

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pickford (Chairman), Pike, Bacik, Foster, Mattick, Maundrill, Richardson-Aitken, Stanford & Thwaites. SCCllr Siggs.

Apologies: Cllrs. Aldridge, Gregory & Morgan. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation:** David Naish asked if he could access through the old rec playing field to cut down an Ash tree that was preventing him from tidying up an old stone wall. The council agreed that would be fine.

The pill box on the Millennium path was also mentioned, as this is owned by Mr Naish. He was happy for work to be done to tidy it up. He and Cllr Stanford agreed to meet up to discuss it.

Kevin Bird, from the Silverwood Partnership, who are seeking to develop land adjacent to the Somerset Wagon, said that it would comprise up to 50 houses, that 30% would be affordable housing, and that they would be building a new classroom. The Parish Council made it clear they did not want further housing development, but if there was it should be 1,2 or 3 bedroom houses. Mr Bird said there would be a website so people could make comments online.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 4 it should read 'Sestri' not 'Cestri'. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as true record and signed accordingly.

4. **SCCllr Harvey Siggs:** In an 'end of term' report, he said that it had been a challenging 4 years because of the budget issues. The big concern of the moment is apparently mud on the roads. He promised to chase up the situation on Lynch Hill.

5. **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. She said she would get the paint from her garage and it was decided not to order the glaze until next month. (06/08)
- b) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. Cllr Pickford reported that she had attended this year's exhibition and that the costs would mainly be in the printing of posters. She suggested that David Strawbridge might have materials that could be borrowed. The council voted unanimously that they should take part next year.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

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:** No new reportings.7/12
- c) **Jubilee Planter:** Ongoing attempts to get permission to site the planter, a new spot is being sought. Cllr Pickford said that she would apply for a grant for the coal truck that is going to be placed on Bowden Hill. There was an unresolved discussion on what was to be written on the truck and plaque.8/12

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- d) **Community Speedwatch:** Two speedwatch sessions had taken place in the last few weeks. Cllr Stanford proposed that the council give Mendip Community Speedwatch £250 for their own speedgun and jackets. This was approved with one abstention. 3/11
- e) **Police Report:** PCSO Nikki Housley, in a written report, noted that on 22/3 there was a report of a male knocking on a door on Bowden Hill. He was selling goods and said he was an ex-offender. This does happen from time to time but these people do need to always have a licence to sell permit from their relevant council. On the 4/4 there was a two car road traffic collision on the Wells Road, there was no injury.
- f) **Gritting & New Bins:** The clerk is still awaiting a response from the village of Burtle, who apparently have acquired their own mini-gritter, on its relative merits.
- g) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** Cllr Stanford to meet with the owner, Mr Naish, on what can be done with it.
- h) **Pot holes:** No new reportings.

7. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: It was reported that the gates had been put in and the trees had been cut back. Cllr Mattick said he would spray the overgrown area.

8. Village Plan Steering Committee Report: Cllr Stanford reported that an article on the Village Plan had appeared in the Journal. He encouraged cllrs to come to the evening event on Friday 26/4 and the open-to-all launch on Saturday 27/4.

9. Recreation Committee Report: None.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/0579 Single storey rear extension at 31 Wells Road. Recommend approval.

Sub-committees

- b) 2912/2875 Single storey extension (amended) at Northend, Carter's Way. Recommend approval.

11. Planning Decisions:

- (a)2013/0020 Showroom conversion at Downside Motors, 35 Wells Road. Approved.

12. New Website: Another sub-committee meeting is being arranged.

13. Accounts:

693 – SALC	- Annual Fee	-	500.54
694 – Mendip Community Transport	- Donation	-	75.00
695 – Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau	- Donation	-	75.00
696 – Chilcompton VHMC	- Hall rental	-	75.00
697 – AJ & RC Brown	- Grass cutting	-	159.60

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698 – John Scarterfield	- Village Plan map	-	65.70
699 – Tibbs Tree Surgeons	- Old Rec tree work	-	400.00
700 – The Journal	- Advert	-	13.94
701 – Paul Mattick	- Fitting gate	-	114.00
702 – Cash	- Village Plan launch	-	200.00
703 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	7.50
704 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	173.70
705 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	<u>43.40</u>
			1903.38

14. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Thwaites suggested that the next move should be to talk to Rhode who are further down the road on this project.

15. 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 Coop has placed a bin just inside the shop. The council agreed the purchase of three more bins to go around the village. Two of them dog/litter bins and a litter only bin by the village hall. A date for a litter picking day was arranged for Saturday 20th April – 10.00am at the village hall with sacks and pickers.

16. Correspondence: Two letters from Stockhill Road residents on the state of the verges on that particular road. The matter was discussed and it was decided that it was a real issue for people but that there was nothing more the Parish Council could do. The clerk was asked to pass on the letters to Somerset County Council Highways.

17. Any Other Business: Cllr Pickford announced that she would not be standing for Chairman the following month. Cllr Pike initiated a vote of thanks for her work over the last three years.

18. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 8th May 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 24th April 2013.

19. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm.

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