

WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th June 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Weare at 7.30pm.

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

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

18.6.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IF APPROPRIATE

To note that the guest came along to the meeting to give the Councillors an update to the revised planning application for 49/18/00013.

18.6.2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

To note that apologies were received from Councillor B. Andrews.

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

None.

18.6.4 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th MAY 2018

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8th May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18.6.5 POLICE Report:

Local Crime report for May

Burglary Res 3 (up 1 on last month)

Burglary Bus & Com 3 (same as last month)

Criminal Damage 2 (down 4 on last month)

Theft from motor vehicle 7 (up 2 on last month)

Calls categorised as ASB 11 (up 1 on last month)

There were no planned car meets in May.

Over the month there were 3 calls received regarding anti-social driving in Cheddar Gorge. Police attended in relation to one of the calls. This was in relation to bikes racing up and down Cheddar Gorge. This led to two vehicles being given a section 59 warning.

18.6.6 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

To note that all correspondence was emailed to Councillors. Main articles of note were:

- (i) Citizen Advice Sedgemoor AGM on the 13th July 2018 at Victoria Park Community Centre.
- (ii) Somerset County Council Notice of Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles throughout the District.
- (iii) Notice from Somerset Council regarding the Highway Grass Cutting season being well under way.
- (iv) Sedgemoor DC notification of Small Grants funding is now open.
- (v) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing for Members on various matters.

18.6.7 NEW BUSINESS

- (i) To consider a request from Weare Academy First School for a grant towards the swimming pool. The Members agreed that they would like to support the school with regard to maintenance of the swimming pool, but at the moment there are no funds available.
The Members decided to support the idea in principle and will park this item until funding becomes available. Members have asked the Clerk to write to the Headmistress and give advice on available grants.
- (ii) To consider a request from Trish Gibson for a donation towards the upkeep of the Weare Parish Website. To note that the Members agreed in principle to fund the annual fee for the running of the website, but wanted further information before agreeing to this item. It was also agreed that the Clerk would investigate further as to whether or not the School intends to run the site.
- (iii) Weare Academy First School – Consultation. To consider if there is any further action to take. To note that the Members decided that there was no action to take and that this was for information purposes only.
- (iv) To consider renewal of Insurance from Came & Company for one or three years. To note that the Clerk gave Members two options for Insurance for renewal annually, or every three years. It was agreed unanimously to renew every three years.

County Councillor B. Filmer left the room

18.6.8 PLANNING

(i) Current Applications

49/18/0011 – Duddon House, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LA
Certificate of Lawfulness for the retention of a conservatory on rear (South) elevation. To note that the Members decided to respond with a “No Comment” to this application.

49/18/0013 – Holly Tree Cottage, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2LA

Erection of two storey extension to rear (NE) elevation and to side (SE) elevation and replacement of garage roof. To note that there are additional amendments to the original planning application and therefore this item was deferred until further plans are made available.

49/18/0014 – The Filling Station, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge,

Installation of a rapid electric vehicle charging station. To note that the Members decided to support this application.

(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 permission will not be issued immediately.

To note that some Councillors had noticed building work had commenced, although it did not have s106 certificate issued. This was reported to County Councillor B. Filmer after the planning item was over and he said that he would look into this for us.

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 – Granted Permission

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

Erection of a detached dwelling – No decision as yet

Ref: 49/18/0010 – Greenhill Farm, Alston Sutton Road, Weare

Retrospective application for the retention of a domestic annex in garden Granted Permission

Ref: 49/18/0012 – Nodding Way House, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare

Formation of dormer window on north elevation - No decision as yet

(iv) **Other Planning Items**

(1) Councillor A. Woollon updated the Members on Brinscombe Lane End Farm. No further action to be taken at this time.

(2) To note that details of the proposed residential development was sent in by GVA Ltd. Members acknowledged the report and have asked the Clerk to write back and thank them for the report and they will wait for the planning applications to come through via Sedgemoor DC.

(3) The Members have asked the Clerk to write to Planning Enforcement with concerns to a stable block that has been erected at Upper Weare Farm.

County Councillor B. Filmer rejoined the meeting

18.6.9 REPORTS

County Councilor –

B. Filmer gave an update on the progress for the proposal of a Unitary Authority for Local Government, this has not been decided on and that they were still unsure if this was still the way to progress.

The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which Somerset has signed up to now, has a new Chief Executive by the name of David Ralph.

There are still ongoing issues of companies carrying out unnecessary work in the County and the latest to be fined are BT and Vodafone.

Musgrove Hospital is at the fore front of a new scheme introducing an all-inclusive system of care which joins up Social Services and Health and they have been approached by Panorama to be involved in a documentary about the service.

Government has decided to up the budget available to Counties for road repairs and potholes and the budget has increased to 3.6 Million.

The consultation period for libraries has now ended and a scrutiny committee will meet in July to discuss the results. In the autumn decisions, will then be made as to the future of certain libraries in the County.

Somerset County are pushing for more people to foster children, being acutely aware that there are no Residential Foster Homes in Somerset for Children and therefore children are being sent out of the County to be fostered which is costing Somerset County £100,000 per child per annum.

Footpaths – Councillor M. Parrett reported that the end of year report has been sent off to Sedgemoor DC and that a copy of the report has been filed with the Clerk.

SALC – Nothing to report. It was decided to remove this item from further agendas.

Highways – Councillor M. Parrett reported that the road outside of Weare Garage on the A38 is dipping quite severely and needs to be reported. It is especially noticeable by the island.

The Council received correspondence from Mr R. Hawkins which the Members have acknowledged and have asked the Clerk to write to him thanking him for his letter.

WWW & The Coombe – Councillor A. Woollon commented that it needs a strimmer up in the Coombe, but other than that there was nothing further to report at this time.

Burials – Nothing to report

Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

Farm Watch – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report

18.6.10 Financial Matters

(i) **Expenditure**

Weare Burial Ground Noticeboard Repairs - £45.89

(ii) **Income**

CV Gower Funeral Directors – £60

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

By Electronic Payment – None

By Cheque – None

(iv) Balances

Current Account - £3,761.04

Reserve Account - £3,194.19

(v) Cheques for Authorisation - None

18.6.11 Items for Information or inclusion in next meeting

Cluster Meeting Update

18.6.12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Meeting closed at 9.20pm