

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pike (Chairman), Aldridge, Bacik, Gregory, Maundrill, Pickford & Stanford.

Apologies: Cllrs. Foster, Mattick, Morgan, Richardson-Aitken, & Thwaites. SCCllr Siggs. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation (open to everyone whatever their age):** Mrs Jean Gardiner put her case for the planning permission for a house off Parsonage Lane (see below).

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

4. **Ongoing Matters:**

- a) 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. It was asked again if anyone had suitable interesting artifacts.07/12
- b) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: Nina Richards, Mendip Housing Development Officer, has said that she will be in contact with her partner colleagues about the Parish Council's view on affordable housing and will be in touch about a public consultation event. Clerk to write to Ms Richards about footpath.10/12

5. **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. An email from SCCllr Harvey Siggs reported that the Service Manager for Traffic Management had said that progress will start in the next few weeks.8/12
- b) **Lights:** 42 Wells Road on at the wrong time, clerk to report. Clerk to write about the ongoing problem concerning the lights at Greenways. 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 bought from Wells reclamation yard. A grant of £580 has been given by Rackvernal Old School Hall for the coal truck. Clerk to accept the grant for the council. It was decided that the truck would be better placed near the New Rock site rather than Bowden Hill. 8/12
- d) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Stanford reported that volunteer numbers are down, but that the sessions were quite successful. Clerk to contact SALC about checks on volunteers. 3/11
- e) **Police Report:** Written report from PC Lindsey Rogerson. 14/6 B3139, report of a large branch falling into the highway. 24/6 Stockhill Road, vehicle blocking the junction, this is an ongoing issue due to the building site nearby, the police will patrol the road regularly and deal with any motorists causing an obstruction. 25/6 B3139, herd of goats on the road. 30/6 B3139 report of an intoxicated male in the road late at night, located safe and well.
- f) **Gritting & New Bins:** A review of the ongoing gritter/bins debate will take place at the next meeting.
- g) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** Cllr Stanford has met with the owner, Mr Naish, on what can be done. Re working party to clear the area, 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:** No new ones reported.

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- i) **Planning permission, Bungalow, Wells Road:** Clerk reported response from Matt Williams. Cllrs expressed continuing concern so clerk to write inquiring whether inspectors have actually been out to measure that requirements are being met.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Pike to arrange a meeting of the new sub-committee.
- k) **Litter:** Clerk to check about refuse/dog bins for Church Lane with Mendip DC.

6. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: Discussion about whether laminated signs should be used re age restrictions and litter. Cllr Foster to be contacted after Chilcompton Celebrates.

7. Village Plan Steering Committee Report: Last ever subcommittee meeting held on 2/7. The next Chilcompton New letter scheduled for October will have an update of the VP actions. Members have been in contact with the Coop, Village Hall committee and Mendip DC with a view of answering the actions. One radical proposal is to uplift the village hall to include a take away, café and a room for a further retail establishment, also to include two flats. The proposal is being prepared and costed. The Parish Council gave thanks to those members of the subcommittee who are outside the PC, i.e. Caroline Husband, Justine North, John Scarterfield, John Golding and Tony Barnes.

Village Plan actions: More Neighbourhood Watch schemes – Cllr Pickford to arrange a meeting with PCSO Housley in the autumn. Yellow lines by the Coop – clerk to contact SCCllr Siggs. Pedestrian crossing near the Coop and Bennell – to pursue if there is any further building. Street lights switch off between midnight and 5am – Cllr Stanford to contact SCCllr Siggs. Flooding at Greenditch – clerk to contact N. Corp if there is any news re the flooding team. Youth forum at PC meeting – Cllr Pickford to publicise in newsletter. Footpath maps – Cllr Aldridge to laminate some. 30mph bin stickers – Cllr Stanford to order another 100 and possibly speedwatch signs.

8. Register of Interests: It was reported that according to the new Localism Act any local council website has to have a register of councillors' interests. It was suggested that since these would already be on the MDC website, there should just be a link to that site.

9. War Memorial Wall: Cllr Stanford reported on the deterioration of the wall. Cllr Stanford to get quotes for the next meeting from Steve Davis and John Reynolds. Cllr Pike declared an interest in that he is a cousin of Mr Davis.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/1290 New dwelling on land off Carter's Way. Recommend approval.
- b) 2013/1321 New dwelling off Parsonage Way. The clerk read a letter from resident Nick Smith. Recommend refusal. Objections: The area concerned is outside the village envelope and this

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would set a precedent. There is still land available within the envelope. There is no need for a building there. It is the council's opinion that the access is suspect. The council was worried that the other half of the plot could be developed at a later stage. The site is on a rural country lane and the council was concerned about the loss of hedgerow.

- c) 2012/2309 Appeal re. erection of 9 dwellings at Naish's Cross.

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- d) 2013/1199 New single storey extension at rear of Inglenook, Wells Road. No objections.

11. Planning Decisions:

(a) 2012/2504 Create new front wall with gated access at 111 Stockhill Road. Approved.

(b) 2013/0910 Erection of 2 storey extension at rear of 1, Hoecroft Gardens. Approved with conditions.

(c) 2013/0933 First floor side extension at Norton House, Wells Road. Approved with conditions.

12. New Website: The clerk was asked to write to subcommittee members expressing a sense of urgency before the next subcommittee meeting and to report back to the Parish Council about the results of that meeting.

13. Accounts:

721 – Wells Reclamation	- Planter trough	-	1000.00
722 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	13.98
723 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	173.70
724 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	43.40
725 – A.J. & R.C. Brown	- Grass cutting	-	463.20
			1694.28

12. Correspondence: Letters about road closures, Bowden Hill and the Fosseyway. Letter about councillor training. Letter from SCCllr Harvey Siggs, clerk to contact him about yellow lines near the Coop and pavement out towards Wells.

13. Any Other Business: Cllr Aldridge said the hedges along the Broadway are such that people have to step into the road. Clerk to contact Highways. Cllr Stanford asked what are the weeds in the The Street ponds, and do they need to be pulled out? Cllr Pike said that the 'Chilcompton' sign by the Rock Industrial Estate was almost obscured.

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14. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 14th August 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 24th July 2013.

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

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