

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

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

Apologies: Cllr. Mattick

2. **Public Participation:** Lee Wright representing the Elmes family explained the needs behind the planning application for an extension to 1, Hoecroft Gardens.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 14 Rhode should be spelt Rode, and it was Cllr Stanford who made the suggestion not Thwaites. With these amendments the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

4. **SCC Cllr. Harvey Siggs:** Reported that following the election he was prepared to stay in the Cabinet and was hoping for a post in Roads or Human Resources. With his Mendip hat on, he said that he was investigating an advanced course for parish councillors on Planning.

5. **Ongoing Matters:**

- a) 08/11 - Murals inside 2 Bus Shelters: Cllr. Bacik said that she had the glaze in the back of her car and would hand it over to Cllr Stanford following the meeting. (06/08)
- b) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. The new sub-committee agreed to meet following the planning meeting on the 22nd May.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. Cllr Pickford reported that the survey is actually not being carried out. There was a discussion on what 'affordable' housing means. The Clerk was asked to write to Nina Richards, Mendip Housing Development Officer, saying that the school's capacity was not an impediment to the survey going ahead.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:** The lights at Greenways have been reported as going again. Also 26 Broadway reported as out.7/12
- c) **Jubilee Planter:** Ongoing attempts to get permission to site the planter, a new spot is being sought. A suitable 'coffin sized' planter has been found in a reclamation yard. A grant has been applied for the coal truck to go on Bowden Hill .8/12
- d) **Community Speedwatch:** Five speedwatch sessions have now taken place. The new gun has arrived and there are now 7 people trained, with another two people due to be. 3/11
- e) **Police Report:** PCSO Nikki Housley reported that on the 10/4 three males were seen believed to be taking drugs on Gollodge Close, police attended but the men were gone. On the 11/4 a large dog was loose outside Bennell Cottages. On 13/4 there was an incident of reckless driving round White Post roundabout. On 22/4 diesel was taken from a tractor in a field off Tunnel Lane. On 23/4 it was reported that a vehicle had been left in the village hall car park for a week. On 28/4 sheep was seen on the road at Lynch Hill.
- f) **Gritting & New Bins:** The clerk reported on the village of Burtle, which has bought their own mini-gritter, combining with neighbouring parishes. The clerk was asked to find out details of their mini-gritter. Cllr Morgan offered to head up the project.

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- g) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** Cllr Stanford to meet with the owner, Mr Naish, on what can be done with it in June.
- h) **Pot holes:** Reports on pot holes in Fry's Wells, Tunnel Lane, and the beginning of The Street.

7. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: Cllr Stanford reported that wood chip that was going to be used for a footpath had been removed.

8. Village Plan Steering Committee Report: Cllr Stanford reported that the VP was successfully launched on 26/27 April. Most of the VPs have now been delivered. The subcommittee has decided that it must stay in existence a further few months in order to progress the actions. After expenses there is a balance of £2000, half of which would be made available to the Neighbourhood Plan, should it go ahead, and the other half for groups requiring small funding for projects evolved from the VP.

9. Recreation Committee Report: None.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/0910 Two storey extension to rear, at 1 Hoecroft Gardens. Recommend approval.
- Sub-committees**
- b) 2013/0667 Development of site for up to 21 dwellings. Greenacre Farm, Wells Road. Recommend refusal. For full list of objections contact the clerk.

11. Planning Decisions:

- (a) 2012/1635 Demolition of dwelling and erection of 2 detached dwellings. 65 Stockhill Road. Approved with conditions.
- (b) 2012/2875 Single storey extension. Northend, Carter's Way. Approved with conditions.
- (c) 2013/0367 Erection of rear extension. The Bungalow, Wells Road. Approved. The clerk was asked to write to MDC seeking clarification as back in November this was seen as unlawful, and now it is seen as lawful. The parish council has not seen any new plans.
- (d) 2013/0576 Agricultural development for proposed building extension. Downside Farm, Stockhill Road. Approval not required.

Cllr Aldridge reported that the Sestri application was going to Appeal. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Inspectorate adding the objection that there were so many large developments in application, the council felt the village was being besieged.

12. New Website: No report.

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13. Accounts:

706 – Mendip Community Speed Watch	- Camera & accessories	-	250.00
707 – Terry Davis	- Internet payment	-	71.86
708 – Glasdon	- Bins	-	581.80
709 – TPM UK Ltd	- Village Plan publishing	-	3193.18
710 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	13.20
711 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	173.70
712 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	<u>43.40</u>
			4327.14

14. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Thwaites said that he was going to see a Ms Blackburn, planning officer, to see if they could get help from MDC on creating a NP.

15. Litter: The clerk reported that three new bins had been purchased. The clerk to contact Cllr Stanford when they arrive, as he volunteered to put one of them up. It was decided that last month's Litter Day needed greater publicity, so in future the litter days would be flagged up at the August and January PC meetings. The council agreed that the area around the coop was the priority. Cllr Aldridge said that he would put together a list of litter volunteers and their contact details.

16. Correspondence: Letter from Carol Green stating her objections to the Greenacres planning application.

17. Any Other Business: Cllr Bacik brought up the issue of recording votes. Cllrs Morgan and Foster talked about the future of the Redan. Cllr Pickford reported that the street off Stockhill had indeed been named Strawbridge Close and that Stockhill Road was being resurfaced. Cllr Stanford gave a debriefing of the Parish Forum that he had attended at Shepton and asked for the wall around the war memorial to go on next month's agenda.

18. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 12th June 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2013.

19. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

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