

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

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pike (Chairman), Aldridge, Foster, Mattick, Maundrill, Morgan, Pickford, Richardson-Aitken, Stanford & Thwaites. MDCllr Carter.

Apologies: Cllrs. Bacik & Gregory. PCSO Nikki Housley. SCCllr Siggs.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** Tony Barnes present to hear discussion on village hall development plan.
3. **MDCllr Carter:** Spoke on how MDC are addressing the issue of unconventional gas exploration on the Mendips and how the audit report was favourable.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** 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 Council voted for a budget of £300 to be spent on the exhibition. Cllr Aldridge to contact the church to see if an appeal for artefacts for the exhibition can be included with their Christmas letter. Cllr Pike to contact Chris North. 07/12
- b) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: Awaiting response from Nina Richards, Mendip Housing Development Officer. Clerk to contact her to see if there are any developments. 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. Mulberry have offered £5,000 to go towards the installation of a pavement out from the village. The Council voted to match that funding subject to plans. 8/12
- b) **Lights:** The clerk reported on why lights stay permanently on when they are faulty. 7/12
- c) **Jubilee Planter:** Cllr Stanford reported that the coal truck was now in place, gravel and manure were now needed. The Council thanked Cllr Stanford for his efforts on this project. Clerk to write to Jackson's Fencing and Champions to thank them for their contributions. 8/12
- d) **Community Speedwatch:** Two more volunteers awaiting training. The speedwatch team caught a car doing 44mph and overtaking on the zebra crossing. Clerk to contact PCSO Nikki Housley about this incident. 3/11
- e) **Police Report:** 14/9 Moped driving fast up Parsonage Lane, driver visited and given words of advice. 30/9 4 calls regarding light aircraft crashed just off Abbey Road. 2/10 Broadway garage broken into, small amount of cash taken. 3/10 report of a coach on fire near White Post roundabout. 3/10 Burglary at the Redan. 4/10 Report of a wall being knocked down overnight on Wells Road. 5/10 Suspicious vehicle in Church Lane, index taken and observations were put out over the airwave.
- f) **Gritting & New Bins:** Clerk reported that he had met with Richard Branchflower, SCC Highways, who had approved all the locations for the new grit bins bar one on Stockhill Road (there will still be three new ones on the road). Cllr Aldridge to order six new grit bins to be delivered to Mr Branchflower, who would then position and fill them. Cllr Richardson-Aitken to contact the Catholic church about putting a grit bin in their car park.
- g) **Pot holes:** No new ones reported.

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- h) **Planning permission, Bungalow, Wells Road:** Clerk to circulate letter to Matthew Williams, expressing Council disappointment, drawn up at planning meeting, to all Parish Cllrs.
- i) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Following a visit from Ian Bowen, MDC planning officer, at the planning meeting, where he gave a presentation on the Local Plan, it was decided that the PC should make a contribution to the Local Plan. Cllr Thwaites to put a document together to be discussed at the next meeting. Other cllrs to contact him before the 25/10 to offer their suggestions. Cllr Stanford said he would be looking again at the Design Statement with Tony Barnes
- j) **Litter:** MDCllr Carter said that she had litter teams who cleaned up Stratton-on-the-Fosse, and that she could send them over to Chilcompton. The PC thanked her. An autumn village litter picking day was chosen for 26/10 – volunteers to meet at the village hall at 10.00am.
- k) **Village plan actions:** A sub committee, of cllrs who were involved with the village plan, was created to monitor that the village plan actions were actually taking place.
- l) **War memorial wall:** Cllr Stanford to see if the repairs could be done before the remembrance service next month.
- m) **Street railings:** Clerk reported that the repair had been done, but not painted.
- n) **Village hall development:** Cllr Pike said that the ideas were just at the stage of “blue sky thinking”. The Tony Barnes plans are to be put on the village website so that residents can give their opinions.

7. **Committee reports:** The painting needed in the Old Rec children’s play area has not been done yet. Clerk to contact Mike Bushill.

8. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/1981 Reinstatement after fire damage – Blackers Hill Farm. Recommend approval on the understanding that the building is restored to its original state.
- b) 2013/1927 Erection of detached annexe building – 84 Stockhill Road. Recommend approval.
- c) 2013/1974 Alternative access arrangement – Beech Cottage, The Street. Recommend approval.
- d) 2013/2040 Front garden to driveway – 80 Stockhill Road. Recommend approval.

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- e) 2013/1904 Two storey extension – 1 Sawmill Gardens. Recommend approval.
- f) 2013/1816 Conversion of building into 2 dwellings. Recommend refusal. Objections: entrance is potentially dangerous, concern over the TPO tree, over development of the junction.

9. Planning Decisions:

- (a)2013/1596 Extension – Wagtails, Britannia Close. Approved with conditions.
- (b)2013/1618 Single storey extension – 8 Sawyers Close. Approved with conditions.
- (c)2013/1645 Approval of details – Beech Cottage, The Street. Approved.
- (d)2013/0830 Enlargement of dwelling – Beech Cottage, The Street. Approved.

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(e)2013/1559 Pruning of Beech tree with TPO – Fryswell Court. Approved with conditions.

(f)2013/1464/5 Extension to barn – Broadway Cottage. Refused.

10. Accounts:

746 – Chil/Down PCC	- Contribution to wall repair	-	1000.00
747 – Marlene Pickford	- Flowers	-	38.96
748 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	20.60
749 – M. Rigby	- Clerk’s salary	-	183.71
750 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk’s tax	-	46.00
751 – Grant Thornton	- Audit	-	240.00
752 – Paul Mattick	- Swing bearings	-	254.40
			1783.67

11. Correspondence: Letter from Maureen White in acknowledgement and thanks for donation towards the church wall. Local Choices event, Cllr Stanford to attend on 21/10. Mr Broome and Mrs Derrick letters to Highways about the Wells Road. Cllr Maundrill to consider cllr training.

12. Any Other Business: Cllr Thwaites asked about the standing order changes. Clerk to contact SALC about what were the significant alterations. Cllr Aldridge reported from a SALC meeting that small councils no longer had to do external audits and that procedures were being put in place so that councils could do internet banking. Cllr Pickford reported that there was to be a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the village hall on the 23/10. Consequently the PC planning meeting on that day would start at 7.00. Cllr Foster on the blocked drains. Clerk to write to Highways and cc SCCllr Siggs. Cllr Foster on the weeds by the pavement on Wells Road. Clerk to write to Stuart Finney.

13. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 13th November 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23rd October 2013.

14. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm.

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