



A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 25th April 2022, at 7.30pm, in Sandford Village Hall

Those present at the meeting:

Parish Cllrs Present: Archie Forbes (Chair), Kevin Joyce (Vice-Chair), Lynne Stephens (Vice-Chair), Jack Taviner, Tom Nicholson, Paul Watkins, and John Witcher

NSC Ward Councillors: Karin Haverson

Clerk: Lynne Rampton

Members of the public: Three

Parish Cllrs Absent: Tom Adams, Zak Aravantinos, Mark Boddy, Emma Buckland, Gerald Lloyd, Iain Kilpatrick, Chris Lomas, and Larry Van Haaren,

162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (*Agenda item 1*) Apologies had been received from Parish Cllrs Boddy, Lloyd and Van Haaren. *Post meeting note: Due to a work-related incident Cllr Kilpatrick had emailed apologies close to, but prior to the start of the meeting.*

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (*Agenda item 2*). There were none

164. TO CONSIDER & DECIDE UPON ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS TO ALLOW THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OR VOTE ON A MATTER IN WHICH HE/SHE MAY HAVE A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST (*Agenda item 3*).
Dispensations are granted to Parish Councillors under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council delegated the power to grant dispensations (s 101 of the Local Government Act 1972) to the Clerk or appointed Deputy (see PC meeting 23.07.12 min 52 iv.). No interests were declared.

165. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2022 (*Agenda item 4*) **The minutes to the meeting were approved as a correct record.**
Proposed: Cllr K Joyce Seconded: Cllr J Witcher
All members present at the last meeting were in favour.

166. MINUTE UPDATE FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES ALONG WITH THE APRIL CLERK'S REPORT – Annex 1 (*Agenda item 5*) There were none.

167. TO RECEIVE A CRIME REPORT FOR THE LAST MONTH PERIOD (*Agenda item 6*)
No report was available.

168. RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (*Agenda item 7*) There were no matters requiring a response.

169. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*Agenda item 8*) *The Chair suspended the meeting to allow public participation and stated that this was the only time during the meeting members of public present would be allowed to address the Council.*

Members of the 'Flags and Festival Group' spoke of advanced plans for parish celebrations to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Festival plans for the recreation ground were outlined with final details and site plan to be agreed with event planners over the coming days. With a large amount of interest being shown towards the event evidenced by the advance sale of 'entrance wristbands', careful consideration had been given to numbers present in the grounds at any one time along with the spacing of attractions. Amongst others, details regarding event security, first aid and parking arrangements were explained, and it advised that where possible, walking and cycling to the event would be encouraged. Questions were answered from members. It was confirmed that the entire recreation ground would be used to allow ample spacing between attractions and that Winscombe Cricket Clubhouse members would be permitted free entrance to use the clubhouse on production of a current membership card
With no further members of the public wishing to speak, the Chair re-convened the meeting

170. TO RECEIVE A WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE (*Agenda item 9*) Ward Cllr Haverson spoke on decisions made at the 12th of April NSC meeting. These included support for a petition to Government to allow hybrid council meetings, an anti-racism motion, support for a 'great homes retro fit movement', and changes to the future of Weston General Hospital. The member advised of their appointment as Chair of the Council with effect May 2022. Concern was expressed by Parish Cllrs regarding the transfer of patients between hospitals by dedicated ambulances. Also, for neighbouring local authorities not expressing a consistent approach to NSC with regard to the use of more sustainable heating systems. Congratulations were conveyed to the Ward Cllr on their recent appointment.

171. TO AUTHORISE BILLS FOR PAYMENT. Annex 2 (*Agenda item 10*)
Direct payments, bank transfers, direct debits, and standing order payments as detailed totalling £16,797.43 (incl. vat) were authorised for payment.
Proposed: Cllr T Nicholson Seconded: Cllr L Stephens All in favour

172. TO CONFIRM EMPLOYMENT OF A PARISHIONER FOR THE DAILY OPEN/CLOSE OF THE WOODBOROUGH ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND TO AGREE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT (*Agenda item 11*)
With incidents of anti-social behaviour taking place in the public conveniences, members had been supplied with a paper giving background information, along with suggested rates of remuneration for a local employee to open and close the facility daily.
It was proposed that the Parish Council employ Carly Draper for 2 hours per week for a trial period of six-months at a rate of £10.61 per hour to open and close the Woodborough Road Public Conveniences on a daily basis.
Proposed: Cllr J Witcher Seconded: Cllr J Taviner All in favour

173. REPORT ON PC BANWELL BYPASS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AND A RESPONSE TO THE NSC BANWELL BYPASS CONSULTATION AND JOINT LETTER OF RESPONSE WITH CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL (*Agenda item 12*) At the March 2022 PC meeting, final response to the NSC Banwell Bypass consultation had been delegated to the PC working group. Meeting notes from a public zoom meeting, working groups and a meeting with Churchill Cllrs had been circulated to all Cllrs along with an invitation to attend the working group meeting where the PC response to the consultation was finalised and agreed.
It was considered that a constructive response had been submitted to NSC before the consultation closing date supporting the bypass, but only with appropriate mitigation for the parish. This submission included main parishioner concerns along with a separate letter siting united comments from both Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council and Churchill Parish Council. Cllr Nicholson and the Clerk were thanked for the considerable works dedicated to this consultation.

174. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION (*Agenda item 13*). None

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.05 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

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