

**DRAFT MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
10 DECEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

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

Apologies: Cllr Gregory. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone, whatever their age):** None.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 9, it should have read, "Cllr Foster reported that the Sports Committee have said that no parking would be allowed on site and, unless other safe and suitable parking could be found, it is unlikely that Celebrates! could be held there." With this amendment the minutes were agreed as true record and signed accordingly.
4. **MDCllr Carter:** Said that the contribution to the school from Taylor Wimpey after the construction of the development by the Wagon would be £120,000. But said that the zebra crossing at the site was just not going to happen. Much better for the Parish Council to go down the 'transport' route to get one, just as they had done in Coxley. Clerk to contact the clerk at Coxley. Cllr Carter said that there was £11,000 for a play area, she asked the council whether they wanted a play area on site or for the PC to choose how the money is spent. The PC voted for the latter. Cllr Carter announced that 'fracking is not going to happen in Somerset.'
5. **Ongoing & Matters Arising:**
- a) **Affordable housing in Parsonage Lane:** Now going through planning application.
- b) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** Awaiting the extension of the 30mph speed limit westwards as well as a feasibility study into further safety measures.
- c) **Lights:** Cllr Mattick said No.s 9,10,11,12 & 14 Parsonage Lane were out. Cllr Stanford said 1 Baker's Lane and the one on Broadway adjacent to the Coop were out. Clerk to report.
- d) **Police Report:** In a written report PCSO Nikki Housley: 29/11 Report of off-road bikes on Abbey Road, from the direction of Stratton-on-the-Fosse. PC Lucy Bagnoweic said she would inquire about the solar road signs at Buckland Dinham. Cllr Stanford told her about older teenagers gathering at night at the children's playground at the end of Station Mead.
- f) **Benches:** Cllr Gregory has said he was in the process of mending the bench on Bowden Hill. Clerk to ask him if there is a problem.
- g) **Pill Box:** Cllr Mattick to spray the area.
- h) **Footpaths:** Cllr Pickford had reported that there was a section of footpath CL5/8 that was muddy and steep. The clerk reported that it was on the construction list. Cllr Stanford asked if there was news on the kissing gate at the end of Somer Lea. Cllr Pickford said there was an obstruction behind Norton Green Garden Centre where CL5/29 becomes SM 19/16. Cllr Foster said that there was a fence still down along the school path, and the kissing gate at the end was broken. Clerk to report all of these.
- i) **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 Richardson-Aitken to see if Lloyd Mills would install it.
- j) **Fossils:** The clerk reported that he had both emailed and spoken to the MDC Enforcement Officer but had received no answer. Clerk to write again formally and to cc the COE MDC and Cllr Carter.

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- k) **William Hollwey:** Cllr Richardson-Aitken gave a detailed account of the life of this Chilcompton soldier who is missing from the war memorial. A remembrance service to be held in the Catholic church. Thanks were given to Cllr Richardson-Aitken. Cllr Richardson-Aitken to organise getting him on the war memorial. The Clerk or Cllr Richardson Aitken to write article for press and website.
- l) **School parking:** The Clerk reported that he had written to the school but had received no reply. It was noted that the situation would get even worse when the Redan reopened. Clerk to write to PCSO Housley and cc SCCllr Siggs.
- m) **Standing Orders:** Clerk to put on the agenda for next month after circulation again.

6. **Committee reports: The Old Rec** – Cllr Stanford reported that the rockers had been refurbished but the paint was peeling. Cllr Mattick said he would get some quotes for strimming the trees on one side. Clerk to put grasscutting tender on the agenda for January, and to find list of jobs expected. Cllr Stanford said he would get new legs for the table in the spring. Re dog poo, Cllr Stanford reported that he had spoken to the Dog Warden and received advice about the wording of signs. Cllr Stanford to get banner signs. **Speedwatch** – Cllr Morgan reported that they would be doing sessions down at Woodview. There are two new volunteers and one departure. **Youth Club** – Cllr Pike reported that it was running very successfully with 30+ children every week, but more volunteer helpers were needed. It was suggested that an article be written for the spring newsletter encouraging parental volunteer support. Cllr Pike said the Parish Council needed to elect a representative for the YC committee. Cllr Foster reported that Chilcompton Celebrates! had donated £500 to the club. **Sports** – Cllrs from the sub-committee reported on the latest situation, on how they had tried to negotiate. Cllr Foster said that the PC needed to knock on doors around Bennell, do a survey, to find out what local people of the area wanted. Cllr Thwaites to find a new solicitor to get a second opinion on the strength of the case and possible costs. Clerk to try to set up possible mediation through the Community Council for Somerset. Clerk to write to the Sports Committee to ask for previous minutes and subsequent dates of meetings so that nominated councillors can attend.

7. **Rural bus services:** No. 776 Shepton Mallet to Midsomer Norton via Parsonage Lane, a Hatch Green service, is to be cut on a Saturday. Cllr Pike made the point that it was an important service for people who lived up Parsonage Lane, otherwise families have to walk down the dangerous lane to access the other services. Clerk to write to SCC and cc Harvey Siggs.

8. **Planning Applications:** None. Appeal informal hearing at Shepton Mallet on the 2/12/14, re White Hayes, the Grange and Somer Lea, thanks were expressed to all who attended. Cllrs Stanford and Morgan had stayed for the duration. Cllr Morgan gave a brief account of the day.

Subcommittee: (a) 2014/2304 Change of use from agricultural to equestrian, Knitts Farm. Recommend approval. (b) 2014/2319 Felling of TPO Ash trees, Broad Hayes, Broadway. Recommend approval. (c) 2014/2346 Construction of three detached dwellings, Overdale Wells Road. Recommend refusal. Objections: Over-development of the site. Unsuitable houses for the village. Difficult access for emergency vehicles. Difficult access onto the main road. Flooding. Sustainability of the village.

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- 9. Planning Decisions:** (a) 2014/1351 Double garage at Norton Green Farm Cottage. Approved. (b) 2014/1874 Construction of extra floor on garage at Greenacres, Wells Road. Approved with conditions. (c) 2014/1323 New storage building at New Rock Bungalow, New Rock. Approved with conditions. (d) 2014/1785 Side extension at 8 Lewis Close. Approved.

10. Accounts:

847 – SLCC	- membership	-	88.00
848 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	37.37
849 – M. Rigby	- Clerk’s salary	-	254.33
850 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk’s tax	-	63.40
851 – M. Stanford	- Travel costs	-	42.30
			485.40

Income in: VAT refund £1428.38. Exhibition teas £96.

- 11. Correspondence:** Somerset CPRE newsletter.

12. Any Other Business: Cllr Foster said that given the new draft rights of way plan, the footpath sub-committee should meet. Cllr Stanford said that it was the ‘salt’ time of year again. Cllr Aldridge said he would collect. Cllr Pike said that the bus stop opposite Bennell was covered in mud. Clerk to report. Cllr Thwaites noted the change in regulations concerning Japanese Knotweed. Clerk to write article for the website.

13. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 14th January 2015. Planning Meeting on Tuesday 23rd December 2014. The March meeting may be on the third Wednesday.

14. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.47pm.

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