

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs J Chubb-Whittle (Chair), Mr G Roscoe, Mrs K Mountford, Mr J Swift, Mr D Winstone, Mr M Naunton, Ward councillor J Sparks and two parishioners.

12/74 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Mr M Elsbury.

12/75 – COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

12/76 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The chair advised of a pending discussion reference proposed 'FRACKING' in The Mendip Hills and stated her concern that The old Colliery Site at Stanton Wick could be a prime site for future exploratory drilling.

The chair advised of discussions that had taken place between meetings involving The Primary School, B&NES Council, Cllr. Sparks and The Parish Council reference the re-instatement of the coach parking road markings in the wrong place following the road re-surfacing work. The issue has not been resolved to date.

12/77 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS AND VIEWING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A parishioner's request for attention to pot-holes in Stanton Wick was received.

12/78 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2012

The draft minutes, having been circulated to the parish councillors, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

12/79 – ACTIONS FROM THE 6TH SEPTEMBER MEETING

Re:06/66(2) – Repairs to the walkway to the play area – A further request for attention had been forwarded. No reply to date.

Re:05/54 – The Play Area – It was reported that the area's around all of the play area equipment, and in particular the BMX cycle track, had now been strimmed. The hedges had been cut and Cllr. Sparks' £600 grant towards the maintenance required at the cycle track had been received. It was also reported that attention to the picnic table and the provision additional wood chip was imminent. It was agreed that the BMX cycle track area would now be treated with weed killer and the topping work carried out.

Re:09/21 – Blocked stile on PROW at Stanton Wick – A further request for attention had been forwarded to B&NES, they had replied stating that no imminent action was likely mainly due to land ownership complications, past unofficial alterations to the route of the footpath, and financial implications.

Re: Planning decisions to date – To increase the number of coaches parked on site from 12 to 20 at Filer's Coach Park – No further update received. Agricultural storage barn at Stanton Wick Farm – Permitted.

Re:12/57 – HMRC – A further letter from HMRC reference council's appeal against the £200 penalty had now been received, our appeal had been dismissed, but a further appeal to another department was permitted if so wished. It was agreed to forward another appeal.

Re: Request for attention to items - The vandalised noticeboard at The Primary School – Cllr. J Swift had carried out the repair. Replacement Perspex Panel at The Crescent Bus Shelter – Replacement costs would be investigated.

12/80 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/04060/FUL – Mrs E Mason – Erection of a new dwelling on land near Valley Farm, Sandy Lane – Council object in principle, the site location does not comply with existing planning policy requirements as it is outside of The Development Boundary and is in The Green Belt.

12/81 – CORRESPONDENCE

B&NES – Parish Cluster Meeting Dates – 16th November 2012 & 15th May 2013.

B&NES – Minutes of The Scrutiny Panel Meeting – 23rd August 2012 – Circulated.

Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting – 19th September 2012 – Clerk attended, information circulated.

Copy of the ALCA Code of Conduct Presentation – Circulated.

B&NES Cabinet Meeting – 12th September 2012 – Chair attended and gave a presentation.

B&NES – Home to School Transport Review – Survey completed and returned.

B&NES – Recommended Code of Conduct & Declaration of Interest – Circulated, agenda item.

B&NES Group of ALCA Meeting – 26th September 2012 – Chair and Clerk attended.

PACT Meeting – 9th September 2012.

Invite to join Society of Local Clerks - £97 per annum – Agreed not to join.

ALCA AGM – 6th October 2012 – Clerk attended.

Police Parishes Forum – 1st November 2012.

Parishes Liaison Meeting – 17th October 2012 – Chair and clerk attended.

B&NES – Draft Revised Site Selection Criteria of Travellers Sites – Circulated .

Bristol Airport – Parish Councils Get Together Evening – 6th December 2012

B&NES – Parish Mapping Evening – 6th November 2012 – Clerk will attend.

.HMRC – The reporting of PAYE information to change from April 2013, more frequent reporting.

ALCA – Estimated subscription for 2013/14 - £133.93.

B&NES – Proposed ‘NO STOPPING’ markings on the corner between ‘Yew Trees’ and ‘The School’.

12/82 – MEETING DATES FOR 2013

It was agreed to continue with bi-monthly meetings. Dates to be:- 3rd January, 7th March, 2nd May (AGM, Councils Annual Meeting), 4th July, 5th September and 7th November.

12/83 – CODE OF CONDUCT

It was agreed to formally adopt the B&NES Final Version, which had been circulated to the councillors. This would now replace the temporary version that council adopted in July 2012.

12/84 – COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

As the Code of Conduct was adopted the Councillors Declaration of Interest now needs to be signed within 30 days and returned to B&NES Council.

12/85 – THE COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUY

Recent legislation had allowed parish councils to register with their Unitary Authority, B&NES in our case, an interest in any property that may be considered to be a Community Asset in the future, such as The Play Area, The Sports Field or the Allotment Site. By initially registering an interest, and if any of the registered items were in the future made available for sale, the parish council would be so advised and have the opportunity to bid, if so wished, before a sale is completed.

12/86 – THE PARISH PLAN

There was nothing new to report, the preparation work is on-going.

12/87 – COUNCIL’S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS DOCUMENT

It was agreed to adopt the draft document that had been circulated to the councillors after the removal of three sentences that were felt to be not relevant to our parish council.

12/88 – THE WELCOME PACK

The pack is in need of up-dating, a new draft had been circulated for councillors comments.

12/89 – CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The clerk reported on financial actions since the last parish council meeting:

Cheques had been paid to ALCA for a Code of Conduct training seminar, attended by the chair - £30.00 and to G G James for hedge cutting at the play area - £54.60.

Filer’s Coaches – Surgery Coach for September	- £ 100.00
S Whittle - Computer printing cartridge	- £ 51.55

S Edwards - Play area inspections (5/9 to 31/10 – 9 weeks)	- £ 90.00
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S Croucher	- Play area grass cutting (3 hours)	- £ 45.00
S Croucher	- Allotment area grass cutting (2 hours)	- £ 30.00

Proposed: Mr J Swift, seconded: Mr M Naunton and agreed.

12/90 – BUDGET/PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR 2013/2014

The clerk reminded council that a draft budget/precept requirement needed to be prepared for discussion at the next meeting as B&NES Council will require notification by February 2013. Mr J Swift offered to prepare the necessary paperwork. Councillors to forward their comments to Mr Swift as soon as possible.

12/91 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 3rd January 2013 at 7.30 pm.

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE