

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pickford (Chairman), Pike, Aldridge, Foster, Gregory, Mattick, Maundrill, Morgan, Stanford & Thwaites. MDCllr Priscott. SCCllr Siggs.

Apologies: Cllrs. Bacik, Richardson-Aitken. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation:** None

3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In item 7 it should read "offered to help" rather than "helping". In item 8, 3rd line, it should read "parish council" not "council". In item 5(d) Cllr Morgan offered to do a speedwatch session not training. With these amendments the minutes were agreed as true record and signed accordingly.

4. **MDCllr Steven Priscott:** Talked about the Community Environment Fund which aims to help small projects that seek to improve the environment in a practical manner. Community groups should apply as soon as possible - £4,000 was available over two years. He also said that he would let the clerk know if there was any development in the planning decision on the Cestri application.

5. **SCCllr Harvey Siggs:** Wayne Closier has resigned from MDC so there will be a by-election on 2/5. Re Lynch Hill, Cllr Siggs was pressing for movement of the signage and more pavement, but it was a slow business. He reported that Priddy have gone for the gateway approach to indicate you are entering a village. He advised to keep reporting potholes and empty grit bins. He was informed about the site visit to Parsonage Lane about the flooding situation.

6. **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. Cllr Aldridge said he would investigate the protective glaze. (06/08)
- b) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. Two complimentary tickets of existing village exhibition were taken by Cllrs Pickford and Foster. 07/12
- c) 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

7. **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:** It was reported that 42 Wells Rd and 35 Broadway were still malfunctioning. Clerk to report. 7/12
- c) **Jubilee Planter:** Ongoing attempts to get permission to site the planter. Another spot might be needed to be found. Clerk to contact Western Power. The possibility of putting an old coal truck on the grass at Bowden Hill was also discussed. Clerk to find out if there are cables underneath the site. 8/12
- d) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Stanford reported good progress with four more volunteers taking part in a training day on 10/3. A speedwatch session has now been arranged. Cllr Stanford said that he had been advised that 3 to 4 sessions a month were needed otherwise the exercise was pointless. 3/11
- e) **Police Report:** PCSO Nikki Housley, in a written report, noted that on 6/3 there was a call about the hunt on Green Lane off Rock road.

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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. This work has now been done.07/12
- g) **Gritting & New Bins:** The relative merits of gritting bins or a mini-gritter for Stockhill Road were discussed. There is apparently a Somerset village that has acquired a mini-gritter, SCCllr Siggs to find the name of the village and then the clerk will write to their Parish Council.
- h) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** Cllr Pickford had done various investigations as to who owned it and concluded that she thought it belonged to David Naish. Cllr Stanford said he would talk to Mr Naish.
- i) **Parsonage Lane Flooding:** Following a site meeting with Neil Corp, SCC Highways, he is going to report the situation to SCC Flood Team.
- j) **Pot holes:** Clerk to report the series of pot holes at the beginning of the Street.
- k) **Wreaths:** Council decided that for future years the wreaths at the war memorial should be removed on April 1st if not before.

8. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: Re the cutting back work, Cllr Stanford said that he had received a quote from Tibbs Tree Surgeons and the work would begin next week. Cllr Stanford has also completed the first monthly checklist of the children's play equipment.

9. Village Plan Steering Committee Report: Meeting held 5/3/13. Cllr Stanford reported that the draft is hopefully now with the printer and printed drafts will then be available for final vetting by the sub-committee prior to the launch. The launch evening for invited guests is on Friday 26th April which will be followed by an 'open for all' afternoon on Saturday 27th April. Thanks to Cllr Pike, they are now on Twitter.

10. Recreation Committee Report: Cllr Mattick reported that an AGM had been held in February. The possibility of an extension is still being discussed and they are also looking to increase the area of the playing fields.

11. Planning Applications:

None

12. Planning Decisions:

(a)2012/2392 Conversion of outbuilding on 1, Wells Road. Approved.

(b)2012/2919 Two storey extension at Glenwood, Bakers Lane. Approved with conditions.

(c)2012/2887 Siting of 208 solar panels to barn roof at Knitts Farm. Approved with conditions.

(d)2012/2997 Addition of two windows to the north extension of More House. Approved with conditions.

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13. New Website: Cllr Thwaites has drawn up a letter asking village organisations what kind of presence they would like on the website. He was given a list of such organisations and is now going to contact them.

14. Accounts:

685 – Somerset Wagon	- Village Plan	-	40.00
687 – Malcolm Rigby	- reimbursements	-	71.99
688 – Malcolm Rigby	- net salary	-	173.70
689 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerks Tax	-	43.40
690 – AJ & RC Brown	- Cemetery gardening	-	180.00
691 – Glasdon UK Ltd	- Rubbish bin	-	<u>213.04</u>
			722.13

Transfer from bus account to c/a £7,000

13. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Thwaites suggested that the Parish Council should make a statement of principle that it would like to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. The motion: “The Parish Council would like to develop a Neighbourhood Plan subject to a suitable project structure being developed and agreed with Mendip District Council. To this end the Council authorizes Cllr Thwaites to develop a project structure and plan, as set out as the First Stage in the draft project plan considered by the Council.” This was carried unanimously.

14. Litter: Overflowing bin near the Coop. A second bin to go near the Coop has been purchased. Cllr Mattick said he could advise on how to fix the bin but could not do it himself. The Council are awaiting a response from the Coop as to whether they would put a bin just outside the shop.

15. Correspondence: None

16. Any Other Business: None.

18. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 10th April 2013. Planning Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 24th March 2013

19. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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