



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BANWELL YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 19th of FEBRUARY 2024

PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Blatchford (Chairman), Simon Arlidge, Kevin Gibbons, Paul Harding (Vice-Chairman), Kelly Smith, Matthew Thomson, Steve Voller & Tara Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLOR: Cllr Joe Tristam
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

Cllr Blatchford welcomed everybody.

Before the meeting was convened, members of the public were invited to speak.

i) Members of the public

No members of the public were present.

ii) Community Beat Manager's report

The following report was received for the period 15/01/2024 to 18/02/2024.

Incidents reported = 47 with the following selection of crimes reported: 4 abandoned 999 calls, 2 anti-social behaviour, 2 assault, 3 burglaries (non-dwelling), 2 concern for welfare, 1 criminal damage, 1 harassment, 5 missing person, 1 suspicious activity, 2 theft from a vehicle, 3 threat and 7 traffic related.

For up-to-date information residents can keep in touch via the Avon & Somerset website or follow them on social media, Facebook "Weston & Worle police" or Twitter "ASPNorthSom". Residents were asked if they see anything suspicious in the area or would like to talk to local officers, please call 101 or 999 in an emergency, they can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

iii) Ward Councillor's report

Cllr Tristam gave the following brief report on the Banwell Bypass. The compulsory orders for the bypass has been approved, and environmental mitigation works commenced this week.

The meeting was convened.

016/24 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike Bailey, Steve Davies, Nick Manley and Maggie McCarthy (who attended online).

017/24 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)

An interest was received from Cllr Gibbons on agenda item 7 as he runs a monthly soup lunch in the Village Hall.

018/24 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 15th of January 2024 (agenda item 3)

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th of January 2024 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with two abstentions due to absence)

The minutes of the meeting will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

019/24 To note the following minutes / notes from the following (agenda item 4).

- i) Wolvershill Liaison Group 1st of February 2024
- ii) Wolvershill Liaison Group 5th of February 2024
- iii) Planning Committee 5th of February 2024
- iv) Youth & Community Centre Committee 5th of February 2024
- v) Employment Committee 5th of February 2024
- vi) Wolvershill Working Group 12th of February 2024

The minutes from the meetings above were noted.

020/24 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 5)

i) **Zebra Crossing Escort**

Although the initiative has been positively received by the community, regrettably, we have not yet received any volunteers willing to help in covering duties during the absence of the current volunteer. However, three individuals have expressed their willingness to undergo the Traffic Management for Community Events (TMCE) training scheduled for the 21st of February. In light of recent incidents involving vehicles disregarding the crossing, the current volunteer will be equipped with a body camera, in consultation with the Police and Breakthrough Communications, to ensure enhanced safety measures.

ii) **Solar Panels**

All installed and operational. The path is being done this week.

iii) **Archaeological remains**

Border Archaeology have suggested dates in May for the interment of the remains. Adams Memorials have set aside a suitable stone ready for a plaque. The Clerk is awaiting suggestions from Border Archaeology for the inscription.

021/24 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 6)

- i) **ALCA e-learning on nimble**
- ii) **Breakthrough Communications Training via ALCA**
- iii) **Various Finance Training via ALCA**
- iv) **Various 'Scribe' Finance Training**
- v) **Various NALC training £30**
- vi) **North Somerset Council's Weed Management Inquiry Day, Thursday 29th February Free**
- vii) **SLCC 'How to use ChatGPT' Tuesday 14th May £18 (Clerk & Admin/Comms Officer)**
- viii) **Potential Earthlight Mapping Training.**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £36 for up to two people including the Clerk to attend the SLCC How to use ChatGPT'.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

Three Councillors have expressed an interest in attending any potential earthlight training.

022/24 To discuss the 'Soup and a Roll' initiative and decide a way forward (agenda item 7)

This has now been ongoing for just under three months. Attendance figures indicate a consistent turnout, ranging between 17 and 21 individuals per day (with a high of 26 on the 15th of Feb). To date, the initiative has welcomed a total of 358 visitors and has received voluntary donations amounting to £504.

Resolved: To continue the initiative past March, twice a week, but double the current voluntary contribution to £2 with possible change of menu in the summer.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with one abstention)

023/24 To agree the new Banwell Allotment Co-operative Society Limited Tenancy agreement and to sign the new tenancy agreement (agenda item 8).

Resolved – To agree the new site specific Banwell Allotment Co-operative Society Limited Tenancy Agreement for plot holders.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

Resolved – To sign the new tenancy agreement between the Parish Council and Banwell Allotment Co-operative Society Limited.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

024/24 To agree the new Strategic Plan Action Plan (agenda item 9)

Resolved – To agree the new Strategic Plan Action Plan

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

025/24 To agree a formal first response from the Parish Council in relation to initial ideas submitted by North Somerset, three developers involved in the new Wolvershill development (agenda item 10).

Resolved – To agree the response submitted as part of the agenda papers with the following addition: It must be recognised that there will be a major route north of the bypass to the M5 / Morrisons and so the road network needs to reflect this.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

026/24 To note the Internal Controls report undertaken by Cllr Gibbons (agenda item 11).

Thanks was given to Cllr Gibbons. The internal controls report was noted.

027/24 To authorise bills for payment for February (agenda item 12)

Resolved: To authorise the bills for payment sheet for February of £10,284.38. Cllr Harding and Cllr Bailey to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

028/24 To note the Parish Council's end of Januarys net position, reserves, bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 13)

The Parish Council's end of Januarys net position, reserves balance, bank balances and bank reconciliation were noted.

029/24 Dates of the next meetings (agenda item 15)

Monday 4th of March 2024, 7pm Planning Committee at the Youth & Community Centre (YCC)
Monday 18th of March 2024, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting at the YCC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:00

.....Chairman

.....Date