

- b. The parish community speed watch co-ordinator** advised of three new sites for speed monitoring in the parish. Children had been seen crossing busy roads without pedestrian crossing points. Members of the Church Road Action Group had monitored traffic using their road as an un-official 'Winscombe bypass' when recent road works closed Woodborough Road for a three-day period.
Members of the 'Flags and Festival Group' spoke of advanced plans for parish celebrations to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Flags and bunting would adorn roads and homes and the group were encouraging street parties where neighbours would get together. Festival plans were outlined, and questions answered in relation to this.
With no further members of the public wishing to speak, the Chair re-convened the meeting
- 153. TO RECEIVE A WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE (Agenda item 9)** Ward Cllr Harley commended the festival group for organising an inclusive Jubilee community event for the parish. The member went on to speak of operational difficulties faced by NSC Officers due to COVID restrictions over the previous two-year period and the reduction in future planning applications that would be considered by the NSC Planning & Regulatory Committee.
 A Parish Cllr passed an opinion on the mechanism for consideration of the Banwell Bypass Planning application that would be decided by the same authority making the application.
- 154. TO AUTHORISE BILLS FOR PAYMENT. Annex 2 (Agenda item 10)**
 Direct payments, cheques, direct debits, and standing order payments as detailed totalling £12,926.93 (incl. vat) were authorised for payment.
 Proposed: Cllr I Kilpatrick Seconded: Cllr L Van Haaren All in favour
- 155. TO DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PC RESPONSE ON THE BANWELL BYPASS CONSULTATION TO A MEETING OF THE PC BYPASS WORKING GROUP, FOLLOWING A PUBLIC ZOOM CONSULTATION MEETING AND DISCUSSION WITH CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL. (Agenda item 11)**
 With the current consultation closing before the next parish council meeting, the parish council response to the 'Banwell Bypass & Highways Improvements' questionnaire was duly delegated to the PC Banwell Bypass Working Group.
 Proposed: Cllr J Witcher Seconded: Cllr L Stephens All in favour
- Members were reminded of the two dates for NSC 'consultation drop-in' events that would take place in the parish, along with the PC public meeting that would take place via zoom. A meeting would take place with Churchill Parish Council representatives before the working group compiled and agreed the PC response to the consultation.
- 156. THE FUTURE OF CHURCHILL SPORTS CENTRE – SHOULD THE PARISH COUNCIL BE INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF A BUSINESS PLAN AND DELIVERY MODEL TO EXPLORE THE OPTION OF WHETHER A TRUST (OR SIMILAR) COULD POTENTIALLY TAKE OVER THE OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FACILITY? (Agenda item 12)**
 In discussion members considered that there was little information supplied by NSC to be able to fully respond to the question raised regarding the future of the Churchill Sports Centre. Without the drive and input from the school, regardless of the support from neighbouring parish councils, a future model for the centre was considered to be difficult to achieve.
 Whilst the centre was not currently in a good state of repair, potential had been assessed in the possible acquisition of additional adjoining land.
 Positive support was expressed to continue exploring future possibilities for the centre, but without committing the parish council to the preparation of a business plan, trust, and ownership of the facility.
It was proposed that the parish council continue to be involved in discussions with NSC and neighbouring parishes regarding the future of the Churchill Sports Centre. It would however not commit, at this time to the preparation of a business plan and delivery model to explore the option of whether a trust (or similar) could potentially take over the ownership and management of the facility.
 Proposed: Cllr K Joyce Seconded: Cllr J Taviner 9 in favour, 1 abstention
- 157. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE A REPORT FROM THE APPOINTED INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2022 (Agenda item 13)**
 The report was received and duly noted.
 Proposed: Cllr Z Aravantinos Seconded: Cllr L Van Haaren All in favour

158. **TO CO-OPT CLLR VAN-HAAREN ONTO THE WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (*Agenda item 14*)
 Cllr Van Haaren was duly co-opted onto the War Memorial Recreation Ground Advisory Committee as a village representative
 Proposed: Cllr J Taviner Seconded: Cllr J Witcher 9 in favour
Cllr Van Haaren abstained from the vote
159. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2022 AND TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT MEETING** (*Agenda item 15*);
- a. ***It was proposed that to reduce the Parish Council Carbon Footprint, the Occasional hardcopy newsletter be produced six-monthly, with the email version remaining quarterly, so long as there was enough relevant and up to date information to put in it.***
 Proposed: Cllr I Kilpatrick Seconded: Cllr L Stephens All in favour
160. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A MEETING OF THE CEMETERY & ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2022 AND TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT MEETING** (*Agenda item 16*);
- a. ***Due to the poor condition of the pergola roofs, the revised quotation of £3,000 plus vat per gazebo should be accepted and works instructed to replace the two roofs with funds deducted from cemetery earmarked reserves*** (an increase of £150 per gazebo from a quotation issued September 2021)
 Proposed: Cllr J Taviner Seconded: Cllr L Van Haaren 9 in favour
Due to a previously declared interest, Cllr Stephens took no part in the vote on this item
- b. ***A quotation of £5,456 plus vat for the replacement of two cemetery tree seats was recommended for approval to the full PC with funds to be deducted from cemetery earmarked reserves.***
 Proposed: Cllr L Van Haaren Seconded: Cllr I Kilpatrick All in favour
- c. ***Due to the weight of the picket fence panels, it was proposed that additional posts (70) are installed along the entire length of the fence to add additional support to this. Costs were likely to be £1,000.***
 Proposed: Cllr J Witcher Seconded: Cllr T Adams All in favour
161. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION** (*Agenda item 17*)
- The National Salary Award 2021/22 of 1.75% for the Clerk & Deputy was duly noted and would be paid along with April salary payments.
 - PROW AX29/23 Barton Drove – it was known that the British Horse Society had made an application to upgrade a footpath to a bridleway. Whilst NSC may not assess this application for some time yet, the item should be included as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting of the PC Environment Working Group.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.05 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

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