

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
9 JANUARY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pickford (Chairman), Pike, Aldridge, Foster, Gregory, Mattick, Maundrill, Morgan, Stanford & Thwaites. SCCllr Harvey Siggs & PCSO Nikki Housley

Apologies: Cllr. Bacik & Richardson-Aitken.

2. **Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** Re 14(b) Cllr Foster said that she would draft a letter, which the council would send to the police. With this amendment, the Minutes were agreed as true record and signed.
4. **Ongoing Matters:**
- a) 08/11 - Murals inside 2 Bus Shelters: Small amount of artwork still to be done. Cllr. Bacik confirmed the paint is available and in good condition to finish the job in the Spring. (06/08)
 - b) 08/12 - The Drang Footpath: It was reported that the hand rail had been fixed. 03/12
 - c) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. 07/12
 - d) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: Housing survey being carried out by Community Council for Devon on behalf of our Community Council. 10/12
5. **SCCllr Harvey Siggs:** Reported that through November and December flooding throughout the county, and in particular on the levels, had focussed the attention of the council. Road damage alone, it has been estimated, will cost £1million. Government funding is expected to be reduced by four and a half per cent, but better than the 9% originally thought. There is a backlog of street light repairs but the council is getting round to them. The council has 45,000 lights to look after.
6. **Matters Arising:**
- a) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** Following a letter from SCCllr Siggs on what was possible and likely in terms of increasing the 30mph speed limit westwards, the Parish Council decided that any increase would be appreciated. A feasibility study into further safety measures is also being sought. Clerk to confirm this to SCCllr Siggs and SCC Highways. 8/12
 - b) **Lights:** Various lights reported as malfunctioning. 71-73 Bennell, 42 Wells Rd, 4 Frys Well, Greenways and Golledge Close.7/12
 - c) **Jubilee Planter:** Highways have agreed the positioning of the planter. Cllr Pickford is investigating the type of planter. Estimates are about £500. 8/12
 - d) **Community Speedwatch:** Still awaiting training for the speedgun. Clerk to contact Terry Drake as there is concern that it is several months since the volunteers offered their services. 3/11
 - e) **Police Report:** PCSO Nikki Housley reported that on 27/12 there was a vehicle parked on the pavement on the Wells Road, on the 31/12 a car was caught in the flood on Parsonage Lane, on 1/1 hounds were seen over the Baker's Lane area, on 2/1 there was a barn fire at Rookery Farm, on 5/1 three people were detained for drugs on Church Lane, on the 8/1 a leaf blower was stolen from Abbey Road and on the same day an accident at the crossroads to the B3356. It was discussed whether more could be done to publicise the Police Community Contact dates. Re the white van on Fry's Well, two options were put forward, double yellow lines and a mirror on the opposite side of the road. The police are to speak to the driver.

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- f) **Stockhill church yard and boundary:** Cut back hedging around the graveyard on the inside, plus around the tree in the middle. The Clerk has asked Browns for a quote to get this done but not heard back. The Browns are currently on holiday. Budget set of £150.07/12
 - g) **Gritting & New Bins:** Cllr Mattick to liaise with the clerk about putting the new Parsonage Lane bin in place when the bins are next due to be filled.
 - h) **2012/1586 - Annexe at 2 Hoecroft:** It was questioned why there is no condition on the use of the annexe on the Planning Decision. MDC Planning have now said a condition would be unnecessary. 10/12
 - i) **SIDs sign at Lynch Hill:** A BANES officer has written to say that the smiley face SID, like the one in High Littleton, would cost about £6,000. But that that particular one had had a huge impact.10/12
 - j) **Overgrown wild garden in the Playing Field:** Being dealt with by the Scarterfields.
 - k) **High wall at 6 Stockhill Road:** MDC Enforcement are investigating. (ref: ENF/2012/0477)
 - l) **Local Plan:** Not all of the councillors had had the opportunity to look at this. So it was decided that the clerk should hold off sending the compilation of comments for a couple of days. There was a discussion about whether the flooding comments should be removed from the compilation.
 - m) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** The clerk reported that the land had been sold by British Rail to J.E. Sheppard & Sons in 1979. Cllr Pickford said that she would ask Jane Winsley if she knew who now owned the land.
 - n) **Parsonage Lane Flooding:** There had been a suggestion that the flooding might be avoided by cutting into the grass verge. Somerset CC had offered a site inspection. But the Parish Council decided that the scheme was not viable.
 - o) **Pot holes:** Cllr Mattick reported that the holes at the top of Coach Lane had been repaired but there was a series of holes at the beginning of The Street at the bend. There is also a very large hole at the bottom of Tunnel Lane.
7. **Playing Field – Children’s Play Area Update:** Cllr Stanford reported that he had talked to Mr Tibbs who would be willing to do the cutting back work for £100. He also said that there was a problem with the plant Himalayan balsam and suggested that a working party should be organised to pull it out. He also said that the children’s play equipment needed to be safety checked on a proper and routine basis. The clerk said he would bring in the necessary paperwork for the next meeting.
8. **Village Plan Steering Committee Report:** First sub-committee meeting of the year was held on the 8th January. It focussed on the draft Village Plan, which is anticipated to be in the final form and ready for print by the next meeting. The launch date has been confirmed as Saturday 27th April with a previous evening event with food and a bar for all involved with the organisation. This will include all Parish Council members, so councillors were asked to make a note in their diaries.
9. **Recreation Committee Report:** There has not been a meeting.

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10. Planning Applications:

(a)2012/2997 More House, The Street – Addition of two high level outward-opening windows to the north elevation of the previously approved scheme ref 2012/0110. Recommend approval.

Sub committees

(b)2012/2919 Glenwood, Baker's Lane – Two storey extension to north east of dwelling.

Recommend approval. Endorse existing materials.

(c)2012/2875 Northend, Carter,s Way – Single storey side extension. Recommend approval.

(d)2012/2887 Knitts Farm, 132 Stockhill – Siting of 208 solar panels to barn roof. Recommend approval.

(e)2012/2418 Sestri, Broadway – Demolition of existing building and development of 9 two storey houses with access road. Recommend refusal. The proposed development is too large for Chilcompton. Demolishing Sestri would take away part of the character of the village. The development would have a negative impact on neighbouring properties. The proposal would not benefit the economic activity of the village. There would be flooding implications. For full details of the objections, contact the clerk.

11. Planning Decisions:

(a)2012/1636 65 Stockhill Road – Conditions on planning permission 2011/2615. Split decision. Approval: The details submitted pursuant to conditions 3,4,6,12 are acceptable and are sufficient to satisfy the pre-commencement components of these conditions only. Refusal: Condition 8 (Estate Road) has not been complied with as the adopted layout by reason of the location of soakways and poor visibility cannot be achieved.

(b)2012/2457 1, Gainsborough, The Street – Installation of solar panels to south facing slope of garage. Approve with conditions.

12. New Website: A letter from Alex Arnold explained that she was still in discussion with Yola about the password protection issue. Cllr Morgan said that he would hold another sub-committee to discuss the possibilities outlined. Cllr Foster took the opportunity to resign from the sub-committee.

13. Accounts:

670 – Trophies of Radstock	- vase	-	49.60
671 – Marlene Pickford	- reimbursement	-	300.00
672 – Chilcompton VHMC	- Hall rental	-	122.50
673 – Void	-	-	0.00
674 – Void	-	-	0.00
675 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerks Tax x 2	-	72.20
676 – M.Rigby	- reimbursements	-	10.50
677 – N.Jarman	- Net salary	-	115.20
678 – M.Rigby	- Net salary	-	<u>173.70</u>
			843.70

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25. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Thwaites discussed the structure of how it might begin. Cllr Stanford pointed out that the project should not be taken on lightly. It was agreed to discuss it again next month.

26. Litter: Overflowing bin near the Coop. The clerk was asked to contact Mendip DC about which bigger bin would they recommend and also be willing to empty. The clerk was also asked to request whether a joint normal/dog refuse bin would be possible.

27. Correspondence: Naming of street behind 65 Stockhill Road. Strawbridge Close and Nitts Place were considered. Cllr Pickford said she would talk to David Strawbridge and draw up a list of other possible names that the Council could vote on.

28. Any Other Business:

- (a) Cllr Maundrill reported that there had been Guinea Fowl loose on Parsonage Lane.
- (b) Cllr Pickford asked the clerk to write to Adrian Beck to thank him for cutting back the verge at Halfway Waters on the road to Midsomer Norton.

29. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 13th February 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23rd January 2013

30. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45.

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