

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Richardson-Aitken & Gregory. PCSO Nikki Housley. SCCllr Siggs.

2. **Public Participation (open to anyone whatever their age):** Tony Barnes gave a presentation of his ideas to radically redevelop the village hall. The plan would include retail outlets such as a takeaway, café and farm shop; offices and affordable housing. He estimated that the cost would be about £800,000, but that the flats alone could be worth that. The plans are to be circulated around the councillors. Mr Barnes said he would return for the next meeting.
3. **MDCllr Carter:** Observed that the decision of the Planning Board to defer on the Greenacre Farm development was a result better than nothing. A general discussion on development in the village ensued, with the concept of 'cumulative impact' as key. The Clerk to contact Beckington Parish Clerk to see what sort of professional input that village gets towards their causes. Cllr Mattick said that not having refuse sites that are open every working day and free, is not offering a good service and encouraging fly tipping.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 10 (g) Cllr Pickford had declared an interest. With this amendment 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. Letter from Radstock museum calling for meeting on the 30/9. Cllrs Pike, Pickford and Foster all expressed an interest in attending. Clerk to notify the museum. 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. Clerk to contact Mulberry to see if they would be interested in contributing towards the cost of construction of a pavement. 8/12
 - b) **Lights:** No 2 Baker's Lane, 2 on Rock Road, 41 Wells Road and Nursery Rise are all constantly on. Clerk to report and seek explanation. 7/12
 - c) **Jubilee Planter:** The planter is now in place. Volunteers have offered to tend it. Thanks was offered to those who had provided free compost. The coal truck for Rock Road has been ordered. 8/12
 - d) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Morgan reported that he now has a partner for his sessions.3/11
 - e) **Police Report:** 12/08 Report of youths smoking at the back of Lewis close. 29/08 Shots were heard in the Stockhill area, from a neighbouring farm. 04/09 Report of a house being broken into in Highfield Crescent. 07/09 2 calls relating to a vehicle causing an obstruction near the co-op, Police attended, no obstruction on their arrival. Clerk to chase up contact details for Claire Leonard, the new beat manager.

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- f) **Gritting & New Bins:** Sites for nine new gritting bins were suggested. By the Catholic church, at the gateway to St John's church, one up by Lewis or Gollodge Close, four on Stockhill Road, one on Naish's Cross corner and one where Naish Cross meets Rock Road. Cllr Mattick to liaise with the clerk to confirm positions before the clerk has site meeting with county council. The county council has said that they will fill all the bins if they agree the locations.
- g) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** This has been cleared. Thanks were given to Cllrs Stanford and Morgan for their work.
- h) **Pot holes:** No new ones reported.
- i) **Planning permission, Bungalow, Wells Road:** New plans will be arriving for this month's planning committee. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer to say that council's concerns were vindicated.
- j) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Since there was a need for volunteers to take this forward and for someone to lead it, the council agreed that they would wait for the Local Plan to be produced. The council decided that they would not send someone to the Neighbourhood Plan conference in London.
- k) **Litter:** New refuse/dog bin for Church Lane has arrived. Cllr Mattick said he would install it. Cllr Foster reported that the Abbey Road bin was full.
- l) **Village plan actions:** Cllr Stanford stressed the need to follow up on these.
- m) **War memorial wall:** Cllr Stanford has asked Steve Davis to do the repairs.
- n) **Street railings:** Clerk to get PH Gates to complete the repair work.
7. **Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update:** The council passed a motion that – 'They believed they had taken all reasonable action in response to the ROSPA recommendations in the Report'. Cllr Mattick reported on the ongoing attempt to clear the outside edge of the rec. Clerk to write to David Naish to remind him to clear up when he has done his repairs.
8. **Clerk's salary:** The clerk left the meeting for this item. After discussion the council agreed that the clerk's salary would be increased to SCP 17 (from the current 15), furthermore the council would review in the New Year.
9. **Planning Applications:**

- a) 2013/1790 Pruning of sycamore tree with TPO on Montsurs Close. Recommend approval.

Sub-committees

- b) 2013/1290 Erection of new dwelling off Carter's Way. No objections.
- c) 2013/1571 Certificate of lawful use of lawned area. No objections on condition that the land cannot be built on in future for residential purposes.
- d) 2013/1683 Erection of two detached dwellings at Naish's Cross. Recommend refusal.
Objections: The development would be outside the village envelope. There is concern about

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safety of access. The Village Plan has shown there is no village need for 4/5 bedroom properties. The road is used for an over flow car park for the coop.
Deer, owls, pheasants and other wildlife inhabit the area.

10. Planning Decisions:

(a)2013/1199 Replacement of garage and single storey extension at Inglenook, Wells Road.
Approved with conditions.

11. Accounts:

736 – S.A.L.C.	- ‘Good Councillor’ books	-	29.70
737 – Information Commissioner	- Data Protection	-	35.00
738 – M. Rigby	- reimbursements	-	32.58
739 – M. Rigby	- Clerk’s salary	-	175.47
740 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerk’s tax	-	43.80
741 – M. Pickford	- Brass plaque	-	23.00
742 – A. Arnold	- Computer services	-	200.00
743 – Glasdon	- Bin	-	174.00
744 – M. Stanford	- Bin signs	-	11.98
745 – N.A.L.C.	- Course fee	-	132.00
			857.53

The clerk reported that the audit had been returned.

12. Correspondence: Letter from the Derricks about traffic on the Broadway. Clerk to reply explaining the Parish Council’s attempts to extend the 30mph limit, the Community Speedwatch scheme and other attempts to slow traffic.

13. Any Other Business: Cllr Mattick reported that the railings below the Old School had come apart. Clerk to determine whose responsibility they are. Cllr Stanford reported that he would be attending the planning seminar next week.

14. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 9th October 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 25th September 2013.

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

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