

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
8 JANUARY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pike (Chairman), Aldridge, Foster, Gregory, Mattick, Maundrill, Morgan, Pickford, Richardson-Aitken, Stanford & Thwaites. MDCllr Carter.

Apologies: Cllr. Bacik. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** None

3. **MDCllr Carter:** Said that the White Hayes development may well be refused when it goes to the Planning Board, probably in February. She also said that she will speak to Highways about the White Hayes development.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** The minutes were agreed as true record and signed accordingly.

5. **Ongoing Matters:**

- a) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. It was reported that there had been a limited response to the request for artefacts. Cllr Pike reported that he was using Publisher for the exhibition. 07/12
b) 12/12 - More affordable housing in Parsonage Lane. Awaiting response from Nina Richards following the meeting with her and the Winsleys. 10/12

6. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** Awaiting the extension of the 30mph speed limit westwards as well as a feasibility study into further safety measures. 8/12
- b) **Lights:** Cllr Pickford reported that 42 Wells Road had been faulty for two years. Clerk to contact SCC again. 7/12
- c) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Morgan reported that it was the Mendip Speedwatch AGM on the 26/2 and Chilcompton was up for an award as 'best newcomer'. 3/11
- d) **Police Report:** In a written report, PCSO Housley noted: 9/12/2013 controls panels to do with air source heating were removed from a new build on Stockhill rd 10/12/2013 Farm buildings were broken into on Stockhill rd, tools and a chainsaw were taken 24/12/2013 The Redan public house had a break in nothing taken but damage to back of pub 27/12/2013 Report of youths playing football on the rock rd estate 30/12/2013 A flat bed lorry causing a possible obstruction on the entrance of West mead Estate, we attended , the vehicle in question was in order and wasn't actually causing an obstruction at the time but I will follow this up when I return from rest days re any issues over obstruction. 02/01/2014 A white transit van hit a wall on Bowden hill then drove off. Cllr Pickford reported that there had been complaints of cars being parked and sold at Naishes Cross. Cllr Richardson-Aitken reported that a sign had been torn off at St Aldhelms Church. Cllr Mattick reported that there had been petty thefts down Parsonage Lane and Somer Lea. Cllr Morgan said that his Landrover had been stolen but was not included in the report. Clerk to contact PCSO Housley about how things get left off the report and her attendance next month.
- f) **Pot holes:** No new ones reported.
- g) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Thwaites reported that still more responses to the draft of the contribution to the Local Plan were needed.

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- h) **Village plan actions:** Following the sub com meeting Cllr Pike to send out a checklist on actions. Cllr Pike reported that there was a youth club committee meeting next week, and that there was now a Twitter account in action for it.
- i) **Street railings:** Stronger materials were still being waited for. Clerk to chase.
- j) **Glebe land:** Clerk to write again to MDC Planning and SCC Highways about the potential dangers of the junction, and inquire why the conditions had changed since 2009.

- 7. Committee reports: The Old Rec** – Cllr Mattick reported that it was too wet to begin the clearing. The clerk reported that Tony Mead had contacted him to say he would clear the pile of branches.
- The Sports Field** – Cllr Mattick reported that he had been to two meetings. Firstly on the possibility of Stratton on the Fosse Cricket team playing at the venue from the 2015 season. A square could be provided between the football pitches. Both sides went away believing it could work. Also the monthly sports committee meeting: he reported that little football had been played because of water-logged pitches, the finances were in good order, and they are still exploring ways to fund the extension of the club house. Cllr Mattick said that he believed the Parish Council should be prepared to make a contribution.
- 8. Grass cutting contract** – The Parish Council decided to keep with the Browns if they continue at the same rate. Clerk to write to them.
- 9. Website** – Cllr Thwaites suggested that the Parish Council should make use of expertise within the village to help with the website and communication in general. Cllr Thwaites to investigate and lead. He also put forward the motion that the clerk should spend two hours a week extra proactively getting information and news on the website. This was agreed by the council. Clerk to organise instruction on website construction for himself and Cllr Thwaites. Clerk to write to Cllr Pike about change of contract.
- 10. Conduct of meeting** – Standing Orders: Cllrs Pike and Stanford to review them in light of changes in national guidelines. Clerk to send the old standing orders to them. Time spent on ‘matters arising’: Clerk to highlight actions in the minutes so that the council can be more focussed. Attendance of meetings: The minutes should note ‘present’, ‘apologies’ and ‘absent’. Clerk to check with SALC over rules about non-attendance.
- 11. Coleford Dump closure** – Subject to final confirmation in February the village’s nearest ‘Recycling Site’ will close in April. It was suggested that the introduction of charges probably led to its demise. Clerk to write to the Somerset Waste Partnership objecting to the loss of amenity, the unnecessary increase in carbon footprint and the increase in fly tipping that will inevitably result.
- 12. Planning Applications:**
- a) 2013/2460 – Demolition of conservatory and proposed side extensions. Pemples, Abbey Road. Recommend Approval.
- Greenacre – Cllr Stanford reported that despite his efforts MDC Planning Board had that evening approved this development for 18 houses. Cllr Aldridge to contact headteacher David Allinson about not being advised on school numbers.

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White Hayes – Clerk to reply to SCCllr David Huxtable inquiring when will he know the extent of Somerset’s interest in this land. Clerk to contact SCC conservation officer inquiring whether there will be a bat survey of the area. Clerk to contact Chris & Justine North to see if they will head up campaign against the development. The PC voted for £50 to support this, i.e. for stationery etc. Cllr Foster requested the conditions on the Bungalow, Wells Road. 2013/1816.

Cllr Stanford reported that MDC officer Matt Williams said that 2013/1321 (land off Parsonage Lane) got through because of approval from MDCllrs Carter and Prescott.

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- b) 2013/2449 – Rear first floor extension and two storey rear extension. Hillside, Bowden Hill. Recommend Approval subject to drainage investigation and party wall structure.
- c) 2013/2474 – Front boundary wall. 6 Stockhill Road. Recommend Approval subject to Highways approval.
- d) 2013/2514 – Lean to rear extension, garden room and car port. Ash Barton, Parsonage Lane. Recommend Approval.

13. Planning Decisions:

- (a) 2013/2220 Approval of details relating to 2013/1290. Land off Carter’s Way. Approved.
- (b) 2013/1904 Two storey extension. 1 Sawmill Gardens. Approved with conditions.
- (c) 2013/1927 Erection of detached annexe building. 84 Stockhill Road. Approved with conditions.

14. Accounts:

769 – Judith Stanford	- Plants	-	35.87
770 – AJ & RC Brown	- Grasscutting	-	493.20
771 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	11.99
772 – M. Rigby	- Clerk’s salary	-	183.71
773 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk’s tax	-	46.00
			770.77

15. Correspondence: None.

16. Any Other Business: Cllr Pickford asked whether the PC’s views on the reduction of the 184 bus service had been expressed. The clerk confirmed this. Cllr Pickford reported that there was mud at the entrance to the Glebe. Clerk to contact Highways. Cllr Pickford reported that she had been sorting through old planning applications. The PC thanked her for her efforts. Cllr Stanford asked for the Village Ponds to be put on next month’s agenda. Cllr Stanford reported on the bad state of the Drang. Leaning fences could be a H&S issue. Clerk to contact Mark Matthews.

17. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 12th February 2014. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 22nd January 2014.

18. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.

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