

Minutes of the Meeting

Held at the Old School House at 7.30pm on Monday 25 September 2006

Present: Cllrs:	Brian HUGGETT (Chairman)	Simon ADAMS (Vice Chairman)	
	Sue BARBER	David BLAND	Nicola JEFFERIES
District Cllr:	Rosemary TODD		
(Items 1-4)	Delyth MORRIS	John WHITTOCK	Peter PROVEST
	3 electors of the parish		
Clerk:	Chris DELL		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were received from Margot Gray.
2. PARISHIONERS MATTERS – Tony Salter asked whether it was proper for the applicant for a planning application to remain present while the discussion on the application took place. After discussion it was agreed that the practice should continue, the virtue of openness being greater than the risk that the presence of the applicant would affect what Cllrs might say. The Chairman invited Cllrs to make comment to him in advance if they feared that the presence of a particular applicant might inhibit them.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none
4. RING & RIDE SCHEME – The Chairman invited Delyth Morris, B&NES Community Public Transport Officer to describe the scheme. She introduced John Whittock, Chairman of the Norton Radstock scheme Operating Committee and Peter Provest from that committee.

The scheme is available to those who have not regular use of a car. As far as Englishcombe is concerned the scheme comprises three parts: an off peak 'ring & ride service' one day a week (Mon – Thur, the day to be decided), the potential for group bookings on Fridays, and (with development to cover parishes interested in the scheme) a car scheme for medical appointments.

Leaflets will be made available shortly and distributed to all households. Clerk will recover the returns from last years transport survey so as to identify potential members of the scheme and he / the Chairman will contact them.
5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS – The minutes of the meetings held on 24 July, 21 August and 11 September, having previously been circulated to all members, were approved. Proposed: Cllr Bland. Seconded Cllr Adams. Agreed.
6. MATTERS ARISING
 - 6.1 Towards Zero Waste – Survey of Englishcombe outstanding. Clerk reported that B&NES are planning to hold a Zero Waste Week from 23 to 30 October. It was agreed that it was impracticable to organise participation throughout the parish but Cllrs agreed to take part. Clerk to forward details.
 - 6.2 Decisions made by non-elected bodies – Clerk reported that he had received a full response to his letter to Dan Norris (in circulation) and that the matter is on the agendas for the B&NES ALCA meeting (4 October) & ALCA AGM (7 October).
 - 6.3 Web Site – It was agreed to seek to register the domain name *englishcom.be* for a fee of up to about £5 per month. Cllr Bland hoped to have the site up within a few days.
 - 6.4 Parish Plan – Linked to the website and carried forward to next meeting
 - 6.5 Sirius Wood – Clerk reported an acknowledgement with thanks for the Council's donation and that Schools and Community working days were planned for 17 & 18 November (11am – 4pm), for which support was sought.
7. PLANNING
 - 7.1 New Applications
 - (a) *06/02345/REN Elm Tree Farm Inglesbatch – continued use of mobile home.* Council objected to the application on the grounds that it was not a continuation of an existing lawful occupation, the previous application having been rejected by B&NES, and that in any case prolonged renewal of a temporary permission is unacceptable. If the current circumstances justify such a use a new full application should be made.
 - (b) *06/02796/FUL The Chantry, Inglesbatch – conversion to a single dwelling.* Council generally supported the application but noted that neighbours had raised concerns over the sewerage arrangements for the existing property and the degree of overlooking from first floor living space (similar to that in the current property)

- (c) *06/02899/FUL Westray Cottage, Nailwell - erection of a timber framed double garage.* Council had no objection in principle to the development of a replacement garage but had reservations about the size and scale of the proposed building, which is substantially larger than that to be demolished, taking into consideration local plan policy HG15 (i).
- (d) *06/03213/AGRN Home Farm Inglesbatch – erection of a new barn.* Clerk reported that this application has been logged on the B&NES website, but papers have not yet been received. Discussion was deferred.
- (e) *06/03301/CLEU Fosseyway Environment Park - Use as general industrial (class B2) throughout the site with ancillary storage and office uses.* The papers contain a legal opinion at variance with that obtained by the Council and others last year. Clerk reported that research was being done, in particular by Clerk to Combe Hay Parish Council, with a view to identifying comments which might be made. Council agreed to Chairman and Clerk producing a response to B&NES taking into account any results from such research but consistent with an opposition to a general B2 usage on the grounds of last year's legal opinion.

7.2 Correspondence / results and other matters

- (a) *Regional Spatial Strategy.* Clerk reported that a submission had been made on behalf of Englishcombe, Combe Hay & Newton St Loe Parish Councils. The EiP panel will decide who will be called to give evidence once they have read the representations. Chairman will issue his newsletter to the parish, taking account of comments received.
- (b) *06/00410/RES Ashes Hill Farm – erection of a farmhouse.* It was noted that permission has been granted.
- (c) *06/00720/LBA Westvale, Nailwell – Addition of bay window.* It was noted that consent has been granted.
- (d) *06/02292/FUL Innox Field, Englishcombe – erection of timber barn.* It was noted that permission has been refused.
- (e) *06/02666/FUL Manor Farm Englishcombe – extension to young stock building.* It was noted that permission has been granted.
- (f) *06/02325/ FUL Haycombe Farm Barn -* Clerk reported that the B&NES website indicates that the application has been withdrawn.
- (g) *Appeal 05/00028/NONDET Fosseyway Environment Park – Erection of a wind turbine.* Clerk reported that the applicants are to fly a balloon at 45m over the site to indicate the visibility of the proposed turbine, on Friday 29 September.
- (h) *Inglescombe Farm – nothing to report*
- (i) *Padleigh Cottage.* District Cllr Todd reported that Neil Harvey is visiting the site in the context of the access arrangements and will report back to her.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Council approved the following payments:

(a) Street Sweeping September 2006	£173.84
(b) Clerk's salary and expenses July – September 2006	£478.71
(c) Parish Councils Airport Association Subscription	£50.00
(d) Mazars (Audit Fee)	£141.00

Proposed Cllr Bland, Seconded Cllr Adams. Agreed.

8.2 Council ratified the following payment:

(a) Street Sweeping August 2006	£173.84
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8.3 *Car Mileage allowance.* Council approved an increase in the rate of mileage allowance from 40p/mile to 50p/mile. (The rate notified by NALC for 1200 – 1450cc cars is 54.4p/mile)

8.4 *Financial State.* Clerk presented his financial report which showed a balance of £2,732 after the payments approved under 8.1, a shortfall of £238 against the budgeted position at that point and a forecast shortfall of £69 against the budget position at 31 March 2007. Cllr Adams to review the books.

9. HIGHWAYS/ RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS.

- (a) *Haycombe Lane to Wilmington Lane –* Clerk reported receipt of the Inspector's final decision
- (b) *Footpath diversion Fullers Earth works –* Clerk reported that an order had been made in line with the application and is being advertised. Council did not wish to make any objection or representation.
- (c) *Track from Englishcombe to Inglesbatch –* This has now been repaired and is in much improved condition.
- (d) *Track from Inglesbatch to Wilmington –* The upper part of this track has been filled and is in much improved condition, though there are concerns as to whether it will survive the impact of rain and 4x4 vehicles.
- (e) *Traffic management in Inglesbatch –* Cllr Adams raised concerns regarding the management of traffic in Inglesbatch, where there had been a number of incidents of near incidents. He will contact Nick Jeanes at B&NES with a view to arranging a site visit.

10. *BREACH WOOD ENGLISHCOMBE –* Clerk reported that no representation had been made in respect of the proposed coppicing scheme, and will circulate details of it.

11. FIELD BOUNDARIES PROJECT – Clerk reported on correspondence with Oliver Roberts, successor to Sally Pattison who originated the project and will follow the matter up.
12. CLERKS CONTRACT – Carried forward
13. REPORT BY DISTRICT CLLR ROSEMARY TODD. District Cllr Todd reported on:
 - (a) Ambulance services arrangements for locating destinations
 - (b) A conference on the management of National Parks and AONBs
 - (c) A new person (Jacqui Ward) at Community Action responsible for supporting Parish Plans
 - (d) (In the context of Zero Waste) a meeting with Chris Hume at Bath YMCA on Thursday 26 September
 - (e) A public meeting on Vision for Bath on Tuesday 26 September.

14. REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS/ CLERK:

Chairman reported on the Parish Cluster meeting of 4 September (most significant items having been covered under previous agenda items)

15. CORRESPONDENCE – It was noted that the following items had been circulated

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| (a) Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles | (i) Transportation & Highways Newsletter April – June |
| (b) Decisions Made by Non-Elected Bodies – letter & replies | (j) Letter from B&NES re funding for Sports Clubs |
| (c) Bristol Airport –changes to controlled airspace | (k) Decisions by non-elected bodies – letter from Dan Norris |
| (d) Delivery report – First Local Transport Plan | (l) Minutes of Police Parish Forum meeting 19 July 2006. |
| (e) Information re Community Speedwatch | (m) ALCA Newsletters August & September 2006. |
| (f) Countryside Voice (CPRE) – summer 2006 | (n) CPRE Newsletter 'fieldwork' September 2006. |
| (g) Police Crime details – April 2006. | (o) Action for Pensioners –newsletter Summer 2006 |
| (h) Weekly list of planning applications 23 – 29 | (p) Weekly lists of planning applications 32 – 34 |

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: After discussion it was agreed not to move to monthly meetings, but it was considered that meetings should be made more effective. Future meetings will be held on 27 November, 29 January 2007, 26 March and 21 May (AGM).

17. MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING – There were no additional matters

18. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55

The next meeting will be held at the Old School, Englishcombe on Thursday 27 November 2006 at 7.30pm .