



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2019 AT BANWELL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (YCC)

PRESENT:	Councillors: Paul Blatchford (Chairman), Phil Adams, Phil Baird, Steve Davies, Phil Hale, Maggie McCarthy, and Nick Manley
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLOR:	Cllr Ann Harley
AVON & SOMERSET POLICE:	None
PRESS:	None
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:	1

The Chairman, Paul Blatchford, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

Before the meeting opened Members of the public were invited to speak;

i) **Members of the public**

No matters were raised.

ii) **Community Beat Manager's report**

The following report was received for the period 14/07/2019 to 14/08/2019

Calls from the Parish received = 51

Crimes reported includes: 1 abandoned 999 call, 1 anti-social behavior, 4 burglary & attempted, 8 concern for welfare, 2 harassment, 4 suspicious activity, 2 theft and 7 traffic related.

There has been an increase in dwelling burglaries over the past month. The local Beat Team are available to offer home security advice and property marking. They are also able to offer free bike marking in conjunction with 'Bike Register', for more details members of the public can visit the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website.

Members of the public were asked to contact 101 for non-urgent matters they would like to share alternately the team can be contacted via the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website or Twitter @ASPWSM. The next Beat Surgery is at Banwell Garden Centre coffee shop on Saturday 7th September 2019 from 3pm until 4pm.

iii) **Ward Councillor's report**

Cllr Harley updated the Council on the formation of various Working Parties in North Somerset to look at a variety of issues, one of which was a possible change to the cabinet system.

Cllr Harley reported that members of the public were disillusioned with the Police cover in the rural areas. There was a suggestion of a PACT group which could meet every other month in locations in Banwell, Sandford / Winscombe & Loxton / Christon to discuss issues being faced by the Parishioners in her ward.

The meeting was convened

163/19 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Parry and Cllr Harding.

- 164/19 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)**
- No declarations of interest were received.
- 165/19 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2019 (agenda item 3)**
- Resolved** – That with an amendment to 154/19 (iii) to change Riverside to Recreation Ground that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 166/19 To receive a short presentation from Andy Moore of Truespeed with an update on their rollout plans and progress for the delivery of the ultrafast fibre broadband network in Banwell (agenda item 4)**
- Andy Moore gave a brief presentation on Truespeed covering the following; what they do, the importance of internet speed, the benefits of Truespeed and how they provide high speed internet. They are looking to expand into Banwell but would need about 30% of the community on board.
- 167/19 To note the Planning Committee minutes from the 5th August 2019 (agenda item 5)**
- The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting were noted.
- 168/19 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 6)**
- (i) **Memorial Garden** – The Council were informed that Mr Tony Yarde had stepped down from tending the Memorial Garden in the Cemetery. The Clerk was asked to write to him expressing the Parish Council's sincere gratitude for his work in maintaining the garden. Mr Martin Hemmings has agreed to take it over with help from volunteers from the Gardening Club / Banwell in Bloom. This has already started and the Chairman reported that the Memorial Garden looked lovely.
 - (ii) **Riverside Wet Area** – North Somerset have reported that Bristol Water have now fixed the leak at Riverside. The Clerk will write to Bristol Water in relation to reinstating the area to its original state to include landscaping and the fence. It was also suggested that a gesture of goodwill would be appropriate considering that reports to Bristol Water concerning the leak have been ignored since 2014.
 - (iii) **Knightcott Zebra Crossing** – North Somerset have agreed to light the columns and will be carrying out the work in the next few weeks to includes trimming the trees.
 - (iv) **Knightcott Dropped Kerbs** – North Somerset do not have the budget to complete this work which is estimated to be at least £15,000. When North Somerset were asked to include it is as a section 106 requirement as part of the William Daw development, they said it did not meet the criteria.
 - (v) **YCC Snagging List** - the Clerk reported that North Somerset had acknowledged that the Porch still leaks around the door and would work to rectify this. They have also agreed to replace the flooring with a hard-wearing lino (similar to what is already present). As North Somerset had removed the magnetic strip at the front door it now blows open in windy weather allowing rain in. North Somerset have spoken to Avon Armour who have said that it would take £100 for the disabled access to be reinstated which would hold the door in place better.

- 169/19 To review and approve the following documents (agenda item 7);**
- (i) **Acceptable use Policy**
- Resolved** – To approve the amended Acceptable Use Policy with the word ‘personal’ being amended to ‘sensitive’.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).**
- (ii) **General Data Protection Regulations Policy**
- Resolved** – To approve the amended General Data Protection Regulations Policy and remove from the section on ‘Data Breaches’ the word detect.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).**
- 170/19 To agree the cost of £15 for additional hooks to hang up the Remembrance Day Wreaths to help prevent mould growth on the steps (agenda item 8)**
- Resolved** – To agree the cost of £15 for additional hooks to hang up the Remembrance Day Wreaths.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- 171/19 To agree the cost of £28 for the hire of the Village Hall for four hours on the 2nd November for refreshments during the tree planting ceremony (agenda item 9)**
- Resolved** – To agree the cost of up to £28 for the hire of the Village Hall on the 2nd November for refreshments during the tree planting ceremony.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- 172/19 To agree the cost of replacement fencing on the verge at Knightcott (agenda item 10)**
- Resolved** – To agree the cost of £1400 to replace the fencing on the verge at Knightcott to repair and match the current stakes.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (6 in favour 1 against)**
- 173/19 To agree the reimbursement of the cost of a memorial plot (agenda item 11)**
- Resolved** – To agree the reimbursement of £110 - £20 admin fee for a memorial plot no longer needed.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- 174/19 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 12).**
- (i) **4th / 5th / 6th September Airspace Change workshop Bristol Airport, free**
- Resolved:** That Cllr Manley to attend if his shifts allow
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- (ii) **16th / 17th September Avon & Somerset Police Cyber Crime briefings, free**
- Resolved:** That the Clerk attend this training on the 16th September.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

- (iii) **‘Chairmanship Skills’, Winscombe TBA (price dependent on attendees)**

Resolved: That depending on the date Cllr Adams, Baird, Blatchford, Manley and McCarthy and attend this training.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- (iv) **19th September ‘Chairmanship Skills’ Coalpit Heath £50**

No one to attend this training session

- (v) **2nd & 3rd Oct National Conference, Leicestershire. £130 per day £375 for 2 days**

Resolved: That the Clerk is able to attend the National Conference if when the final agenda is published the issues to be covered are applicable to the Parish and the budget allows.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- (vi) **16th October - Being a Good Councillor. 9:45am - 12:30. Manor Hall, Coalpit Heath**

No one to attend this training session

- (vii) **30th October – SLCC Local Training Seminar 8:45am - 4:10pm Cheltenham**

Resolved: That the Clerk & Cllr McCarthy attend this seminar

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- (viii) **21st November ‘Chairmanship Skills’ Saltford**

No one to attend this training session

- 175/19 To ratify the decision made by the Youth & Community Centre committee on the appointment of YMCA Dulverton to run Banwell Youth Club (agenda item 13)**

Resolved – To agree the appointment of YMCA Dulverton to run Banwell Youth Club from September 2019.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- 176/19 To agree that the land which is currently being registered is within band 1 of the land valuation which is below £80,000 (agenda item 14)**

Resolved – To agree that all the land currently being registered is within band 1 of the Land Registry’s valuation banding system.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- 177/19 To discuss the current dog bin collection service and consider an alternative contractor who is offering a saving (agenda item 15)**

The Clerk informed the Council that they were not currently under contract with Greenways.

Resolved – Given the cost and quality of the service received from Greenways to agree to move contractors to FOS UK for a trial period of 6 months at £3.90 a bin.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- 178/19 To discuss the request from Banwell Scouts in relation to a Gas supply for the new Scout Hut (agenda item 16)**
- The Clerk informed the Council that a member of the Scouts Executive Committee had asked whether the Parish Council would agree to allow the Scouts to put in a gas supply into the Scout Hut. Presently there are three options;
- Firstly, to join the Scout Hut (and possibly the Youth and Community Centre) to the mains supply coming from the Bellway Homes development along Wolvershill Road
 - Secondly a pipe coming from the Parish Councils current LPG tank which would be metered, the Parish Council then to charge the Scouts for the fuel used
 - Thirdly a 2nd LPG Gas tank
- Resolved** – The Parish Council could only support a 2nd gas tank but that this needed further investigation.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- 179/19 To discuss upgrading and additional cameras for the Village Hall CCTV covering the Recreation Ground and agree a way forward (agenda item 17)**
- Resolved** – To defer this item to allow time for the Clerk to check the infrared capabilities of the new cameras.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- 180/19 To discuss moving the date of the 2020 Community Picnic to July 4th to avoid clashes with local events (agenda item 18)**
- Resolved** – To move the date of the next Community Picnic to the 4th July 2020.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (6 in favour and 1 against)**
- 181/19 To discuss the removal of bollards between Wolvershill Park and Knightcott Park to allow access for mobility scooters (agenda item 19)**
- The Clerk informed the Council that this was a request from North Somerset after a Wolvershill Park resident had reported difficulty getting from Wolvershill Park to Knightcott Park with a mobility scooter. North Somerset were prepared to consider the request if sanctioned by the Parish Council.
- Resolved** – That the Parish Council agree that the chicane railings be adjusted to allow easier mobility scooter access but the bollards should remain.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**
- 182/19 To discuss the request from a resident of High Street for a H bar outside his driveway on Greenfields Avenue to prevent people parking inconsiderately (agenda item 20)**
- The Clerk informed the Parish Council that this was a request from a local resident who had been told that North Somerset would only consider the proposal if it came from the Parish Council.
- Resolved** – That the Clerk write to North Somerset to request an H Bar on Greenfields Avenue as per the resident's request.
- The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

183/19 To discuss the current Bus Service through the village (agenda item 21)

Cllr Adams gave a brief report on the experience of local residents using the bus service through the village which included;

- Lack of buses
- Buses often being late or not turning up
- Overcrowding
- Bus passes not being recorded / being shared and therefore no true record of who is using the service
- No Sunday service during the winter and only every three hours in the summer

Resolved – To write to First Bus, North Somerset Transport and Planning Departments outlining the complaints above.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

184/19 To authorise bills for payment (agenda item 22)

Resolved: To authorise bills for payment of £14142.49 Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Baird to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

185/19 To note the Parish Council's end of July's net position bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 23)

The net position, bank balances and bank reconciliation for the end of July were noted.

186/19 The Council was recommended to resolve that members of the press & public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 25 (agenda item 24)

Resolved – that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 25.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

187/19 To discuss the suggested wording from Wessex Water for the YCC Lease (agenda item 25)

Resolved – That the Council agree to the suggested wording from Wessex Water.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (6 in favour with 1 abstention)

188/19 Dates of the next meetings – (agenda item 26)

2nd September 2019 Planning Committee Meeting, 7pm, Banwell YCC
12th September 2019 Youth & Community Centre (YCC) Committee Meeting, 7pm, Banwell YCC
16th September 2019 Parish Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Banwell Youth and Community Centre

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22:00

.....Chairman

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