

## **MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mrs J Chubb-Whittle (Chair), Mr M Elsbury, Mr G Roscoe, Mr J Swift, Mr D Winstone, Mr M Naunton, Ward Councillor J Sparks and three parishioners.

### **13/67 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence had been received from Mrs K Mountford.

### **BETTER RURAL BROADBAND UPDATE REPORT**

Mr Simon Whittle, a director of The Wansdyke Telecom Company, gave a presentation of the present situation. The objective is to build a community led world class broadband network covering all rural households and businesses across North East Somerset. The success of the initiative will arise from the commitment and enthusiasm of local communities, businesses, parish councils and individual champions to show that there are better ways to build rural networks than those provided on a national scale by incumbent telecom operations beholden to their shareholders.

An underground core network of fibre optic cables will need to be laid to replace the outdated, unreliable, existing copper cable installations. This can only be achieved with the co-operation of our landowners, farmers and investors, all of whom will then benefit from greater broadband speeds, improved reliability and greater business opportunities – but at current competitive prices.

Costing's are being prepared at present, pledges and promises have already been received and it is hoped that work on the network build will start later in this year, 2013, when harvesting has been completed, and to provide services to the initial communities by early 2014. It is anticipated that the whole area could be completed by 2015.

### **13/68 – CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations stated.

### **13/69 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

There was urgent business stated.

### **13/70 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

The draft minutes, having been circulated to the parish councillors, were agreed and signed as a correct record with one correction identified by the clerk, i.e. Parsons Farm planning application numbers recorded as 13/02113/FUL & 13/02114/LBA, both refused, should have been 12/05431/FUL & 12/05432/LBA, both refused..

### **13/71 – ACTIONS FROM THE 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013 MEETING**

Re:13/03 – The register of areas as Community Assets – The official process/procedure had now been established but there was no further action to date.

Re:06/66(2) – Repairs to the walkway to the play area – It was reported that B&NES Council had carried out the Micro Asphalt Surface repairs on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013. It was agreed that this minute would now be deleted.

Re:05/54 – Maintenance work at the play area – It was reported that B&NES Park Inspector had forwarded the replacement bushes for the Basket Swing, Cllr. D Winstone had agreed to fit them. Cllr. Winstone had also repaired the concrete base to the litter bin, treated the wooden fence with preservative and will treat the timber sections of the timber trail with preservative also.

Re:09/21 – Blocked stile/footpath at Stanton Wick – No action to date.

Re:12/88 – The revised Welcome Pack – Cllr. M Elsbury reported that the printing had now been completed and issued copies to council. This minute would now be deleted.

#### Planning decisions to date

Filer's Coaches – To increase the number of parking spaces on site from 12 to 20 – Still no decision to date

.13/01965/VAR - Field Cottage – Variation of condition 2 of previous planning permission to allow the proposed garage to be of timber construction – Withdrawn.

13/01965/FUL – The Old Colliery Site – Change of use of land from B2 to 12 pitches for Gypsy and Travellers. The wording and some alterations had been changed and re-advertised with the same planning application number. Will appear later in the minutes under new planning applications.

13/02113/FUL & 13/02114/LBA – Parsons Farm – Alterations and extensions – Permitted.

13/02265/FUL – Box Bush – Alterations and extensions – Permitted.

13/02720/TCA – Churchside House – Tree work – Council supported. Subsequently permitted.

The Crescent bus shelter – It was reported that Cllr. J Swift and Cllr. M Naunton had replaced the makralon panel but stated that the shelter was in need of a clean and paint. It was agreed that Cllr. Swift would liaise with a local contractor to carry out the required work.

Re:13/57 - The car sales business at Greenlands – It was reported that no vehicles had been removed from the site to date.

Re:13/57 - Real Time Reporting to HMRC - It was reported that Cllr. K Mountford had activated the new system. This minute would now be deleted.

Re:13/62 – Parish Council Surgeries – It was reported that the first surgery had taken place on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013, three members of council were in attendance but no parishioners. However it was agreed to proceed with the remaining two planned dates, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Re:13/63 – Future Defibrillator replacement – It was reported that Cllr. J Sparks had stated that there should be some finance available from his Ward Councillor Grant but could not be specific at this stage until the cost of a Chelwood Parish project had been finalised, but he would be prepared

to help finance a defibrillator replacement from any finance available. The clerk would ascertain the total costs from the supplier and advise Cllr. Sparks.

### **13/72 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

13/01965/FUL –(Re-advertised) – Mr T Smart – Use of land for 12 pitches for Gypsy and Traveller use with associated works – 12 dayrooms and hardstanding (resubmission) at The Old Colliery Site. The reference to B2 site had been removed from the application and the correct application site boundary inserted. – Council objected and previous comments were reiterated. The application was referred to the Development Control Committee where the Chair, on behalf of the Parish, and the Ward Councillor, objected to the application. – Subsequently refused.

13/02831/FUL – Mr I Hudson – Installation of a propane gas tank on a concrete base and protective hand railing at The Druid Arms – Council made comment only stating that the application was in fact retrospective as the installation was already in place, pointed out that the installation was in the conservation area and was very close to an ancient monument and felt that better screening should be considered. – Subsequently refused.

13/03513/VAR – Mr R Young – Variation of condition 23 attached to planning permission (Erection of a milking parlour, dairy, office and w.c, temporary stationing of agricultural worker's mobile home and construction of altered access and track) to extend temporary retention period at Parcel 5882 Tynning Lane – No council comment at present due to late receipt of the application, plans in circulation.

13/03523/OUT – Mr R Young – Erection of farm worker's dwelling at Parcel 5882 Tynning Lane – No council comment at present due to late receipt of the application, plans in circulation.

### **13/73 – CORRESPONDENCE**

Radstock Neighbourhood Policing Area – Minutes of the last Parish Forum Meeting – Circulated, and notification that the next meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

West of England Rural Network AGM – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 – Clerk attended, minutes not received to date.

B&NES – The Chairman of the Council is inviting nominations for the Chairman's Community Awards 2013/14. The nominations include: A Volunteer, A Community Leader, Business, An Educational Establishment that deserves recognition for their on-going community work. Nomination forms and guidance notes have been circulated, closing date for nominations is 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Initial discussion had suggested a potential nominee.

B&NES – The next meeting of The Chew Valley Area Partnership will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

A letter from a parishioner had requested council's help in resolving a blocked drain problem in Upper Stanton. Following recent heavy rain raw sewage had leaked from a storm water drain.

B&NES – A letter had been received from Mr Colin Hudson, the Public Rights of Way Officer, stating that he would be taking voluntary redundancy/early retirement due to restructuring within the department. It was agreed that as Mr Hudson had always given invaluable help to both council and local land owners a letter of thanks should be sent to him.

B&NES – Interagency Meeting at Chew Magna, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 12.00 to 2.30 pm.

ALCA – Notification that they are advertising for a County Secretary.

Village Agents – Road Show at Norton Malreward, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

### **13/74 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr. J Swift reported that the application to designate Stanton Drew Parish as a Neighbourhood Area had been forwarded to B&NES Council and had been advertised locally. The clerk confirmed the receipt of the application notification from B&NES Planning Services, comments can be made up to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Two members of the committee would be attending the workshop to be held at Keynsham reference Placemaking Plans, etc.

### **13/75 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS AND VIEWING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Complaints were received reference the standard of finish to the recent road surface repairs at Highfields and The Drive.

A parishioner had complained about dog fouling on footpaths, in particular near Box Bush and on route towards Victoria Cottage.

A parishioner had complained about motor-cycles and cars driving over the play area late at night and suggested that the large gate should be locked.

It was reported that a request to cut back the hedge at the allotment site and a complaint about the amount of garden waste, etc, thrown onto the surrounding grassed areas had been received from the maintenance contractor. A request to cut back the hedge had been forwarded to the site owner, no reply to date, and it was agreed to make the plot holders aware of the garden waste situation. An observation about the run down state of some of the plots was also stated.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr S Budd for maintaining the Village Seat area.

The chair reported that letters had been sent to Mr P Duppa-Miller and Mr E Potter thanking them for their help and advice during the recent Gypsy and Travellers Site planning applications.

It was reported that there was a broken stile on a footpath near the Old Bromley Colliery.

### **13/76 – CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE**

The clerk reported that £4000 had been switched between accounts to balance and a cheque for £6.46 had been paid to Mr S Whittle for the registration of Stanton Drew Parish Council as our Domain Name, prior to the meeting.

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| Filer's Coaches | - Surgery Coach – (July £125 & Aug £100)                                              | - £ 225.00 |
| J A Harvey      | - Clerk's salary – (July to September) net of tax                                     | - £1168.00 |
| HMRC            | - Tax due on Clerk's Salary – (July to September)                                     | - £ 292.00 |
| M Sherborne     | - Cemetery Maintenance – (April to September)                                         | - £ 210.00 |
| S Edwards       | - Play Area Inspections – 9 weeks (1 <sup>st</sup> July to 1 <sup>st</sup> September) | - £ 90.00  |
| C Swift         | - PROW Clearances – (July – September – 10 hours)                                     | - £ 75.00  |

Proposed: Cllr. M Naunton, seconded Cllr. Mr M Elsbury and agreed.

### **13/77 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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