

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Old School, Englishcombe at 7:30pm Monday 10 December 2018

Present: Cllrs Robert Law Matthew Hulm
 Tim Hancock Teresa King
 Brian Huggett District Cllr David Veale
 Clerk: Kathryn Manchee In attendance 2 parishioners and 2 guest candidates for next year's Bathavon South Ward election

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Pow and Scurlock

2 Declarations of Interest None

3 Dispensations None.

4 Parishioners Matters Information on ownership of the sycamore tree in Innox Field passed to the parishioner who raised this query. Clerk to contact parishioner to request reinstatement of fence by the footpath. Problems with the 768 bus service have been raised by a parishioner. Clerk advised that BANES is already aware of the timetable issue and in conjunction with the operator CT Coaches they will be addressing these problems early next year.

5 Council Meeting 29 October

5.1 Approval of the 29 October Minutes Having been circulated these proposed Cllr Hancock, seconded Cllr King as representing an accurate record of the meeting and were therefore signed by the chair.

5.2 Matters Arising from the 29 October Meeting The blocked drains in the parish to be reported via Fix My Street. The noticeboard has now been repaired. The old notices to be removed soon.

6 PLANNING

6.1 Results, Correspondence and Consideration

Planning Application REF 18/01068/FUL Parcel 6600 Fosseyway Englishcombe Re-profiling land for the purposes of agricultural improvement REFUSED

Planning Application REF 18/04400/FUL Joseph House Church Lane Englishcombe Erection of a rear ground & lower ground floor extension PERMITTED

Since the agenda published the parish council has been consulted on Haycombe Farm Barn Haycombe Farm Lane Englishcombe Change of use from office (B1) to Pilates studio (D2) (Retrospective) REF 18/05392/FUL. The parish council unanimously agreed to support this application for change of use.

6.2 Report on the Conservation Appraisal Review A meeting with planning has been arranged for early next year.

6.3 New Local Plan Options Consultation It was agreed to submit a response stating that the parish council did not want to see the non-strategic development take place via locations outside and within the Green Belt - some houses at MSN and Radstock, smaller sites in villages and most sustainable locations including around the edge of Bath. Also with regard to the new policy DM10 covering development in Green Belt villages it was agreed that the parish council would like to keep housing development boundaries.

6.4 Strategic Transport Studies Consultation Response The parish council will not be responding to this consultation.

6.5 Joint Spatial Plan - Technical Evidence Work Consultation Response The parish council will not be responding to this consultation.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Payments for Approval

Payments to Ratify Parish Council

31 Oct	Standing Order	Clerk's Salary October	£260.26
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30 Nov	Standing Order	Clerk's Salary November	£260.26
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Payments for Approval Parish Council

10 Dec	Cheque No 929	Clerk's Expenses August September	£71.15
10 Dec	Cheque No 930	Clerk's Expenses October November	£55.87
10 Dec	Cheque No 931	Salem Chapel Grant	£450.00
10 Dec	Cheque No 932	B Huggett for Bulbs	£35.94
10 Dec	Cheque No 933	ALC Training Course	£60.00
10 Dec	Cheque No 934	Share of SLCC Membership for Clerk	£35.00
10 Dec	Cheque No 935	Winter Newsletter Print	£75.00

Payments for Approval Millstream and Wheelwrights

10 Dec	Cheque No 7	B Huggett for Petrol for Mower	£19.26
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Proposed Cllr Hancock, seconded Cllr Hulm. Approved.

7.2 Financial Report The balance of funds as at 10 December is £12,991.51 and Millstream and Wheelwrights funds = £2,003.45.

7.3 Consideration of the Parish Council Financing the Litter Picker following loss of BANES funding and if required resulting approval of acceptance of transitional funding and other resulting actions including possible approval of a new draft contract. The clerk reported that she had received from parishioners one in favour and one against the parish council funding this service following the withdrawal of BANES funding. Cllr King reported that people wanted more information on the service to justify the extra cost on the precept. The chairman thanked parishioner Andy Fletcher for his work on picking up rubbish when walking in the parish. It was proposed Cllr Huggett, seconded Cllr Hulm that the parish council continue to fund the litter picker on the basis that the precept increase would be financed as proposed by the clerk through increases in the precept and dipping into reserves. Approved by a majority of 3 with two abstentions by Cllr Hancock and Cllr King. Clerk circulated a new draft contract for this meeting. The new contract to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk to write to BANES to accept the transitional funding.

7.4 Request for items for inclusion in the 2019 2020 Budget Clerk requested items for the next budget to be submitted as soon as possible as the budget to be approved at the next meeting is being worked on currently.

7.5 Consideration of how cost of annual mowing equipment servicing to be split between the parish council and the Millstream and Wheelwrights management committee It was proposed Cllr Hancock, seconded Cllr King that the mowing equipment servicing to take place soon be funded 50 50 by the parish council and the committee funds. Approved.

7.6 Consideration of Dial A Ride Grant Request Midsomer Norton Dial A Ride has requested a grant of £30.00 for the year 2019 2020. Clerk to request more information on usage in the parish.

8 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

8.1 Highway Issues As we have a new Highways inspector the clerk to write to BANES thanking our previous highway inspector for all his hard work in the parish.

Speeding on Padleigh Hill has been raised with the parish council. The chairman to talk to the local police beat team and District Cllr Veale to talk to the Highways Director at BANES.

8.2 Community Speedwatch Unfortunately the police officer who was working on this with the parish council has been seconded to headquarters so the action to carry out a speed check to assess whether Community Speedwatch a viable option in Englishcombe to be undertaken by fellow member(s) of the local beat team. As yet the clerk has no volunteers come forward in response to the article in the Englishcombe Times.

9 Millstream and Wheelwrights Workshop and Orchard Committee Report There hasn't been a meeting recently so nothing new to report apart from the tree work has been undertaken.

10 Parish Newsletter and Website The chairman thanked Cllr Hancock for the latest edition of the Englishcombe Times. Clerk to produce some words that can be given to parishioners about going on the email list for parish council news. The website and noticeboard have been updated on the latest recycling information.

11 2019 Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk asked for suggestions for speakers for next year's Annual Parish Meeting. One current suggestion is Ryan Taylor NatWest Community Banker who would give a talk on how people can make themselves more aware of scams and how you can protect yourself.

12 District Councillor's Report The work on the Avon Street car park has started. The coach park is now sited at Odd Down. The Clean Air Zone consultation has been completed.

13 Reports by Clerk/Councillors/Chairman Cllr Hancock thanked the chapel for putting on an excellent Bonfire Night event.

14 CORRESPONDENCE None

Meeting closed at 9.22. Next meeting Monday 21 January 2019 7.30 pm The Old School.