



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BANWELL YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Paul Blatchford (Chairman), Phil Adams, Mike Bailey, Steve Davies, Kevin Gibbons, Paul Harding (Vice Chairman) Nick Manley, Maggie McCarthy and Tara Wright

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

Cllr Blatchford welcomed everybody.

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

**i) Members of the public**

Nothing was raised by members of the public

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

The following report was received for the period 14/10/2022 to 21/11/2022. Incidents reported = 34 with the following selection of crimes reported: 6 abandoned 999 calls, 8 concern for welfare, 3 criminal damage, 1 harassment, 1 missing person, 3 suspicious activity, 3 threats and 2 traffic related.

There is a Tack marking event on December 10<sup>th</sup> between 3pm and 4:30pm at Palls Pets and Livestock supplies in Locking.

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 Haverson sent a brief report covering the following items.

- Changes in the pipeline to government legislation affecting the social care system,
- Changes to the voting system and the introduction of only being able to vote with proof of ID.
- The concerns in relation to balancing North Somersets budget and the expected shortfall.
- The slippage of the Banwell bypass timeline due to Highways concerns in relation to mitigations to the wider network. The Winterstoke 100 Academy extension is progressing as planned.

**iv) Truespeed**

No Truespeed representative attended

**The meeting was convened.**

**172/22 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthew Thomson and District Councillors Haverson and Harley.

**173/22 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)**

No declarations of interest were received.

**174/22 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 (agenda item 3)**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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

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

**175/22 To note the following minutes (agenda item 4).**

**Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Party notes from the 2nd of November**

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting were noted.

**Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> of November**

The notes from the Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Party were noted.

**176/22 To discuss a request from 'Truespeed' to use the use the existing Openreach pole at the Youth & Community Centre (agenda item 5)**

Given that the pole which Truespeed requested the use of had been moved then clarification was awaited to see which pole was required.

**177/22 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 6)**

**i) Safe Routes to School**

A report had been received from the Police. As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk will be contacting, North Somerset, the Bypass Team, Executive for Roads and the local District Councillors to organise a meeting to explore the suggestions contained within the original report. This is already being progressed in parallel with the North Somerset Partnership Team. Disappointment was raised in relation to the report received from the Police and the feeling that the needs and safety of the residents wasn't being taken seriously.

**ii) Public Living Rooms Initiative**

The clerk updated the meeting that there have been visitors at every session who have come for a chat and to find out more. The Clerk has been asked to give a presentation on this and other initiatives to the 'Ageing Well Forum' on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. The Deputy Leader of North Somerset Councillor Bell will be visiting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

**iii) Christmas Market**

The clerk updated the meeting that there were now 25 stalls signed up and the Scouts would be doing light lunch items, mulled wine and mince pies in the Scout Hut. The Youth and Community will be decorated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November between 10am and 12.

**iv) Works to the Youth and Community Centre (YCC)**

- **Redecoration of YCC** - This had been completed although items taken down to allow painting to occur had to be put back up.
- **Gas Tank** - The planning application was approved, the works to the tree have been completed. The gas tank is due to be replaced on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to Councillor Harding for helping the Clerk to remove the graffiti.

v) **Play Area Projects**

All items had been ordered and were due in the next few weeks. However, installation was not likely to be until the new year. The Clerk has requested quotes for the maintenance items picked up in the annual report which might be able to be completed simultaneously.

vi) **War Memorial Poppy Net**

The Parish Council have received numerous comments on social media and verbally complimenting the War Memorial with the Tommy outlines and hedge of poppies. The volunteers from 'WSM Road Markings & Traffic Management' were thanked for manning the road closures.

**178/22 To agree the Banwell Parish Councils Biodiversity Action Plan as recommended by the Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Party (agenda item 7)**

**Resolved** – That Banwell Parish Councils Biodiversity Action Plan be agreed with the following removed from plastic reduction and added to carbon reduction – 'Replacement of old YCC doors to make building more energy efficient'.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**179/22 To agree to the changes to the Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group Terms of Reference (agenda item 8)**

**Resolved** – That changes to the Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group Terms of Reference were agreed allowing it to continue.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**180/22 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 9)**

i) **Introduction to Local Councils E-Learning Course FREE**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that if the module isn't completed within a year then the Council are charged.

ii) **ALCA e-learning on nimble**

The training was noted

iii) **Breakthrough Communications Training via ALCA**

The training was noted

iv) **Finance Training via ALCA**

The training was noted

v) **'Scribe' Finance Training**

The training was noted

vi) **10<sup>th</sup> Nov ALCA Essential Councillor Session**

Both Cllr Wright and Bailey attended this session and found it very useful.

**181/22 To approve the following expenditure (agenda item 10).**

i) **£232 for the erections and removal of the Christmas Trees along West Street and The Square**

**Resolved** – To agree £232 for the erections and removal of the Christmas Trees along West Street and The Square.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

ii) **£840 for the six year ECIR streetlight survey**

**Resolved** – To agree £840 for the six year ECIR streetlight survey.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

iii) **£240 for two strobe units for the fire alarm sounder**

**Resolved** – To agree £240 for two strobe units for the fire alarm sounder.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

iv) **£30 for each bus shelter to remove vegetation where necessary.**

**Resolved** – To agree the cost of £60 to remove vegetation from the bus shelters.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**182/22 To note the following annual inspections for budgeting purposes (agenda item 11):**

- i) Dog Bins - Cllr Harding
- ii) Memorials - Cllr McCarthy

The annual inspections were noted. Cllr McCarthy to investigate repainting the Jubilee Commemorative Gate at the East Street entrance to the Churchyard. The barbed wire was noted and the Clerk to speak to North Somerset about having it removed.

**183/22 To note the new National Joint Council officer, pay scales (agenda item 12).**

The new National Joint Council officer, pay scales were noted.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**184/22 To authorise bills for payment for November (agenda item 13)**

The Clerk tabled an updated bills for payment sheet for November.

**Resolved:** To authorise the bills for payment sheet for November of £13108.62. Cllr Harding and Cllr Blatchford to authorise the BACs payments.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**185/22 To note the Parish Council's end of Octobers net position, bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 14)**

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

**186/22 Dates of the next meetings (agenda item 15)**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2022, 7pm Planning Committee at the YCC

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2022, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting at the YCC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:10

.....Chairman

.....Date