

# WEARE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**In Attendance:** J. Augustus (Clerk) + 1 Guest

### **18.7.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IF APPROPRIATE**

To note that the guest came along to give the Councillors an update on developments on planning application 49/18/00013.

### **18.7.2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

To note that apologies were received from County Councillor B. Filmer, Councillor I. Ham and Councillor A. Woollon.

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

None.

### **18.7.3 MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018.**

The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman

### **18.7.4 POLICE Report:**

Local Crime report for June

Burglary Res 1 (down 2 on last month)

Burglary Bus & Com 1 (down 2 on last month)

Criminal Damage 2 (same as last month)

Theft from motor vehicle 2 (down 5 on last month)

Calls categorised as ASB 17 (up 6 on last month) Increase due to more people attending cheddar reservoir trying to swim with the warmer temperatures.

There were no planned car meets in June.

Over the month there were 5 calls received regarding anti-social driving in Cheddar Gorge. Police attended in relation to 4 of the calls with all occasions no anti-social driving occurring on attendance.

### **18.7.5 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

- (i) Sedgemoor –Building Homes for the Future. Housing Conference with industry professionals on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at MacMillan Theatre, Bridgwater, Somerset.
- (ii) Email received from County Councillor B. Filmer regarding the salt gritting of

Notting Hill Way during the winter months.

### 18.7.6 NEW BUSINESS

- (i) **Parish Council Website** - To consider a request from Trish Gibson for a donation towards the upkeep of the Weare Parish Website.

To note that the Clerk has enquired regarding the School taking on the website, but Headmistress, Denise said that they could not commit to this extra workload at the present time even though there were good intentions made in the offer by one of the school governors. Trish said that she has an alternative individual willing to take this on. The Members agreed to fund the website for another year and agreed to make a donation of £50 towards the upkeep.

(ii) **North East Cluster Meeting – Update**

Councillor Kathleen Ham and the Parish Clerk attended the NE Cluster Meeting and gave a brief report on what took place. The main issues were:

- **New Road Safety Strategy** – Presentation by Councillor John Woodman PFH and Nick Cowling SCC Officer. Priorities begin in August but there were lots of questions about the finer details of road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. There were questions about how they prioritise safety on which roads. The conversations could have gone on all evening.
- **Somerset Waste Partnership** – Presentation by Nick Cater who was very passionate about Rubbish but it was a very good and interesting presentation. One of the main highlights to the presentation was the 2020 Vision in that Somerset will move from landfilling rubbish to using it to generate electricity. They are due to collect new recycling items from plastic pots, tubs and trays to food and drink cartons, such as tetra paks. However, this will mean less rubbish in the black bins and therefore these will be collected every three weeks instead of the usual two weeks.
- **Major Projects within the District** – Presentation by Claire Faun. There were a lot of things happening but the main ones were:
  - **Customers and Efficiency** – Sedgemoor Lifeline passed its annual Telecare Services Association audit with flying colours. This means that Sedgemoor continues to provide a quality standards for service delivery to their customers.
- **Planning Enforcement** – They currently have a case load of 170 spread amongst 2.5 FTE Officers. There have been an increase in HMO's (Houses with Multiple Occupancy) which has meant they are working more closely with Housing Officers looking at standards of living. They also work closely with the Environmental Health Team in terms of licensing and pollution. In the future they will be looking to Parish Councils for assistance in dealing with the more minor offences in the first instance.

## 18.7.7 PLANNING

- (i) **Current Applications - None**
- (ii) **Matters Dealt with by Delegation – None**
- (iii) **Matters Dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council**

**Ref: 49/18/00012 – Nodding Way House, Sparrow Hill Way, Weare**  
Formation of dormer window on north elevation.  
**Permission Granted**

**Ref: 49/18/00015 – 1 Badgworth Court, Badgworth Lane, Weare**  
Reduce 4 limbs from 1no. Lime (T11)  
**Permission Granted**

- (iv) **Other Planning Items**

(a) 49/18/0001 - There was an amendment to this planning application which the Clerk failed to include as part of the agenda. Due to the fact that observations needed to be in for this application the day after the meeting. The Members agreed to email their observations to the Clerk to report back to the Planning Development Team at Sedgemoor DC.

## 18.7.8 REPORTS

**County Councilor – No Report Available**

**Footpaths** – Nothing to report.

**Highways** – The Council received correspondence from Mr R. Hawkins which acknowledges that he is the keeper of the land adjacent to Hood Archery but that Mr Chichester is the current Landowner.

**WWW & The Coombe** – Nothing to report.

**Burials** – Nothing to report

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report.

**Farm Watch** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report

**18.7.9 Financial Matters**

(i) **Expenditure**

AED Locator Ltd (Defibrillators) Annual Registration - £117.60

(ii) **Income**

None

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

**By Electronic Payment**

**Clerks Salary - £533.28 (April to June)**

**Clerks Expenses - £134.76 (April to June)**

**By Cheque – None**

(iv) **Balances**

**Current Account - £3,643.44**

**Reserve Account - £3,194.19**

(v) **Cheques for Authorisation**

The following were approved for payment by electronic transfer:

Clerks Salary - £533.28

Clerks Expenses - £134.76

Electronic transfers paid as per bank statement Signed .....(Cllr Auditor)

**18.7.10 Items for Information or inclusion in next meeting**

None

**18.7.11 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 No Meeting in August**

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**