

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

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

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

2. **Public Participation:** None

3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** On p.130 No.14, Ms Blackburn is Senior Planning Policy Officer. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as true record and signed accordingly.

4. **MDCllr Rachel Carter:** Introduced herself as having been brought up in Chilcompton. She announced that the MDC website was going to be more accessible and that there was a new phone number for MDC, 0300 303 8588. Rachel said that it would be her rather than MDCllr Priscott who would be attending the Chilcompton PC meetings.

5. **Ongoing Matters:**

- a) 08/11 - Murals inside 2 Bus Shelters: The shelters have now had 2 coats of anti-graffiti paint put on. The walls, whilst not perfect, are considered acceptable. Thanks were given to all the councillors involved. (06/08)
- b) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. The new sub-committee will meet again after the planning meeting. Cllr Foster asked if anyone had suitable interesting artifacts.07/12
- c) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: The clerk reported that Nina Richards, Mendip Housing Development Officer, has said that she will be in contact with her partner colleagues about the Parish Council's view (see below) on affordable housing and will be in touch about a public consultation event.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. Clerk to ask SCCllr Harvey Siggs if there has been any development.8/12
- b) **Lights:** None. 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. The Parish Council decided that a maximum of £500 would be spent on the planter and installation on top of the money left over from the Jubilee funds. A grant has been applied for the coal truck to go on Bowden Hill.8/12
- d) **Community Speedwatch:** A training session is being planned for 17/6 when it is hoped the 3 new volunteers will attend, bringing the team up to 10. There was a discussion on the possibility of Community Speedwatch signs. 3/11
- e) **Police Report:** In a written report PCSO Housley noted that on the 10/5 a shed was broken into at the back of a garden on Stockhill road, a number of garden items were taken. On 11/05 there was a road traffic collision on the Wells Road, no injury. On 15/05 two mini motorbikes were stolen from a container on Parsonage Lane. On 16/5 there was a loose calf on Parsonage Lane. On 19/05 a pane of glass was broken in a porch/conservatory along by the Pitchings. On the 22/5 there was a sheep loose on Station Mead. The clerk reported that the PC noticeboard by Church House had been set alight.

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- f) **Gritting & New Bins:** There was a discussion about the relative merits of a mini-gritter and more grit bins. Cllr Morgan who had offered to head up the mini-gritter project said that he would try to get a proposal together by August. Cllr Mattick said that he would investigate a proposal for grit bins.
- g) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** The clerk reported that Cllr Stanford had met with the owner, Mr Naish, on what can be done. Dates were suggested for a working party to clear the area but the Parish Council decided that it would be better to wait until August (which is when the council start cutting hedges again) as there was a danger of upsetting birds' nests.
- h) **Pot holes:** Reports on pot holes in Fry's Wells, Tunnel Lane, and the beginning of The Street. Clerk to contact Somerset CC again.
- i) **Planning permission, Bungalow, Wells Road:** Clerk still awaiting clarification from MDC officer Matthew Williams.

7. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: Cllr Mattick said that the Parish Council should be budgeting some money for cutting back the area around the extremity, he said it would be a 15 month project to get it right.

8. Village Plan Steering Committee Report: The penultimate meeting of the committee confirmed that all relevant authorities, businesses and volunteers have now received plans. Members are currently seeking reactions from these agencies. Actions that depend on volunteers will be publicised in the Chilcompton Society Autumn newsletter, and meetings with advisors or speakers will be organised to bring people together with a view to forming groups, e.g youth club, neighbourhood watch, community café. A request was made for a dog waste bin in Church Lane car park area.

9. Recreation Committee Report: Congratulations to all involved with the senior 1st team who have won promotion to the Somerset League. This means that dug outs will have to be created. A third senior team will play at Oakhill next season, as pitches are all allocated. Discussion of maintenance of showers, hard courts, car park and general pitch improvements. Tennis now being played regularly which brings a small income.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/1183 Erection of storage building, at 59 Stockhill Road. Recommend approval.
- b) 2013/1199 Single storey extension at Inglenook, Wells Road. Awaiting plans. To be considered at the planning meeting.

Sub-committees

- c) 2013/1005 Development of site for up to 50 dwellings on land north of Broadway. Recommend refusal. For full list of objections contact the clerk.

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- d) The following motion was passed: The Parish Council accept the consideration of affordable housing in the Parsonage Lane area with the caveat that there should be available one or two bedroom houses like on Lewis Close, and that an exhibition is held to encourage local people to apply for the housing.

11. Planning Decisions:

- (a)2013/0579 Single storey rear extension at 31 Wells Road. Approved with conditions.

12. New Website: Cllr Morgan to contact Alex Arnold.

13. Accounts:

713 – AJ & RC Brown	- Grass cutting	-	415.20
714 – Came & Company	- Insurance	-	612.70
715 – Community Council for Somerset	- Membership	-	35.00
716 – Somerset Playing Fields Assoc.	- Membership	-	10.00
717 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	23.43
718 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	173.70
719 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	43.40
720 – AJ & RC Brown	- grass cutting	-	<u>319.20</u>
			1632.63

Payment in: Council tax support grant £1625.27. Clerk to determine what this is.

- 14. Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Thwaites said that a small sub-committee was needed to move the project forward. It was suggested that Cllr Pike and Cllr Stanford should join him. Cllr Pike to arrange a meeting of the new committee.

- 15. Litter:** A quote is being arranged to fix the new bins in place. Clerk to contact MDC about whether they would empty a bin in the Church Lane car park area.

- 16. Correspondence:** Letters about Coal Pit Lane and A367 temporary closures. Letter about Peter Lacey Permanent Memorial: The Parish Council agreed to donate £10.

- 17. Any Other Business:** Cllr Pickford asked for the 'Village Plan actions' to go on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Thwaites said that Annie Marshall was the new Village Agent for the area – the Parish Council decided that she could do a presentation at the next meeting. Cllr Pike said that the bus stop opposite Bennell was broken and hidden – clerk to report to First Bus. Cllr Foster said

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that the grass verges at the bottom of the Street Ponds had been overgrown – clerk to contact the Browns. Cllr Foster reported that the memorial flowers at a traffic accident spot had withered and should be removed – the clerk to contact PCSO Housley to identify relatives. Cllr Foster reported on the current situation re the Redan – Cllr Foster to write to Andrew Moore expressing the Parish Council support for the application to make the pub a ‘Community Asset’.

18. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 10th July 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 26th June 2013.

19. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm.

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