

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Bacik & Thwaites.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone whatever their age):** Nick Smith present to hear his planning application.
3. **SCCllr Harvey Siggs:** Reported that there had been a problem with his email. He said that an engineer would consult with the clerk on where the yellow lines should go near the Coop. Cllr Pike said he would attend that meeting. There was a discussion on measures to slow the traffic. Cllr Pike commented on how Mendip District Councillors were not attending the PC meetings or an important Planning Board meeting.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** 5(c) Remove "attempts to get permission". 10(b) Parsonage Lane not Way. 13 Grass not hedge. Numbers out of sync at end. With these amendments the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
5. **Ongoing Matters:**
- a) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. The sub-committee meets after the planning meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month.07/12
 - b) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: Awaiting response from Nina Richards, Mendip Housing Development Officer.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. The Service Manager for Traffic Management has said that progress will start in the next few weeks.8/12
 - b) **Lights:** Clerk reported response from WPD about ongoing problem at Greenways. 7/12
 - c) **Jubilee Planter:** The planter is now in place. Cllr Pickford has bought a plaque to go on it. The coal truck for Rock Road has been ordered. 8/12
 - d) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Morgan reported that he was short of a partner for the sessions. Clerk reported, from SALC, that there are no checks for volunteers. 3/11
 - e) **Police Report:** Report from PCSO Nikki Housley. 11/7 Fuel taken from a vehicle in Rock Road Industrial Estate. 13/7 Fence cut backing onto Rock Road Industrial Estate. 13/7 A suspicious vehicle seen on the old Wells Road. 20/7 Several vehicles were vandalised in the Pitching, Tunnel Lane area. 30/7 A minor collision between a bus and a lorry on Parsonage Lane. 5/8 Fuel, a battery and some door trim was stolen from Rock Road Industrial Estate. 10/8 Disturbance in Lewis Close. Nikki introduced Claire Leonard, who is to be the new beat manager – clerk to pass on her contact details. Cllr Stanford said he would compile a list of police-related items from the Village Plan.
 - f) **Gritting & New Bins:** The Council decided that the mini-gritter idea would be shelved for a year. Cllr Mattick said he would review where new gritting bins were needed. A decision on how many new bins should be purchased would be made next month. Clerk to inquire how many bins Somerset CC would fill.

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- 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, Saturday 24/8 at 10.00am was agreed.
- h) **Pot holes:** No new ones reported.
- i) **Planning permission, Bungalow, Wells Road:** Clerk to ask Matt Williams to check the percentage of extra build and has the garage been converted for other uses, i.e. residential.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Pike to arrange a meeting of the new sub-committee when Cllr Thwaites returns.
- k) **Litter:** Clerk to order new refuse/dog bin for Church Lane.
- l) **Village plan actions:** Cllr Pickford reported that she had arranged a meeting with PCSO Housley for October 23rd on Neighbourhood Watch schemes. The clerk now has possession of the 30mph bin stickers. Cllr Aldridge is to laminate some footpath maps.
- m) **War memorial wall:** Cllr Stanford to ask Steve Davis to do the repairs.

7. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: Cllr Stanford said he would purchase two 'use the bin' signs. The PlaySafety RoSPA inspection report was discussed. The present overall risk rating is low. Cllr Stanford reported that he had already taken action on some of their recommendations. Mike Bushell to be asked to paint the rocking horse. The Clerk was asked to find out whether the council was still covered, insurance-wise, if it did not take action on something that was 'low risk. Cllr Mattick reported on the ongoing attempt to clear the outside edge of the rec.

8. Youth Club: Cllr Pike reported on a letter from Justine North who wants to set up a Youth Club but needs support. Village Plan money to be used to book hall for a meeting in November. A pre-meeting is being planned for October.

9. Street Railings: Insurance money has been received for the damage in the spring. Clerk to contact PH Gates, the cheaper quote, to see if this includes painting.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/1464 Extension to Broadway Cottage Barn. Recommend approval.
- b) 2013/1138 Change of use Old Parsonage. Recommend approval.
- c) 2013/1618 Extension 8 Sawyer's Close. Recommend approval.
- d) 2013/1563 Time limit extension 12 new dwellings Glebe Land. Recommend refusal.
Objections: They've had long enough to make a start. The Village Plan seeks social housing. There is over development of the village.
- e) 2013/1596 Extension Wagtails, Britannia Close. Recommend approval.
- f) 2013/1559 Pruning of tree subject to TPO, Fryswell Court. Recommend approval.

Sub-committees

- g) 2013/1381 Front boundary wall at 6 Stockhill Road. Recommend refusal. Objections: Height should be reduced according to Somerset CC Highways recommendations.

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Cllr Aldridge expressed his disappointment at the non-appearance of Mendip District Councillors at the Planning Board meeting on the 7/8 re the land adjacent to the Somerset Wagon. This was shared by all the Council and the clerk was asked to write and explain that disappointment.

11. Planning Decisions:

- (a) 2013/1183 Erection of storage building at 59 Stockhill Road. Approved with conditions.
- (b) 2013/1293 Single storey extension at Northend, Carter's Way. Approved.

12. New Website: This is now up and running. The Council voted to give Alex Arnold an honorarium of £200 now and a further £200 when the site is handed over, for her work on the project.

13. Accounts:

726 – Optigen Engineering Ltd	- Coal Truck deposit	-	200.00
727 – Mendip Community Speedwatch	- Stickers	-	29.00
728 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	13.95
729 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	182.36
730 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	45.60
731 – A.J. & R.C. Brown	- Grass cutting	-	415.20
732 – Optigen Engineering Ltd	- Coal truck	-	472.00
733 – Void			
734 – Playsafety Ltd	- Play area inspection	-	159.60
735 – CVHMC	- Room rental	-	140.00
			1657.71
VAT refund			1339.20
Transportation Claims			48.00

14. Correspondence: Letter from Ian Munday, MDC, asking for the council's views on making the Redan a community asset. The Council has already sent a letter backing this, but the clerk was asked to check that Mr Munday had all the information required.

Letter from Maureen White, church warden at St John's Church, asking for a contribution to the cost of repair to the north boundary wall. Cllrs Aldridge and Mattick declared an interest, and with these abstentions the Council voted for a £1,000 donation.

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15. Any Other Business: Cllr Foster reported that the drains in Rock Road were blocked with silt, other cllrs said the same was true for Baker's Lane and the bottom of Tunnel Lane. Clerk to write to Highways to get them all cleared. Cllr Foster commented on the untidiness of advertising boards, re pianos and dentures, on the streets. Clerk to contact planning to see if they have permission. Cllr Foster commented on the Drang hedges. Clerk to contact the landowners concerned. Cllr Pickford reported that she had been to the Renewable Energy workshop, her notes have been sent to cllrs. Cllr Stanford observed that the Good Councillor Guide was available. Clerk to buy 12 copies. Cllr Stanford reported on the untidy state of Fry's Well. Clerk to ask the Browns if they can deal with it. Cllr Stanford said that he had attended the Mendip Rural Forum at which there were presentations on the new CAB mobile hub, licensing issues, and the current position of the Local Plan – the latter is available on the MDC website. Cllr Stanford reported that he has asked Ian Bowen, from Mendip Planning, to talk on planning policy at the September PC planning meeting.

16. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 11th September 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 28th August 2013.

17. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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