

Butcombe Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday 16th January 2018 7:30 pm at Butcombe Village Hall

1. ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

The following members of the Parish Council and residents were present:

Richard Whittington (RW) – Chairman
Justin Milward (JW) – Vice Chairman
Trevor Mitchell (TM) – Parish Councillor
Ivor Metherall (IM) - Parish Councillor
John Collins (JC) – Parish Councillor
Clare Collins (CC) – Parish Clerk
Deborah Yamanaka – Ward Councillor
John Rodaway (JR) – Resident
Lyndsey Rodaway (LR) – Resident
Emma Crewe (EC) - Resident
No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous Council meeting held on 21st November 2017 were approved and signed by RW. Minutes from a planning meeting held on 12th December 2017 were also approved and signed by RW. There were no matters arising from either set of minutes.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21/11/2017:

Point 4 PLANNING: 17/P/2543/F Land West to Sages.

CC to compile a suitable response to the planning application on behalf of the council and send to RW for approval before submitting an online comment through the Planning Portal. COMPLETED – Councils comments uploaded to the planning portal by CC.

Point 4b. PLANNING CONTROL ISSUES:

RW to email Martin Almond raising the ongoing issue and concerns of lack of action on this site. Action outstanding, RW will complete action soon.

Point 7 MENDIP HUNT:

CC to contact Mendip Hunt and advise residents when the hunt is active. COMPLETED - CC has established a point of contact with the hunt master George Pullen. It was also agreed that contact details for the hunt would be circulated to the village, so residents could contact them directly if necessary.

Point 8: DEFIBRILLATOR:

IM to start the process of joining VETS. ONGOING

Point 11: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:

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Signed.....

Pollution on A38 from the Airport at the bottom of Lulsgate.

CC to contact Jacqui Mills at Bristol Airport who role is communications and the Community to establish what research has been carried out by the Airport and their findings. CC has completed this action and updated resident John Adams.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5a. NEW APPLICATIONS:

None

5b. RESULTS OF REGISTERED APPLICATIONS:

17/P/2349/F Worships Farm Row of Ashes Lane Redhill BS40 5TU. The planning officer has advised they are going to refuse the application due to the impact upon the character of the building, and the impact upon the highway due to the poor visibility on leaving the site. The agent has been informed that the application was to be refused and advised the applicant to withdraw the application as NSC will be issuing an enforcement notice next week for the barn roof to be reinstated and to cease using the new access.

17/P/2257/F Bungalow Inn New Road Kingdown Butcombe BS40 8DP. DY advised that the application has still not been put before the planning committee. The next committee meeting is 14th February 2018, however, the agenda has not yet been set.

17/P/2543/F Land West of Sages, Butcombe Lane, Butcombe, BS40 7XF. No decision has been published, the target date was published as 11/12/2017. CC has chased the planning officer several times but to date has not received a reply.

17/P/50032/F White Cottage, Sutton Track Lane, Butcombe, BS40 7UP – No decision has been published, the target date was set for 02/01/2018.

5c. PLANNING CONTROL ISSUES:

Enforcement notice issued for a stable block at Sunnymead, Blagdon lane, Butcombe.

The enforcement officer has advised that following a site visit they have decided a planning application is required for the stable block and they will write to the owners to advise.

ACTION: The occupant of Sunnymead has contacted RW and advised that they were unaware of the enforcement on their stable block. CC will email the occupants of Sunnymead the officer's details who is dealing with their enforcement.

Keep in view enforcement and potential planning application.

JC raised that another stable block has recently gone up on Blagdon Lane. It was decided that as there have been several stable blocks erected in recent months some through the planning process and some not. The stable Block situated at the junction of Blagdon Lane / Aldwick should be referred to the planning office.

ACTION: CC to advise NSC of the new stable block for their assessment.

6. WARD COUNCILORS REPORT:

DY reported that further cuts to NSC's budget have been published and there is a significant shortfall this year. It is possible that resident's council tax bills will increase by 6% this year, a meeting is being held on 20th February to vote on the 2018/2019 Budget.

JC asked if it is possible to establish what rates Bristol Airport pay to the Council as a large organization and if that information is available.

ACTION: JR/DY to establish if this information is available.

7. COUNCILS QUESTION TO THE PARISH:

LR raised the lack of road name signs around the village. All Councillors voted that they did not wish for road signs to be situated around the village as it would spoil the ascetics of the countryside.

It was agreed that directional signage for Butcombe is lacking and Councillor JC will report in March on what direction signage to Butcombe is missing.

ACTION: JC to survey missing direction fingerposts and report back in the next meeting.

Questions were asked about the grants to the Village Hall and churchyard grass cutting. The consensus was that these were valued village amenities and should be supported.

ACTION: CC to add to the agenda for the Annual Public Meeting to discuss further.

EC reported that the emails from the PC and Councillors are very informative, RW purposed a review of the website for 1 years' time to establish if the flow of information has reached more people and encouraged the residents to engage more with what's happening.

ACTION: CC to set a review for March 2019.

8. PARISH WEBSITE:

The Council agreed to instruct Vision IT to design the village website. The content to be agreed via email between CC and all the councilors.

ACTION: CC to send examples of other smaller parish websites to the councilors for ideas of layout and content.

9. HIGHWAYS

JC reported the following updates:

Ice signs have been put out.

Grit bins have been refilled.

Fly Tipping on Yew Tree Batch before Christmas was reported and cleared with 48 hrs, this is mainly due to the good relationship between councilors and Jeff Shipway.

A road closure notice has been issued for Yewtree Batch from 24th January for 18 months, this is to allow for critical drainage clearance works to be carried out.

ACTION: JC to contact Jeff Shipway and establish a schedule date for the work so residents can be advised.

CC will email residents with a confirm schedule date for the works to be carried out.

An outstanding action raised at the last meeting (21/11/2017): JC to ask Jeff Shipway for an example letter that can be issued to residents if it is noted their hedges are deemed to be unkept.

DW to contact Phil Bush, Highway Operations Manager to seek his assistance in getting some maintenance issues addressed. JC will include this in his correspondence with Jeff Shipway this month.

9a. ROAD SWEEPER

It was agreed that this may not be the best use of the PC's budget due to landowners choosing to cut hedges between December and March, one road sweep may not prove that beneficial. Resources could be better made of having the drains cleared in Spring to remove all the debris from hedge cuttings etc.

ACTION: Put on the agenda for March

9b. DRAINAGE ISSUES:

Residents and Councillors reported several ditches are blocked at the top of The Batch which is resulting in significant water running down The Batch causing dangerous conditions in the cold weather.

ACTION: JC to contact Jeff Shipway to arrange a site visit with him and some of the Councillors. If no assistance can be gained from Jeff Shipway, then RW to contact Phil Bush for further consultation. Residents and councilors discussed getting the ditch cleared privately from the PC's budget if NSC can not assist with clearing it. KIV this point until an answer from NSC has been obtained. If Private work is to be carried out, then the Council will ask NSC to take responsibility for liability for the work.

10. FINANCES

Expenses for CC were agreed for ink cartridges

10a. PRECEPT

Further to RW email to residents, an increase of the Precept from £1900.00 to £2500.00 was purposed by IM and seconded by JM

ACTION: CC - A notice advising residents of the increase will be put up on the noticeboard in the center of the village and an email circulated to residents.

11. PCAA UPDATE (JM)

JM provided an overview of his written response to the Airports Master Plan on behalf of the Parish Council as discussed at the last meeting on 21/11/2017.

ACTIONS:

JM to send his report on behalf of the council to the Airport Committee.

CC to circulate the Parish Councils response to residents and advise them of the deadline for any further comments they wish to make directly to the Airport Committee.

12. ALLOTMENTS AT FELTON:

RW shared correspondence from Winford Parish Council regarding the availability of allotments in Felton.

ACTION: CC to circulate the email from Winford Parish Council offering allotments to residents via email and put a notice on the Village notice board.

13. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

None

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Annual Public Meeting Tuesday 15th May

Meeting closed at 9:25 pm

Signed: R Whittington
Chairman

Date