



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2020

PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Harding (Chairman), Phil Adams, Phil Baird (Vice-Chairman), Paul Blatchford, Steve Davies, Nick Manley, Maggie McCarthy, Dawn Parry & John Wormald.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)

WARD COUNCILLOR: Cllr Haverson

AVON & SOMERSET POLICE: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

Cllr Paul Harding, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

Before the meeting was reconvened Members of the public were invited to speak.

Members of the public

- A query was raised in relation to fibre optics cables that presently stop at Wolverhill Park. The Clerk to contact Gigaclear to see what the current situation is.
- A query was raised in relation to the recent approval of the Wolverhill Road Planning Application. Cllr Haverson and Cllr Manley to provide an update later in the meeting.

Community Beat Manager's report

The following report was received for the period 14/06/2020 to 15/07/2020.

Calls from Parish = 48 with the following selection of crimes reported: 5 abandoned 999 call, 5 antisocial behavior, 1 assault, 1 burglary, 4 concern for welfare, 1 criminal damage, 3 harassment, 5 suspicious activity, 6 theft and 11 traffic related.

With restrictions easing this month it was reported that crime has sadly risen, with numerous complaints about antisocial driving in and around the village. During the past few weeks, the police have dispersed several large car meets from nearby car parks, these have then filtered back out into the villages hence the noise. The Police have traffic operations due to take place to monitor this issue. Should a resident capture any video evidence of vehicles driving in an antisocial manner please send this to the local Beat Team with the registration number of the offending vehicle so this can be dealt with positively.

The Beat Team can be contacted via the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website or Twitter @ASPWSM.

Ward Councillor's report

Cllr Haverson reported that the Wolverhill Road application (18/P/4735/OUT) which had been recommended for refusal had been overturned. She was disappointed in the decision and was concerned about speculative developers who now have 'permission' to double the amount of housing on the edge of a settlement boundary. She also queried North Somerset Highways statement which showed a decrease in the vehicle movements through the village. She felt this did not take account of the volume of cars which now detour around the village using various rat runs. Cllr Haverson believed that there was a missing 18% of traffic which use these rat runs and that this should be considered as it contributes to an increase in carbon emissions

The owners of Burnbeck Pier have now been given a choice between selling or compulsory purchase. In either case the Pier will be given to the RNLI who plan to restore and maintain it.

There is a large amount of Government funding for walking & cycling which North Somerset are hoping to access. The Parish Council were encouraged to put forward any suggestions.

North Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan has now been produced and is available on North Somerset's Website. The Plan details North Somerset's response in relation to a second spike of Coronavirus or another similar emergency.

The meeting was convened

128/20 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Bennett

129/20 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)

No declarations of interest were received.

130/20 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 15th June 2020 (agenda item 3)

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th June 2020 be approved as a correct record.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

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

131/20 To note the minutes of the Planning Committee minutes from the 6th July 2020 (agenda item 4)

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on the 6th of July 2020 were noted.

132/20 To note the minutes of the Youth & Community Centre Committee minutes from the 6th July 2020 (agenda item 5)

The minutes of the Youth Planning Committee Meeting on the 6th July 2020 were noted.

133/20 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 6)

(i) Banwell Food Bank

This has now been moved to the Youth & Community Centre and will continue to be run from there for the foreseeable future. We have continued to receive food and money donations from Councillors & Members of the public. This has helped to provide over 84 complete food parcels for both individuals and families and a top up to 54 food parcels for our vulnerable families, 26 half term parcels, 25 non-food essentials parcels and 35 summer holiday activity packs. This has been another lifeline for members of the community ensuring that everyone in Banwell has access to food.

(ii) Works to the Youth & Community Centre

The repairs and repainting of the porch floor will begin on Friday 17th July with the redecoration of the outside of the building and the installation of a loft hatch being done at the beginning of August. The Clerk is in the process of organising various sustainability surveys including heating, electric vehicle charge points, solar lampposts and solar panels.

(iii) Antisocial behaviour in relation to car noise & speed

Currently residents along Wolvershill Road, West Street & Castle Hill are suffering from problems in relation to vehicle noise and speed. This predominately occurs on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A speed of 80mph by the vehicle activated speed sign (VAS) was recorded in the 30mph zone along Castle Hill at 6:45pm Sunday evening. Walkers accessing Banwell Hill will be crossing Castle Hill at this point which is a blind bend and thus very dangerous if the speed limit is exceeded. Cllr Baird reported that local residents are regularly taking video footage which will be going to the Police to allow them to build up a full

picture of the issue. Cllr Manley was concerned about local resident putting themselves in danger by taking footage and asked whether a Police presence would be more appropriate.

(iv) Bellway Homes Complaints

The Parish Council have received several complaints about the Bellway Homes Development along Wolvershill Road. These relate to two issues.

Firstly, the removal of a mature hedgerow at the front of the development which, in the planning application, was to be retained. Residents have raised concerns about the implication on local wildlife. North Somerset were unaware of the hedgerow removal and therefore a planning breach has been reported. The Clerk has received correspondence from Bellway Homes who claim the hedge had to be removed due to the visibility splay and works to the underground pipes. They were unable to wait until the breeding season was over due to the urgency of the works to be undertaken. Bellway Homes have claimed they will be replacing the hedgerow however for it to reach maturity it will take about 15 years.

The second complaint has been in relation to heavy good vehicles (HGV) travelling to and from the site breaking the weight limit by travelling the full length of Wolvershill Road rather than using the A371 (as in the travel plan). One resident was forced into a hedge, along the narrowest stretch of Wolvershill Road as a lorry barrelled towards her whilst she was cycling into the village. North Somerset have spoken to Bellway Homes which seemed to reduce the amount of HGV movements along Wolvershill Road but has not stopped them.

(v) Wolvershill Development

Cllr Manley reported that the ratification of the refusal for the Wolvershill Planning Application (18/P/4735/OUT) had been overturned and would now be approved as per the Planning Officer's recommendation. The Parish Council were unhappy with the outcome. This to be put on the agenda for the next Planning Committee meeting.

134/20 To agree to fund a one-off non-food Summer Holidays essentials parcel for vulnerable families as identified by the School (agenda item 7)

Resolved – To fund a one-off non-food Summer Holidays essentials parcel for vulnerable families

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

135/20 To approve items of expenditure (agenda item 8)

(i) £120 for the removal of a dead elm on the Recreation Ground

Resolved – To agree £120 for the removal of a dead elm on the Recreation Ground

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(ii) £249.99 (exc VAT) for the purchase of a new laptop for the Chairman

Resolved – To agree £249.99 (exc VAT) for the purchase of a new laptop for the Chairman

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

136/20 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 9)

(i) 28th July 6.30 - 9.00pm The Essential Councillors Course

Resolved – To agree the cost of £120 for the attendance of Cllr Bennett & Wormald on the Essential Councillors Course

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(ii) 30th July Climate Action Day webinar 9:15am – 3pm. £10

Resolved – To agree the cost of £20 for the attendance of the Clerk & Cllr Parry to the Climate Action Day.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(iii) 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Sept Unleashing Community Potential Webinar x 4 10 – 11:15am £120

Resolved – To agree the cost of £120 for the attendance of the Clerk to the Unleashing Community Potential webinars.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

137/20 To discuss the future of the Covid-19 Emergency Plan (agenda item 10)

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the current plan with 32 Co-ordinators covering all areas of the Parish. It was suggested that this could continue in its present form with the addition of pairing co-ordinators so that there was coverage during any vacations. The Clerk had written to all co-ordinators most of whom were happy to continue. The Clerk to write to volunteers to see if they wish to continue, what their availability is and what tasks they would like to be considered for.

138/20 To discuss the current social distancing measures on the Recreation Ground and Riverside (agenda item 11)

Cllr Harding reported that on numerous occasions the tape had been ripped off the climber on the Recreation ground and the benches. Some of the signs had also been removed. There was a concern that leaving partly torn down tape was more of a hazard than removing it completely. Given the vandalism concern was raised about the hand sanitiser. The clerk was asked to change the risk assessment to remove the hand sanitiser and put back in the climber. Cllr Harding & the Clerk to look into more permanent signage.

139/20 To discuss and agree a way forward in relation to the adoption / removal of the phone box on West Street (agenda item 12)

The Chairman reported that a couple of options had been suggested. Concerns were raised about the ongoing maintenance costs and the issue of vandalism.

Resolved – To not adopt the current phone box on West Street.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

140/20 To discuss whether to commission a new accessible website or to pay for the current website to be upgraded and made accessible (agenda item 13)

Resolved – To agree to get Webglu to upgrade the current website for £570.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

141/20 To discuss suggestions for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (agenda item 14)

The Council were informed that there had been three suitable suggestions.

Resolved – To put forward three suggestions in the following order of priority.

1. Eastermead Lane to Catworthy Lane as a safe cycle route to Churchill school.
2. Havage Drove as a Bridleway
3. Stonebridge Farm to reopen the footpath between here and Whitecross Lane.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

142/20 To discuss and agree a response to the Governments Consultation on the Councillors Code of Conduct (agenda item 15)

Resolved – To agree that the Clerk submit a response to the Governments Consultation on the Councillors Code of Conduct

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

143/20 To discuss and agree a response to the SLCC letter to the Secretary of Support ‘Financial Supports for Councils letter’ (agenda item 16)

Resolved – To agree to use an adapted version of SLCC’s response to the Secretary of Support ‘Financial Supports for Councils letter’ as Banwell Parish Council response.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

144/20 To authorise bills for payment (agenda item 17)

Resolved: To authorise July’s Bills for Payment of £6540.12. Cllr Harding and Cllr Baird to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

145/20 To note the Parish Council’s end of June’s, bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 18)

The Parish Council’s end of June’s bank balances and bank reconciliation were noted.

146/20 Dates of the next meetings – (agenda item 19)

3rd August 2020 7pm Planning Committee remotely <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/279564797>

16th August 2020 7pm Recreation Ground Trustee remotely <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84205749438>

16th August 2020 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting remotely <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/308292669>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45

.....Chairman

.....Date

Bills for Payment - 11th June to the 19th July 2020
Banwell Parish Council

Method	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Minute agreed	Power
	Already Paid						The Parish Council have resolved to use the General Power of Competence as of the 20th May 2019
BACs	YMCA	Sessions in March	£480.00		£480.00	175/19	
DD	Mainstream	Phone and Broadband (DD 14.07.20)	£111.93	£22.39	£134.32	093/20	
DD	E-ON	Streetlight Power (DD 17.07.20)	£150.41	£7.52	£157.93	093/20	
	To Pay						
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Rec Ground & Knightcott Bank	£141.75		£141.75		
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Riverside	£70.87		£70.87		
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ YCC	£70.88		£70.88		
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Banwell Cemetery	£162.50		£162.50		
BACS	J K Gardening	Village orderly	£392.50		£392.50		
BACS	J K Gardening	High Street Bank	£60.00		£60.00	157/19	
BACS	J K Gardening	Additional grass cutting Castle Hill & Wolvershill Rd	£55.00		£55.00	135/19	
BACS	J K Gardening	Watering Trees	Total £973.50		£150.00		
BACS	FOS UK	Dog Bin emptying	£339.00		£339.00	177/19	
BACS	Insight Cleaning	YCC Cleaning (deep clean)	£200.00		£200.00	39/19	
BACS	SLCC	Webinar x 3	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00	269/19 (i & ii)	
BACS	Weston Rail Services	PA testing	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	H & S	
BACS	Weston Rail Services	Emergency bulkhead replacements x 3	Total £306.60	£41.10	£246.60	H & S	
BACS	Webglu	Managed Web service & twitter	£72.45	£14.49	£86.94	151/17	
BACS	Solution	Covid - 19 YCC supplies	£244.84	£48.97	£293.81	H & S	
BACS	Marie Curie	Grant	£300.00		£300.00	122/20	
BACS	P. Harding	Covid - 19 Rec supplies	£32.39	£4.89	£37.28	H & S	
BACS	Churchill Minibus Soci	non-food essential parcel	£55.12	£8.22	£63.34	062/20	
BACS	GB Sport	Operational reports	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00	136/19 (i)	
BACS	E. Shayler	Overtime & Expenses (zoom, non food parcel & laptop)	£850.43	£106.16	£956.59	062/20	
SO	E. Shayler	Clerk's Salary (SO 26.07.20)	£1,569.86		£1,569.86	093/20	
DD	E-ON	YCC power (DD 25.07.20)	£90.26	£4.51	£94.77	093/20	
DD	Nest	Pension contributions (DD 26.07.20)	£152.18		£152.18	093/20	
DD	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	Supply of Hygiene Services	£129.99	£26.00	£155.99	093/20	
BACS	HMRC	PAYE and NI for Sept (12.08.20)	£591.05		£591.05	093/20	
DD	ICO	Data Protection Renewal Fee (16.08.20)	£40.00		£40.00	093/20	
		Totals	£6,227.87	£312.25	£6,540.12		