



MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020 AT BANWELL YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Blatchford (Chairman), Phil Adams, Phil Baird, Karen Bennett, Steve Davies, Paul Harding (Vice-Chairman), Maggie McCarthy and Dawn Parry
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)

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

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

i) Members of the public

No members of the public were raised.

ii) Community Beat Manager's report

The following report was received for the period 17/06/2019 to 14/07/2019

Calls from the Parish received = 46

Selection of crimes reported includes: 3 abandoned 999 call, 1 antisocial behavior, 3 assault, 3 burglary & attempted, 6 concern for welfare, 4 criminal damage, 4 suspicious activity, 4 theft and 11 traffic related.

Members of the public and Councillors were reminded that any new electrical items received over the Christmas period can be logged with serial numbers on "Immobilise.com" and any help or advice be required then contact the local police beat team.

There is a free Bike Marking event in Banwell in conjunction with "BIKE REGISTER" this coming Saturday at the Youth & Community Centre between 1000 and 1300hrs.

The next Beat Surgery is at Banwell Garden Centre coffee shop on Saturday 27th July 2019 2pm until 3pm. Alternately the team can be contacted via the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website or Twitter @ASPWSM.

iii) Ward Councillor's report

Cllr Harley reported that North Somerset were in the middle of looking at their budgets. A green waste bin consultation will be published shortly which included a proposal of green waste collection fee. The District Councillors had concerns about the increased possibility of fly tipping, the a potential lack of uptake. The budget also included the creation of a position for a climate change officer for £60,000.

Cllr Harley updated the Council on 'The Ship' application which is being discussed later this week. It was hoped she would be able to get it deferred for a month to allow a site visit.

Cllr Harley is still keen to set up PACT group. She felt it was important that areas had a better picture of what was going on in order to spot any crime trends.

The meeting was convened

001/20 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Manley and District Cllr Haverson.

002/20 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)

No declarations of interest

003/20 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 16th December 2019 (agenda item 3).

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 16th December 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

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

004/20 To receive a short presentation from North Somerset's Cheryl Abraham about extra care housing (agenda item 4)

Cheryl Abraham gave a brief presentation updating the Council on Extra Care Housing provision which included; Waverley Court Portishead, Sandford Station, Diamond Court Worle, Lakeside Court Worle, Tamar Court Worle and introducing their new site Strawberry Gardens in Yatton. Councillors were asked to pass on her details to anyone that they felt might need to access this.

005/20 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 5)

- (i) **Youth and Community Centre Energy audit** – The Chairman and Clerk had met with Alan Bailey from The Future Economy. There had been a general discussion on ways in which the Parish Council could become more sustainable and save energy. It was suggested that a baseline should be constructed which would enable the Council to form a coherent action plan. Councillors were invited to visit the hub in Bristol and the Clerk will email suggested dates for February.
- (ii) **St Monica's Sustainability Conference** – Cllr Bennett gave a brief outline about the conference she attended at St Monica's Trust to discuss funding streams. It was a multi-agency conference with an opportunity to talk to funders. She gave a handout which is available from the Parish Office along with other information given out during the day.
- (iii) **Parish Council Outreach** – Cllr Bennett attended Banwell's Multi Agency Consortium (MAC) at the hub on behalf of the Clerk. They are organising a monthly signposting presence for Banwell Surgery and Cllr Bennett has offered to attend on behalf of the Parish Council which involved attendance once or twice a year. The volunteers would be signposting opportunities for those attending surgeries and answering any questions.
- (iv) **Derek Mead Way** – The Clerk updated the Council that Locking Parish Council had removed their objection to the use of Derek Mead's name for one of the new roads as long as it did not come through their Parish. North Somerset would be discussing it at their next meeting later this week and had suggested that the road be named Derek Mead Way until the Locking Boundary and then changed to something else once in Locking Parish.
- (v) **Community Café** – The Clerk reminded the Council that the Community Café which is being run in conjunction with Love Banwell was this Saturday. The Police and Scouts would be doing free bike marking and small repairs. Whilst there was free defibrillator training, a scam awareness talk and one from Dementia Friends. Councillors were encouraged to attend.
- (vi) **Metal detecting on Parish Council owner land** – After an email request this will become an agenda item for February.

006/20 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 6)

- (i) **25th January - Being a Good Councillor, 9:45am until 12:30. Saltford Community Centre £60**

The Clerk informed the Council that ALCA were offering two additional training dates of the 29th Feb in Coalpit Heath and 28th March in Cleeve.

Resolved: That Cllr Bennett attend the training session on the 28th March in Cleeve

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(ii) **12th February – Chairmanship, 7 – 9:30pm Coalpit Heath £40**

No one to attend this training session

(iii) **SLCC Webinar Climate Emergency Series 1: Declaring an Emergency & Action Plan £60**

Resolved: The Clerk to attend this webinar.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(iv) **SLCC Webinar Climate Emergency Series 2: Reducing Energy use in buildings £60**

Resolved: The Clerk to attend this webinar.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(v) **SLCC Webinar Climate Emergency Series 3: Community based energy projects £60**

Resolved: The Clerk to attend this webinar.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(vi) **SLCC Webinar Climate Emergency Series 4: Zero Carbon Neighbourhood Planning £60**

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to attend this webinar to better understand it when working with North Somerset.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(vii) **SLCC Webinar Climate Emergency Series 5: Community Engagement & Social Media £60**

Resolved: The Clerk to attend this webinar.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(viii) **Training suggestions e.g. Applying for Grants, Employment etc...**

The Council suggested that training on 'applying for grants' and 'employment' from SLCC or ALCA would be useful.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

007/20 To approve the following items of expenditure (agenda item 7)

(i) **£495 for the annual monitoring charge for the Youth & Community Centre (YCC) intruder alarm system**

Resolved: To agree the payment of £495 to DS Securities for the annual monitoring charge for the Youth & Community Centre (YCC) intruder alarm system.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(ii) **£265 for the annual maintenance charge for the YCC monitored fire alarm system**

Resolved: To agree the payment of £265 to DS Securities for the annual maintenance charge for the YCC monitored fire alarm system.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

008/20 To discuss the purchase of additional computers for the office and new councillor (agenda item 8)

Resolved: To purchase an office computer and laptop with advice from Webglu which will release the Councillor laptop for use by Cllr Bennett.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

009/20 To review the Citizens Advice Service and agree whether to fund the service for the financial year 2020/2021 at £3946 (agenda item 9)

Resolved: To fund the Citizens Advice Service for the financial year 2020/2021 at £3946

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

010/20 To discuss the annual independent play inspection reports and agree a way forward (agenda item 10)

- (i) **Recreation Ground (Rec) Goal Posts** – 2 actions
- (ii) **Rec Nest Swing and Teenzone**
- (iii) **Rec litterbins** – 2 actions
- (iv) **Movement of Rec & Riverside Signage**
- (v) **Riverside Gates** – 4 actions
- (vi) **Moss at Riverside** – 2 actions
- (vii) **Riverside swings** – 2 actions

The actions above were discussed and Council felt that as they do not present a health & safety risk that they would be completed, where possible, as part of the annual spring clean.

011/20 To discuss and agree a way forward for Riverside Play Area (agenda item 11)

It was noted that unfortunately the deadline had passed for the government funding. It was suggested that there were other grants available which Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Bennett would investigate. Cllr McCarthy tabled a few ideas of multi-use pieces of play equipment and benches.

012/20 To discuss and agree a response to North Somerset's Consultation on their new Corporate Plan (agenda item 12)

Cllr Blatchford gave an overview of the plan and supported the aspirational views of North Somerset. There was a clear green agenda that supported the lowering of carbon emissions with the rail link. However the bypass was only mentioned as a by-line. It was felt that air quality in the centre of Banwell was currently poor and that the bypass would increase air quality therefore it was felt more emphasis should be given to it.

Cllr Harding quoted one of the corporate plan priorities "By 2023 we want - a transport network that promotes active and low carbon travel - More people using the bus network, and improvements in reliability and passenger satisfaction." He felt that this vision can't possibly include the villages, as presently if you want a job in Bristol then you can't use public transport to get there on time. The inevitable question had to be could this be achieved when the services do not exist. Currently an annual bus ticket from Banwell to Weston is £900 but it is only £300 from Locking. Questions were also raised about the suitability of the current bus routes.

Resolved: That the Clerk and the Chairman prepare a response to the consultation based on the discussion to send to North Somerset.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

013/20 To discuss and agree a response to North Somerset’s Rewilding Consultation (agenda item 13)

Resolved: That the Parish Council support ‘rewilding’. That there were many good ideas contained within the consultation and that it was hoped that these could be widened in the future to include other pieces of land.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

014/20 To discuss and agree a response to the Consultation on Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments (agenda item 14)

Resolved: To submit the response to NALC as agreed with the exception of Q4, Q9 which it was felt were very poorly worded.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

015/20 To note the internal audit report (agenda item 15)

The interim internal audit was noted in particular that there were no actions. The Clerk was thanked for her

016/20 To authorise bills for payment (agenda item 16)

Resolved: To authorise bills for payment of £14523.11 Cllr Harding and Cllr Baird to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

017/20 To note the Parish Council’s end of December’s net position, bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 17)

The Parish Council’s end of December’s net position, bank balances and bank reconciliation were noted.

018/20 Dates of the next meetings – (agenda item 18)

- 3rd February Planning Committee Meeting, 7pm, Banwell Youth & Community Centre
- 3rd February YCC Committee Meeting, TBD, Banwell Youth & Community Centre
- 17th February Parish Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Banwell Children’s Centre

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00

.....Chairman

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