

**DRAFT MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
12 AUGUST 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pike (Chairman), Aldridge, Duggan, Foster, Gill, Mattick, Morgan, Pickford, Rideout, Stanford, Thwaites and Travis.

Apologies: PCSO Nikki Housley. MDCllrs John and Rachel Carter.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** Mr James and Mrs Bowering attended to discuss parking on Montsurs Close at school time (see below).
3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 5(b) after 'lighting' add 'and shorten the pavement to Broadway Cottage or Thickhorn Lane.' In 5(h) Cllr Thwaites has sent in a profile. 5(l) should read 'Free NHS Health Check for ages between 40 and 74. In 5(m) Cllr Stanford said the Bakers Lane footpath CL/7b was overgrown. In 5(e) Cllr Stanford said that he asked for help in clearing the memorial up. In 15 it should have been 12th August. With these changes the minutes were agreed as true record and signed accordingly.
4. **Ongoing & Matters Arising:**
- a) **Affordable housing in Parsonage Lane:** Now going through.
- b) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** At the July meeting the PC had approved the 'b' option at £180,000 with some alterations to bring the costs down. SCCllr Siggs has not responded to this decision. Clerk to write again to SCCllr Siggs whilst copying in SCCllr Fothergill.
- c) **Police Report:** None.
- d) **Stockhill bin:** The clerk had reported that MDC said they would empty a bin on Stockhill, so he has gone ahead and purchased one. Cllr Mattick has installed it.
- e) **War memorial:** Re the bollards the PC decided to go for the cast iron ones rather than the flimsy plastic ones. Cllr Aldridge to get prices. Clerk to check with highways. Cllr Mattick reported that he had two quotes for repairs. Three were needed to go for a grant. The PC decided they would just go ahead so the repairs might be done before November. Cllr Mattick to contact Steve Davis.
- f) **Des Mattick:** Cllr Mattick had reported that Mrs Mattick had expressed a wish that the bench to honour her husband could be placed down Coach lane overlooking the hill to Clapton. Cllr Mattick said that his mother had approved the 'Victoria' bench. Clerk reported that the bench had been ordered.
- g) **Phone box:** Clerk reported that he had written to the Pitchings residents asking if they could try to avoid parking in front of the phone box if it was made into a mini art gallery but had had little response. Clerk to contact Lizzie Morris to see if she was still committed to the idea.
- h) **Councillor information:** Clerk reported that he had not received biographical profiles from all the councillors to put on the website. Cllrs Aldridge and Mattick to send profiles to the clerk.
- i) **Signposts:** Clerk reported that the signposts near Blagdon that had been restored were funded by Mendip AONB, funds that had been exhausted. Clerk reported that SCC had said there were no funds but Chilcompton could go ahead so long as the village kept certain conditions. Cllr Mattick to contact Uphills to get a quote.
- j) **Coop:** It had been reported that the weeds around the Coop had been killed but it still looked a mess. These have now been cleared.

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k) **NHS for middle aged:** The Parish Council decided they would pay for the renting of the village hall so that the free NHS health check scheme for those aged between 40 and 74 can go ahead. A date has now been set – September 18th. Cllrs to spread the news and tell people to contact Cllr Stanford for bookings. Clerk to write article for papers.

l) **Footpaths:** Cllr Foster said that the Drang and the school path would need cutting soon.

m) **Parsonage Lane visibility:** Clerk to write again mentioning the trees.

5. **Committee reports: The Old Rec** – Cllrs Mattick and Travis, from the teenage play and adult exercise equipment sub com, reported that they had been researching both prices and demand. It was thought that the total cost could come to about £20,000. Cllr Rideout said he had been investigating grants. The youth shelter at the sports ground was discussed and whether this could be moved. Cllr Pickford to contact Margaret Pugh about ownership of the shelter. **Youth Club** – Cllr Pike reported that the youth club insurance renewal had come to £243. The PC voted to cover the entire cost. **Hollwey** – Five cllrs had been selected to be ushers with Cllr Morgan taking the lead. Local press, radio and TV had been informed. Thanks was expressed to David Richardson-Aitken for his admirable work. **Ponds** – Cllr Thwaites reported that the group had met but there was no obvious solution. More information on costings was needed before a date for a public meeting could be announced. In the short term Cllr Mattick to talk to Trevor Wilkins about a price to just de-weed the ponds, and talk to the owners of Norton Hall. **Website** – Cllr Thwaites reported that Cllr Gill had persuaded people from Occam to donate time and expertise on developments.

6. **Play area report:** This was considered satisfactory and no action was taken.

7. **Adopt-a-path:** Clerk to write article for newsletter and website in order to test the water for demand/willingness.

8. **Flags:** A list of days that the flag should be raised was agreed (contact the clerk for that list). Chairman of the Parish Council to make a decision on extraordinary occasions. Cllr Pickford to give Shaun Maundrill the list.

9. **Local Plan:** Cllrs Aldridge, Stanford, Pickford and Pike to meet and complete village questionnaire to be returned to the Local Plan.

10. **184 bus service:** Clerk to write saying that the PC strongly objects to the closure of the 184 bus service and that they would have liked to have been consulted.

11. **Montsurs Close lines:** Residents have been complaining about parents parking on the Close at school drop-off and pick-up times, sometimes experiencing aggravation and verbal abuse. What lines there are have virtually disappeared over the years. Clerk to write to SCC asking that what lines there are should be re-instated and preferably add more. Clerk to write to the school.

12. **Footpaths CI5/8 and CI5/7b:** Both paths are covered in Himalayan Balsam. Clerk to write to the footpath officer. But the problem extends to the whole field. Clerk to contact Rachel and Steve who live at Vally Farm and use the field and if necessary get the address of Ms Hegarty who owns the field. Clerk to contact Mendip DC legal department about responsibility.

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13. Station Mead Play Park: Cllr Pickford reported that she gets constant complaints about teenagers noisily hanging out at the park late at night. Clerk to contact PCSO Housley to see if she can include it in her rounds.

14. Planning Applications: (a) 2015/1555 Construction of 2 detached dwellings at Overdale, Wells Road. Recommend approval. (b) 2015/1746 Bedroom extension and new garage at 5 Bennel Close. Recommend approval.

Subcommittee: None.

15. Planning Decisions: (a) 2015/0980 Dormer window installation. Redan. Approved with conditions. (b) 2015/1274 Single storey extension at the Rookery. Approved with conditions. (c) 2015/0885 Change of use at Manor Farm. Approved with conditions. (d) Approval of details. Belvedere Place. Approved. (e) 2015/0976 Approval of matters reserved. Hillcrest, The Street. Split.

16. Accounts:

901 – TPM	- remembrance printing	-	75.67
902 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	65.78
903 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	259.73
904 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	65.00
905 – M. Pickford	- copydex	-	9.64
906 – Primrose	- grasscutting	-	440.80
907 – Tibbs	- tree work	-	336.00
908 – VHMC	- hall rental	-	60.00
909 – Playsafety Ltd	- play area inspection	-	159.60
			1472.22
Fine Memorial reimbursement	£138		

17. Correspondence: Mendip Community Transport asking if there are any needs. Somerset Choices about new website. Letter from James Heapey MP. CPRE newsletter. Completion of audit.

18. Any Other Business: Cllr Rideout noted the email dated 10/8 from Jane Richardson about Greenditch Lane and parking. Clerk to contact her expressing the council's interest. Cllr Duggan reported that there have been complaints about early morning noise at the Taylor Wimpey site, sometimes as early as 7.00am. Clerk to check with Mendip DC what are the conditions. Cllr Travis reported on overgrown area at 1 Mendip Fields. Clerk to write. Cllr Stanford reported that the drains on Bakers Lane were blocked. Clerk to write. Cllr Stanford said that the verges on the recently repaired railway bridge were a mess. Clerk to write. Cllr Stanford said that the coal truck planter was now tidy but it does need painting. Cllrs Pike and Rideout offered to paint. Cllr Pickford said that the problem with the sign at Naishes Cross has been resolved. It has been Signed..... Date.....Witnessed.....

knocked over three times this year. Highways have now just taken it away. The clerk reminded cllrs that if they wanted to ensure a matter was minuted then they need to bring the subject up at a main council meeting. Cllr Pickford reported that the pot holes on Abbey Road were even worse. Clerk to write to Downside again. Cllr Pickford said that if Mendip DC was looking for empty homes, what about the Old Mill in the Valley. Cllr Pickford said that volunteers would be needed to distribute the Newsletter in September. Cllrs Rideout and Travis offered to help. Cllr Foster said that the village hall car park was untidy. Clerk to write to VHMC.

19. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 9th September 2015. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 26th August 2015.

20. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

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