

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Bacik, Richardson-Aitken & Maundrill. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** 20 local residents attended to object to the planning application for the development north of White Hayes Cottage (see below). In particular Pete Sinclair talked about the threat to Chilcompton's rural identity. Justine North spoke on the significance of road safety in the area. Some residents spoke and others handed in written objections. The Parish Council urged people to send in their views to Mendip District Council.
3. **MDCllr Carter:** Talked about the opening of the MDC hub. Reported that pupils from Downside school had been litter picking in the Chilcompton area.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** The minutes were agreed as 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. A flyer asking residents for artefacts is going out with the vicar's Christmas letter. A vote of thanks was given to the Rev North. 07/12
 - b) 12/12 - More affordable housing in Parsonage Lane. Awaiting response from Nina Richards following the meeting last month with her and the Winsleys. 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. 8/12
 - b) **Lights:** Cllr Pickford reported that 42 Wells Road had been faulty for two years. Cllr Mattick reported that 9-14 Parsonage Lane were out. Clerk to contact SCC. 7/12
 - c) **Planter:** The coal truck is in place. It was reported that plants had been stolen. Clerk to contact PCSO Houseley. Thanks were given to Judith Stanford and Alan Gould for their efforts in planting. Clerk to write and thank them. 8/12
 - d) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Stanford reported that there had been some publicity in the local press. He also reported that he was handing over to Cllr Morgan. Cllr Stanford was thanked for his contribution. 3/11
 - e) **Police Report:** In a written report, PCSO Housley noted: 02/12 report of a driver going too fast through the village on the Wells Road. Cllr Pickford reported that there had also been a burglary two days ago on Stockhill Road.
 - f) **Pot holes:** Cllr Foster reported one under Frys Wells Bridge. Cllr Mattick said the ones on Parsonage Lane had not been repaired. Clerk to contact SCC.
 - g) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Thwaites reported that he had received ten responses to the draft of the contribution to the Local Plan, but more were needed.
 - h) **Litter:** Next year's litter picking days were set for Saturday 26th April and Saturday October 18th.

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- i) **Village plan actions:** Following the sub com meeting Cllr Pike to send out a checklist on actions. Following a second meeting on a Youth club, Cllr Pike reported they hoped to have one up and running, initially for the 7-11age group, in February. Next youth club meeting in early January.
- j) **War memorial wall:** Cllr Stanford reported that Steve Davis will do the rest of the work in late spring. The cost will be under £500.
- k) **Street railings:** Stronger materials were still being waited for. Clerk to chase.
- l) **Standing Orders:** To discuss at next meeting along with conduct at meetings.
- m) **Glebe land:** Clerk to write to MDC Planning and SCC Highways about the potential dangers of the junction.

7. **Committee reports: The Old Rec** – Cllr Stanford reported that the painting needed in the Old Rec children’s play area has to be done on site so should be left until the spring. Cllr Stanford reported that the remnants of a fallen tree in the Rec were looking untidy. Clerk to contact Tony Mead at Norton Cottage.

8. **Precept:** The Parish Council set the precept at £24,500, which is the same figure as the previous two years, thus representing a reduction in real terms. Within that figure there is an increase in funds for the website (£2,000), for donations (£900) and for tree clearing (£900), there is also money (£1,500) available for youth work and social amenities.

9. Planning Applications:

- a) 2013/2092 – Erection of dwellings, land to the north of White Hayes Cottage, The Street. Recommend refusal. Objections on the grounds of rural village identity, sustainability, over development of the village, road safety and the contract of sale from 2003. (Contact the clerk for the full list of objections as sent to Mendip DC.)

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- b) 2013/2170 – Pruning of beech tree with TPO, Fry’s Well Court. Recommend Approval.
- c) Meeting with Nina Richards MDC, Sam Winsley and Roger Winsley about affordable housing scheme off Parsonage Lane. Consent was given to the proposal unanimously.

10. Planning Decisions:

(a) 2013/1683 Erection of two detached dwellings, Naish’s Cross. Refused.

(b) 2013/1571 Lawful use of lawned area as residential garden, Old Parsonage, Parsonage Lane. Approved.

(c) 2013/1138 Change of use of detached cottage to holiday letting, Old Parsonage, Parsonage Lane. Approved with conditions.

(d) 2013/2000 Swimming pool and enclosure, Greenditch Cottage, Broadway. Approved.

(e) 2013/1974 Variation of conditions, Beech Cottage, The Street. Approved with conditions.

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(f) 2013/1321 Erection of dwelling, land off Parsonage Lane. Approved with conditions. Cllr Stanford to talk to planning officer Matt Williams about why (a) was refused and (f) was approved.

(g) 2013/1816 Conversion of building to two dwellings, Bungalow, Wells Road. Approved with conditions.

(h) 2013/1381 Construct front boundary wall, 6 Stockhill Road. Refused.

(i) 2013/1563 Time extension to 2010/1014 twelve dwellings, Glebe Land. Approved with conditions.

(j) 2012/2309 Nine dwellings, Naish's Cross. Appeal dismissed.

11. Accounts:

763 – SLCC	- Membership	-	184.00
764 – Chilcompton/Downside PCC	- Photocopying	-	18.50
765 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	22.60
766 – M. Rigby	- Clerk's salary	-	183.71
767 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk's tax	-	46.00
768 – M. Rigby	- Excel training course	-	51.90
			506.71

13. Correspondence: Following the letter from Adderbury Parish Council to David Cameron about national planning policy, it was decided that Chilcompton too should write to the PM. Cllr Thwaites had drawn up a draft. Clerk to tidy up and then send to PM with copies to Tess Munt MP, SCCllr Siggs, MDCllr Carter and Adderbury PC.

14. Any Other Business: Cllr Stanford reported that he had attended the last planning seminar and found it very useful – the next one is in January. Cllr Stanford asked about 20mph restrictions near schools. It was decided to ask SCCllr Siggs, next time he attended a PC meeting, about possible car slowing schemes in general. Cllr Stanford reported that the yellow lines around the Coop had been obliterated. Clerk to write to Neil Corps. Cllr Stanford reported that the information on the website about the Village Hall was inadequate. Clerk to contact Alex Arnold. Cllr Foster thanked Cllr Stanford for the information he had compiled on cllr conduct.

15. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 8th January 2014. Planning Meeting on Monday 30th December 2013.

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

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