

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

Present: B. Quantrill (Chairman), K. Ham (Vice Chairman), M. Parrett, W. Andrews, I. Ham, T. Jones, A. Woollon.

In Attendance: County Councillor B. Filmer and J. Augustus (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

18.1.1. To receive any apologies for absence – None

18.1.2. Police Report:

Local Crime report for December

Burglary Res 3 (up 2 on last month)

Burglary Bus & Com 2 (same as last month)

Criminal Damage 12 (up 6 on last month)

Theft from Vehicle 4 (down 4 on last month)

Calls categorised as ASB 4 (down 6 on last month)

There have been no planned car events organized in December in the Gorge
2 incidents of ASB.

18.1.3. Public Participation if Appropriate – None

18.1.4. Declaration of Interests – None

18.1.5. Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th December 2017 were agreed and signed off by the Chairman

18.1.6. Correspondence for Information Only – None

18.1.7. New Business

- i. WWW Grasskeep – To note that it was agreed by Members to continue to advertise for Grasskeep on Weare Village Field and to put out for Tenders.
- ii. Internal Auditor – To note that the Members expressed their sadness at the passing of Mr Michael Ball and to send our condolences to his wife. The committee agreed to defer making any decisions on a new Internal Auditor until the next meeting.
- iii. Contact Magazine – To note that an email was forwarded onto the Clerk to say that a new Editor had been found and that his name is Bob Foster.
- iv. Annual Parish Meeting – To note that Cllr. B. Andrews will make contact with BRACE to see if someone is available to come and chat to our parishioners on what it is they do and the research that they carry out in the fight against Dementia. Cllr B. Andrews will then pass onto the Clerk to make final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- v. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Refresher Training – 6th February 2018
To note that the Clerk discussed the invitation for 2 representatives to attend a refresher training course in Highbridge on the 6th February 2018. The Clerk stated that he would be willing to attend and would report back his findings.

- vi. Buckingham Palace Garden Party – To note that the Committee agreed that Cllr I. Ham be put forward as our nominee for all the hard work and devotion that he has given over the past 40 years as Councillor.

18.1.8. Planning

At this point County Councillor B. Filmer left the room

- i. **Current Applications**

- Re: 49/18/01 – Eaglehurst, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare
Erection of a detached dwelling**

- To note that the Members decided to refuse support to this planning application on the grounds of the property's proximity to the river. Adjacent property in the past was turned down due to over development and that the application was conducted in a backlanding fashion.

- ii. **Matters Dealt with by Delegation – None**

- iii. **Matters Dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council**

- Re: 49/17/00020 – Dapplewood Cottage, Coombe Lane.**

- Erection of first floor extension including erection of curved metal roof –
No decision as yet.**

- Re: 49/17/00021 – Badgworth Barns, Notting Hill Way, Weare.**

- Erection of dwelling – No decision as yet.**

- Re: 49/17/00022 – Box Tree Cottage, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare.**

- Erection of dwelling and formation of access – Permission Granted**

- Re: 49/17/00023 – Greystone Yard, Notting Hill Way, Weare.**

- Proposed alterations to landscaping works including replacement of bund with hedges and levelling of ground – No decision as yet.**

- Re: 49/17/00024 – Baytree Cottage, Brinscombe Lane, Weare**

- Erection of two storey extension to rear (North) elevation, porch to side (East) and side (West) elevation and detached double garage – Permission Granted**

- iv. **Other Planning Items – None**

County Councillor Bob Filmer returned to the room

18.1.9. Reports

County Councillor B. Filmer reported that Somerset was unsuccessful in securing its place on the pilot to be a part of the new rates scheme, but is contesting the reasons why they were not included. There is work being carried out in the area on installing Broadband and that work will continue despite the current issue with Carillion.

Truespeed Voucher Scheme for households is run directly via Truespeed and not with BT.

It was noted by Somerset CC that Highways work has been carried out throughout the County unnecessarily and County Council are investigating. One of the main culprits has been Bristol Water. Finally, in order to try and alleviate the bed crisis in Somerset, Home Fast Initiative has been developed to health assess elderly people and prevent admissions into hospitals.

Cllr B. Andrews also expressed to County Councillor B. Filmer that the bottom of Notting Hill Way is flooding on the left-hand side of the road and that it needs to be looked into with a view to jet washing in addition to using a gulley sucker.

Footpaths – Cllr M. Parrett reported that the work along the footpath down Splot Lane over to Cradle Bridge will be undertaken soon - AX13/70.

SALC – Invoice received for annual membership. Committee agreed not to renew the membership this year as it was too expensive.

Highways - Cllr. I. Ham also expressed the number of deep pot holes along the road from Alston Sutton through to Washbrook, which needs to be looked at by Highways.

WWW & The Coombe – Cllr A. Woollon commented that the small gate in the field needs to be replaced, but this can wait until the spring or summer. It looks as if the Gully is being blocked up on purpose, therefore the committee agreed that the Clerk look into putting up some signs to ask people not to block the Gully. There are also a lot of bags of dog mess being left in the field. The Clerk will get a notice placed up near the field and will also put up a notice on the website.

Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to Report

Farm Watch – Cllr B. Quantrill noted that there have been several break-ins into stables and gates being left open for horses to escape, and in one sad case, a horse was killed after escaping.

Other Reports

Memorial Hall Notice Board – To note that Cllr B. Quantrill has not been very well but is on the mend and hopes to repair the notice board in due course.

Church Wall Noticeboard – To note that Cllr A. Woollon has made repairs to the noticeboard and it is now safe.

Emailed received from Cllr Alex Lane asking if we wanted to join forces to fight for causes relating to issues such as the Bristol Airport Developments, but the Committee decided that they would fight their own course as and when issues present themselves.

18.1.10. Financial Matters

(i) **New Items** – None

(ii) **Income** – None

(iii) **To approve payment of the following**

By Electronic Payment – None

By Cheque – none

(iv) **Balances**

Current Account - £1,487.09

Reserve Account - £3,193.39

18.1.11. Items for Information or inclusion in next meeting – None

18.1.12. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 20th February 2018

Meeting closed at 9.00

Chairman Date

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