

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor B. Filmer and J. Augustus (Clerk) + 1 Guest

18.4.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IF APPROPRIATE

The gentleman from Holly Cottage wanted to express his willingness to work with the Parish Council and members of the public to alleviate any complaints. There will be some demolition work being carried out over the next few months so wanted to pre-warn people that there will be further problems occurring. He is aware of the issue with vehicles but there is not much he can do about it due to the number of vehicles, but he is trying to keep the place tidy.

18.4.2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None recorded

18.4.3 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TO CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS, AS REQUIRED

None recorded

18.4.4 MINUTES of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 20th March 2018

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 20th March 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by M. Parrett and seconded by Ady Wollon.

18.4.5 POLICE Report:

Local Crime report for March

Burglary Res 2 (up 1 on last month)

Burglary Bus & Com 2 (same as last month)

Criminal Damage 7 (up 2 on last month)

Theft from motor vehicle 1 (down 1 on last month)

Calls categorised as ASB 3 (down 1 on last month)

There has been 1 planned car meet in March.

Police attended the car meet where around 40 vehicles attended: Police received no calls regarding ASB driving. Police received one complaint via email regarding revving engines. Police who attended stated they had no problems with the group.

18.4.6 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

All correspondence emailed to Councillors.

18.4.7 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

County Councillor B. Filmer left the room

18.4.8 PLANNING

(i) Current Applications

49/18/0007 – Stream Farm, Brinscombe Lane, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LH

Application for the prior approval of the proposed change of use of an agricultural building Barn A, to a residential dwelling and associated operational development.

To note that the Members agreed to support the prior approval of the proposed change of use from agricultural buildings to residential dwellings.

49/18/0008 - Stream Farm, Brinscombe Lane, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LH

Application for the prior approval of the proposed change of use of an agricultural building Barn B, to a residential dwelling and associated operational development.

To note that the Members agreed to support the prior approval of the proposed change of use from agricultural buildings to residential dwellings.

49/18/0006 – Ashlynn Farm, Alston Sutton Road, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LS

Erection of building to store classic cars – Revised

To note that the Members agreed to support the revised application.

49/18/0009 – The Old Chapel House, Wheatsheaf Lane, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, BS26 2NJ

Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 49/17/00015

This was noted by the Members

(ii) Matters Dealt with by Delegation – None

(iii) Matters Dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council

Ref: 49/17/00021 – Badgworth Barns, Nottinghill Way, Weare.

Erection of dwelling – Committee.

Committee approved the application subject to a s106 agreement tying the dwelling to the Badgworth Barns complex. The agreement is likely to take a couple of months to thrash out, so the permission won't be issued immediately.

Ref: 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

Ref: 49/18/0001 – Eaglehurst, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare

Erection of a detached dwelling – No decision as yet

Ref: 49/18/0003 – On land to the East of Notting Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge

Change of use from Agricultural Storage to Archery Business – Granted Permission

Ref: 49/18/0004 - On land to the East of Notting Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge

Display of 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign on North West elevation and 1no. non-illuminated freestanding sign – Granted Permission

(iv) Other Planning Items

There appears to be some confusion over planning application 49/18/03 & 49/18/04 as there was an email from Dean Tichener saying that during the consultation period there were developments and improvements being made to the plans and that whilst some of this work has potential to provide improvement, it is maintained that the expanded application should be resubmitted and considered within the context of other activity adjacent to the entrance to the highway and with the full consultation of the local community and Parish Council. County Councillor Bob Filmer said that he would investigate this further.

County Councillor B. Filmer returned to the room

18.4.9 REPORTS

County Councilor

B. Filmer reported that County Council's Childrens' Services Ofsted report has come back with their report and have given Requires Improvement, which is a step up from Poor.

School admissions for secondary schools 97.5% got children into the top 3 schools and 93.5 % got their first choice, which is an improvement on last year.

Consultations around Library Services is ongoing and has been extended until June.

Cheddar Library is vulnerable and smaller libraries will close. The options being looked at are to carry on running them as they are, which is unlikely, or for Parish and Town Councils to intervene and Charitable Trusts to help out. One of the things that came out of the consultation so far is that if County runs the Library, then they are charged Business Rates, but if Charitable Trusts run them, then they can apply for 100% tax relief.

Government are trying to help development sites that have stalled due to infrastructure costs so the Districts of Taunton and Taunton Dean have got together and have put in a bid for £85m for this area, which will mean that the infrastructure such as highways and schools can be put in place first and then reclaimed back from the developer later. They have got through the first stage, so will get something and the next stage is to determine how much. The nearest site affected from here is Brue Farm in Highbridge with 500 houses being planned in the first stage and 250 houses after that. The second site is near the Hospital in Bridgwater with 1200 houses going up.

Highways have fined Wessex Water £3000 for unplanned works that have been carried out in the County.

Somerset and Devon Counties on devolution and productivity plans. They now have appointed a Chairman and are working towards improving businesses and productivity in the South West.

Government have awarded Somerset £2.5m to repair pot holes and roads and in particular Green Lane, Mill Lane, Sparrow Hill Way will all be resurfaced this summer.

Footpaths – Nothing to report at this stage.

SALC – The Newsletter has been forwarded onto Members. There is an update on GDPR and Training.

Highways - Cllr I. Ham has reported again that the pot holes around the village are becoming increasingly worse. Especially where the heavy goods vehicles are using roads that were not built for such traffic. The infrastructure is not sufficient for the size and weight of the vehicles now using these roads.

To note that the Clerk wrote to the Landowner again about the overhanging trees going up Notting Hill Way. If they do not respond to our letters then we will get a quote to have them cut back and will forward the invoice onto the landowners.

To note that the Clerk is still in conversation with County Councillor Bob Filmer and the Clerk at Chapel Allerton over the flooding across the road by Ashton Windmill.

WWW & The Coombe – Cllr A. Woollon has been up The Coombe today and everything looks good. There are a few trees down, but Cllr. A Woollon will speak with Mr Stephen Ham about the trees.

Burials

The Noticeboard has been repaired and Cllr A. Woollon has said that he would put it back up on the tree. The Clerk said that the bill for repair will be through shortly. The Clerk also mentioned the sign that is on the wall in the cemetery detailing who to contact with any queries, concerns or general information and it has Alan Parfitt's name on it. The Members decided that this needs to be taken down and replaced with the new Clerk's details.

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

Farm Watch – Cllr. B. Quantrill reported that there were 30 cows and calves that had disappeared from a grove in Cheddar and also sheep disappearing. There are a couple of vans roaming around the district to be aware of.

Other Reports - Cllrs. B Quantrill has received a letter from Mr Mervyn Brown asking when the noticeboard outside of the Memorial Hall is going to be repaired and Cllr B. Quantrill said that he will get around to repairing the noticeboard when the weather improves.

14.4.10 Financial Matters

- (i) **Expenditure** – Nil
- (ii) **Income** – £149.51 - Meal
£50.00 – Grasskeep
- (iii) **To approve payment of the following**

By Electronic Payment – None

By Cheque – None

(iv) **Balances**

Current Account - £845.03

Reserve Account - £3,193.78

The following cheques were approved for payment at the last meeting, but did not take place as payment was made by cheque due to issues with online Banking:

£436.80 – Clerks Salary

£188.79 – Clerks Expenses

£109.20 – HMRC

£41.40 - CiLCA Course Payment to SLCC

18.4.11 Items for Information or inclusion in next meeting – Annual Accounts

18.4.12 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 24th April 2018 – Annual Parish Meeting
- Tuesday 8th May 2018 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 8.55pm