



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 15th MARCH 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Harding (Chairman), Phil Adams, Steve Davies, Nick Manley, Maggie McCarthy, Dawn Parry & Paul Philcox.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLOR: None
AVON & SOMERSET POLICE: None
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

Cllr Harding welcomed everybody.

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

National Grid Report

Representative from National Grid and Western Power Distribution gave a brief report on the works within and around Banwell in relation to the Nation Grid Hinkley Connection Project. This included the following: project overview, work in and around Banwell with a programme overview, information about T-pylons, construction traffic and working safely during Covid.

Members of the public

No issues were raised.

Community Beat Manager's report

The following report was received for the period 15/02/2021 to 11/03/2021.

Calls from Parish = 32 with the following selection of crimes reported: 2 abandoned 999 calls, 1 anti-social behaviour, 2 concerns for welfare, 3 covid-19 breaches, 1 criminal damage, 2 suspicious activity, 4 theft, 1 theft from a vehicle and 6 traffic related.

This month the local beat team are promoting 'Horse Watch' & 'Farm Watch'. Residents who are horse owners or farmers that would like to know more about this free service & free tack marking were asked to get in touch.

The local Neighbourhood police team can be contacted via 101, Twitter @ASPWSM or the Avon and Somerset police website (in your area).

Ward Councillor's report

No ward Councillor was present and no report has been received.

The meeting was convened.

035/21 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

No apologies were received.

036/21 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)

No declarations of interest were received.

037/21 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 15th of February 2021 (agenda item 3)

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th of February 2021 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.

038/21 To note the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1st of March 2021 (agenda item 4)

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on the 1st of March 2021 were noted.

039/21 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 5)

i) Climate Emergency Communications

This month's theme is "Local Travel" and will focus on encouraging people to travel more locally for holidays. As the 'Climate Emergency Communications' trial comes to an end the trial organisers (CSE) have requested feedback from both the Council and the community. Whilst the free trial has been extended by one month after this a paid subscription service may be available if the trial is deemed successful.

ii) ASDA Grant

The Parish Council were awarded £300 for their Christmas initiative and our work in the community with food parcels. The aim is that the Easter Food Club initiative will use a portion of the ASDA "Feeding the Community" grant.

iii) Resurfacing of Youth & Community Centre Car Park

The shipping container is now in situ. The pole preventing access for the Scout minibus has now been repositioned meaning that the preparation work for the tarmacking can go ahead.

iv) Wrington Vale Rotary Club

The rotary club contacted the Parish Council to say they are beginning their weed clearing project again and will be working in the village over the coming months.

v) Strawberry Line Volunteers

The Strawberry line volunteers have contacted the Parish Council to say they have litter picked along the A371 and cleared the bench at the top of Castle Hill.

040/21 To discuss having a Teracycle Recycling Station (agenda item 6)

This item was deferred until the Communications Officer can attend.

041/21 To discuss supporting National Walking Month (agenda item 7)

Resolved – To support National Walking Month by promoting the initiative online and to consider running walking events with volunteers (restrictions allowing).

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

042/21 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 8)

i) 30th March SLCC Virtual Covid Risk Assessment 10:00 – 12:30 £30

Resolved – To agree the cost of £30 for the attendance of the Clerk.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

ii) **Cyber awareness e-course £49**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £49 for the Clerk to undertake the course.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

043/21 To authorise the following expenditure (agenda item 9)

i) **£652.15 for the annual ALCA / NALC subscription**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £652.15 for the annual ALCA / NALC subscription

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

ii) **£150 for a veil page for the website**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £150 for a veil page for the website

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

044/21 To consider alternative dog bin emptying contractors after the termination of the contract with FOSUK (agenda item 10)

Resolved – To hire contractor B to undertake the dog bin emptying contract with a 6-month probation.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

045/21 To accept a North Somerset grant for the continued development of community-led health & wellbeing support in Banwell and its associated criteria (agenda item 11)

Resolved – To accept the grant of £1502.80 for the continued development of community-led health & wellbeing support in Banwell.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

046/21 To agree to fund the following initiatives (agenda item 12)

i) **Chocs for Champs**

The Council were informed that a local resident would like to fund this in its entirety. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the resident.

ii) **Easter Food Club Initiative**

Resolved – To fund the Easter initiative.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

047/21 To agree moving the Annual Meeting forward from the 17th of May 2021 to the 4th of May 2021 before the ending of the virtual meeting legislation (agenda item 13)

Resolved – To agree to move the Annual Meeting forward from the 17th of May to the 4th of May 2021.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

048/21 To consider a £500 grant application from Churchill & Lanford Minibus Society (agenda item 14)

Resolved – To agree a grant of £500 to the Churchill & Lanford Minibus Society.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

049/21 To discuss North Somersets ‘Green Infrastructure Strategy’ consultation and agree a response (agenda item 15)

Resolved – That the Council support North Somersets ‘Green Infrastructure Strategy’ to preserve a cleaner and safer environment. Councillors were asked to submit their own individual responses.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

050/21 To authorise bills for payment (agenda item 16)

The Clerk tabled an amended ‘Bills for Payment’ sheet.

Resolved: To authorise March’s bills for payment of £8,881.18. Cllr Harding and Cllr Baird to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

051/21 To note the Parish Council’s end of February bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 16)

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

052/21 Dates of the next meetings (agenda item 17)

Tuesday 6th April 2021 7pm Planning Committee remotely <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/279564797>
19th April 2021 – 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82684306618>
26th April 2021 – 7:30pm Annual Parish Assembly <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86986643234>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:20

.....Chairman

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