly.

For the rest of the works, I discussed this with Lewis. His email is below, which you might have already seen:

"The additional works will be:

- X3 20mph roundels – one on the East Harptree Road where there is currently a 30mph, two on the junction of Rudge Lane with The Street.
- Remove post and sign on East Harptree Road and move further out (due to land ownership).

Myself and Stef have discussed the overgrowth which obscures the signage in places, and whilst this is something Cllr Wood brought up with me on the telephone yesterday, this is something that just cannot be helped particularly with it being a very rural area and the time of year. Some of the overgrowth areas obscuring the signage is not Council property, we would suggest as a community and Parish Council you have discussions in regards to when and how you can keep the signage clear from overgrowth and foliage particularly during the summer months"

I understand what they are saying about the nature of the roads and hedges growing over the summer. However, I feel that especially when first implemented it's important the signs are visible so people know the change has been made. I've fed this into the C&G Week (see below).

West Harptree Speeding Phase 2

I think the action here is to await a public meeting later in the summer.

Clean and Green Weeks

The first of 3 weeks of cleaning action (additional to normal service levels) will take place in Mendip/Chew Valley this week coming, part of 36 weeks across B&NES. Thanks for WHPC inputting several requests. Some of these are beyond the scope of cleaning crews (e.g. gully tankers, and stop/go litter picking) but we will make sure these are picked up separately anyway.

I have inputted the request about hedges and 20mph signs into the C&G Week too.

Ward Residents' Survey

I finally completed the door knocking stage of my Ward Survey in West Harptree

recently. Some details are:

- Of households I spoke to 88% returned a completed form
- Top issues raised were: Speeding, safer walking routes, no more house building, parking, fly tipping
- Opinion of B&NES: Very good 8.75%, Good 80%, Poor 5.71%, No Response 5.72%
- Opinion of Ward Cllr: Very good 40%, Good 51.43%, No Response 8.58%

Dog Fouling

Reports from local residents are that this problem has reduced since B&NES issued the letter. However, the problem has not gone away entirely so have reinforced the message to pass on intelligence to me or B&NES so we can stay on top of it,

Road Resurfacing

This is still due to take place at the end of Summer on Ridge Crescent and the A368.