

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2013 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs J Chubb-Whittle (Chair), Mrs K Mountford, Mr M Elsbury, Mr D Winstone, Mr M Naunton, Ward Councillor J Sparks, Guest Speaker Mr T Richards and four parishioners.

13/18 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. J Swift and Cllr. G Roscoe. The chair, on behalf of the parish council, wished Cllr. Roscoe a speedy recovery following recent hospitalisation.

13/19 – CODE OF CONDUCT – COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It was felt that all councillors should declare an interest in the pending planning application for a Gypsy and Travellers Site at The Old Colliery.

13/20 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There were no urgent items received.

13/21 – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – SPEAKER – MR TIM RICHARDS

Mr Richards was welcomed to the meeting by the chair and invited to give the presentation. He gave an interesting and informative talk on 'FRACKING' in particular pointing out the alleged potential benefits and probable environmental effects of such work. We live in an energy hungry society and sources of future fuel provision are always being sought. Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) is one such method of exploring for alternative fuels and is already being carried out throughout the world. Potential sites for exploration include old colliery sites of which there are many in the old Somerset Coalfields area. Local sites that have been identified as possibilities include a location in the Sandy Lane area, the Hicks gate area in Keynsham and locations at Compton Martin and Ston Easton, licences have to be granted before any such work can be started.

The method of exploration/extraction is by drilling deep into the ground and then outwards at several locations. A pipe is inserted which is then fractured by forcing sand and/or chemicals into the pipe. Water is then forced into the pipe and tests are taken of the released substances which could possibly be shale gas, oil or methane gas.

The probable environmental effects of such work would include water depletion, water contamination, noise pollution, traffic movements, earth tremors and damage to the fabric of the countryside. More information can be obtained from 'Frack Free Somerset'.

13/22 – REPORT OF THE ADDITIONAL MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2013

It was agreed that the items discussed at the meeting would be reported upon under the relevant live minute in agenda item 13/25 – ACTIONS.

13/23 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS AND VIEWING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A parishioner, who is also a member of the Stanton Wick Action Group, gave an up-date on their actions to date reference the planning application at the Old Colliery Site and reiterated the need to complete and return the questionnaires.

Cllr. J Sparks gave an up-date on the planning application at Box Bush.

E mail from the Chew Valley Ward Councillor, Liz Richardson, also a Stanton Drew parishioner, asking for council's support in the possible register of the Old Colliery Tip as a Community Asset. Agreed to circulate the information for comment.

E mail from a parishioner complaining of the amount of litter, and lack of litter bins to place litter in, throughout the parish. Agreed to contact B&NES Council for advise/help, highlight the problem via the parish magazine and to possibly organize some litter picking days.

13/24 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD JANUARY 2013

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

13/25 - ACTIONS FROM THE 3RD JANUARY 2013 MEETING

Re:13/03 – Possible registering of the play area as a village green – This item had been discussed at the additional meeting held on 23rd January 2013. Advice received had stated that B&NES Council were not sympathetic to the register of this type of space purely to delay any potential planning application but placing the area on the Register of Community Assets could be an alternative. It was agreed that this alternative should be followed.

Re:06/66(2) – Repairs to the walkway to the play area – B&NES Council had stated that an order had been place for patching work.

Re:05/54 – The Play Area – As agreed during budget formulation the work required to the cycle track will be carried out in the next financial year.

Re:09/21 – Blocked stile/footpath at Stanton Wick – No further correspondence or action to report.

Re: Planning decisions to date – Filer's Coaches – To increase the number of coach parking spaces on site from 12 to 20 – Still no decision to date.

Parsons Farm – Erection of extension, removal of lean-to store to barn, internal and external alterations and extension of accommodation into attached barn (resubmission) – No decision to date.

Re:12/57 – HMRC – Correspondence received had stated that the proposed penalty of £200 for late reporting had been withdrawn following council's appeal. Cllr. K Mountford was thanked for her work during the appeal. This minute would now be deleted.

Re:13/08 – Bus revenue support – service 672 – B&NES Council have advised that the 18.10hrs service from Bristol will be cancelled from 27th May 2013 but their Transport Team have been tasked

to identify more cost effective methods of retaining this vital service, at least until March 2014 when the daytime 672 service is due to be retendered.

Re:13/08 – Placemaking Plan Workshop – Cllr's Mountford and Swift attended and a report had been circulated.

Re:13/13 – Allotment Rents for 2014 – As agreed the existing plot holders' agreement had been circulated to the councillors for review prior to the additional meeting held on 23rd January 2013. It was agreed, at that meeting, to remove the clause relevant to the sale of produce and to keep the rents for 2014 the same as for 2013.

Re:13/15 – Draft Budget and Precept requirement for 2013/2014 – Cllr's Chubb-Whittle and Swift and the clerk had attended the B&NES Presentation on 8th January 2013 which explained changes in the way precept payments would be made. These changes and the drafts were discussed at the additional meeting held on 23rd January 2013. It was agreed to adopt the draft budget that had been prepared by Cllr. J Swift and to apply for a precept requirement of £8416. There will also be a grant from B&NES of £560, a Local Tax Support Scheme, the two figures added together equal £8976 which is the amount of council's budgeted precept requirement. This is the first increase in council's precept requirement in the last six years.

Re:12/88 – The Welcome Pack – Cllr. M Elsbury circulated a draft revised copy for final comment.

13/26 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/05676/FUL – Mr M Cooksley – Erection of single storey extension at Broad Oak Farm – Council support, complies with relevant planning policies.

13/00048/FUL – Mr & Mrs A Strickland – Restoration, alteration and extension of existing house following removal of existing extensions and garages (resubmission) at Box Bush – Council support, the alterations in design appear to satisfy the Appeal Inspector's comments and recent government policy on extended amount of development to domestic dwellings. – Subsequently refused.

13/00263/REN – Mrs K Stark – Renewal of application 09/04604/FUL (erection of two storey side extension) at The Old Engine House – Council support, no changes from the original application which was permitted.

13/00125/FUL – Mr T Smart – Change of use of land from B2 to 12 pitches for Gypsy and Travellers use with associated works, 12 dayrooms and hardstandings at The Old Colliery Site – Upon receipt of this planning application a Public Meeting was called (14th February 2013) to ensure parishioners were aware of the application. The chair of the parish council gave a presentation and questionnaires were circulated. Questionnaires were then circulated to the whole parish, completed and returned to the clerk. Feedback information was then analysed. An extension on the closing date for return of comments to B&NES Council was obtained. Council are formulating a response based on parishioners comments, discussion at the open meeting and relevant planning policies.

13/27 – CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk & Councils Direct – Circulated.

NALC/ALCA – Direct Information Service – Circulated.

The Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club –Any nominations for their Community Award – Circulated.
 Parish Mapping – In house training – 20th January 2013.
 B&NES Group of ALCA Meeting – 30th January 2013 – Chair attended.
 Engaging With Your Community – Training – 4th February 2013 – Two councillors attended.
 Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting – 6th February 2013 – Clerk attended, paperwork circulated.
 Placemaking Plan – Training – Cllr's Mountford and Swift attended.
 Neighbourhood Planning & Localism Presentation – Parish Hall – 9th & 10th February 2013.
 Parishes Liaison Meeting – 20th February 2013 – Chair and clerk attended, paperwork circulated.
 PACT Meeting at Farrington Gurney – 26th February 2013.
 Neighbourhood Planning Workshops – 6th & 13th March.
 Dial a Ride – Asking for a £40 grant – Discussed – Declined as no record of any parishioner use.
 HMRC – Notification that Real Time PAYE will commence in April 2013.
 ALCA – Early notification that next year's subscription will be £134.96
 B&NES – Acknowledgement of council's precept requirement.
 B&NES – New Homes Proposals – Will be discussed on 4th March 2013.
 Chew Valley Broadband Group – Information and invitation to meetings
 CURO Magazine – Circulated.
 B&NES – E mail – Draft Highways Structural Maintenance Programme 2013/14 – Surface dressing proposed for Wick Lane. Micro surfacing proposed for Highfields and The Drive.
 Confirmation of repayment of VAT claim.
 Clerk & Council's Direct – March.
 B&NES – Public Debate on Fracking – 14th March 2013.

13/28 – CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

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

The VAT Refund of £229.91 had been received. £137.08 had been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box having been donated during the last 6 months. Seven allotment rents totalling £420 had been received and £1000 had been switched to balance the accounts.

Filer's Coaches	- Surgery coach (Jan £125), (Feb £100)	- £ 225.00
J A Harvey	- Clerk's salary (Jan to Mar)	- £1,133.00
HMRC	- Tax due on clerk's salary (Jan to Mar)	- £ 283.25
S Edwards	- Play area inspections (8/1 to 31/3, 12 weeks)	- £ 120.00
M Sherborne	- Cemetery maintenance (Oct to Mar)	- £ 210.00

Proposed: Mr M Naunton, seconded: Mrs K Mountford and agreed.

13/29 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

AGM, Council's Annual Meeting/Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 2nd May 2013 at 7.30 pm.

The following items were discussed 'IN CAMERA' after the parish council meeting:

13/30 – TENDERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL WORK DURING THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR

Cemetery Maintenance - Two tenders received:

Mr M Sherborne - £420 per year

Mr T Hurley - £700 per year

Proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the tender of Mr M Sherborne.

Public Rights of Way Clearances - One tender received:

Mrs C Swift - £ 7.50 per hour.

Proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the tender of Mrs C Swift.

Play Area Inspections - One tender received:

Mrs S Edwards - £ 10 per inspection.

Proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the tender of Mrs S Edwards.

Play Area and Allotment Area Maintenance - Three tenders received:

Mr D Winstone left the meeting whilst this tender was discussed.

Mr T Hurley - £1,520

Mr S Croucher - £ 15.00 per hour

Mr D Winstone - £1,500

Proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the tender of Mr D Winstone.

13/31 – ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CLERK’S SALARY

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE

