



Chew Stoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

Present: Cllrs Steven Read (Chair), Nicola Ainger, Ali Cunningham & Carol Dyer.
Ward Councillor Dave Harding

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Minutes: 2024/04

1. **Apologies noted and accepted:** Cllrs Nick Baker, Alex Cooke and James Edgerton.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None
3. **Public participation** – 3 members of the public in attendance. Two attended to answer any questions about their planning application.
4. **To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 7th March 2024,** unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.
5. **Ward Councillors report:** Discussed parking issues on Chew Lane, please see item below. The Ward Councillors Empowerment Fund is open for applications. Clerk to email Dave Harding to request £250 grant to be used for Chew Stoke Community Bloom.
6. **Planning applications:**
 - i) **Application Reference:** [24/00817/FUL](#)
Application Address: Rose Cottage , Pilgrims Way, Chew Stoke, Bristol, Bath And North East Somerset, BS40 8XB
Proposal: Proposed conversion of existing garage to form habitable room. Proposed demolition of wood store at rear of property and erection of larger garage/store and erection of outbuilding on patio area including reduction in ground level in patio.
Chew Stoke Parish Council considered this application. There are 2 areas of concern, firstly there is a lack of information about how water run-off from the property onto the highway would be managed. Pilgrims Way that is prone to flooding, and rising water from the ford has extended to the property in the past. There is a proposed increased area of tarmac at the top of the driveway which will increase run-off. The issue of water run off needs addressing before permission is given. The height of the new shed needs clarification, it is unclear at present. Given the lack of information about the 2 points above, CSPC unanimously agreed to OBJECT to this application.

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Planning application: [24/00901/FUL](#)

Application Address: 16 Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8XN

Proposal: Erection of two storey garage with master bedroom on upper level and new stair following demolition of existing structure. Changes to windows and entrance position. *Although notification of this planning application was received after the agenda had been posted, a link to all planning applications is on the agenda. Because it is also 5 weeks until the next meeting due to Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in the Village Hall, this application was discussed and will be ratified at the meeting in May. The applicants were also notified that the application would be discussed at this meeting and were present. Councillors considered the plans and noted the new garage is to be set back from the current structure. The ridge height of the new 2 storey garage is the same as the main part of the house. Councillors questioned the parking facilities, and it was noted that there will be off street parking for 2 vehicles plus garage parking in addition. CSPC agreed unanimously to SUPPORT this application.*

7. Matters requiring a decision:

- i) A resident interested in joining the Parish Council came to the meeting to observe this month, agreed to co-opt at the next meeting in May.
- ii) Agreed there is no need to respond to the New Local Plan Options Consultation as Chew Stoke will not be affected due to being within the Greenbelt.
- iii) RHS Community Bloom (CSCB) update – Chew Stoke Primary School will be joining CSPC and entering the ‘In Your Neighbourhood’ competition. Next step is to arrange a follow-up meeting for volunteers, and plan some working group activities. To present CSCB at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 11th, to share ideas and seek views of residents.
- iv) Parking along one side of Chew Lane (near junction with Winford Rd to just north of the Rugby Club) before the end of the Chew Valley School day is causing traffic congestion issues, due to a lack of passing places for long stretches, and coaches driving to the school. Support for double yellow lines to create passing places has the support of the school, Police and Chew Magna Parish Council. Although reluctant to see more road markings, CSPC agreed to support the idea following further discussion about suitable locations.
- v) Agreed to setting up a mailing list in the parish to disseminate information to residents, especially those not using social media. Agreed to use the free version of Mailchimp which would be GDPR compliant.

8. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (March)
Hugo King – ground maintenance salary (March)

- ii) Agreed the following online payments:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
21.03.24	HP Ink (printing)	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£5.00

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21.03.24	Fence repair, Quarry Hay	Martin Giles			£112.07
25.03.24	Payment transfer (deposited in PC account instead of V Hall account).	CS Village Hall			£51.60

9. Matters of report:

- i) CSPC have contacted the Primary School regarding potential walking routes to school when the road is closed due to flooding. The ideas were welcomed, to await feedback from the school once they have considered the suggestions. Agreed that the School Lane footpath can become muddy, to ask for update following meeting with Footpath Officer. (Cllr Baker).
- ii) The Annual Village Meeting (AVM) will be on Thursday 11th April at 7pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to purchase refreshments. To promote on the Telegraph over the weekend.
- iii) Cllrs Edgerton and Ainger met with Bristol & Avon River Trust to discuss maintenance plans for the pond and ford. Update: BARTS are working with farmers upstream from the ford to create ponds on fields bordering rivers to try to prevent run off to the rivers and loss of top soil. This would result in less water entering the rivers so quickly and reducing flooding lower down the river in the village. Bristol Water also have funding available which farmers and landowners can apply for to assist with this venture. There are also ways residents can manage water within the village, eg using water butts, avoid additional tarmacked areas, or ensure it is permeable, avoid artificial grass. To try to source some leaflets about this prior to the AVM. BART believed the greenery in the pond is not hugely valuable but the roots will help prevent some silt being washed away, so has some value.
- iv) Update on the Village Hall – a new sign has been purchased and fitted. CSPC agreed to fund this.
- v) Update on the shop rental – the shop is now being prepared for opening, anticipated to open by the end of the month. PC to encourage residents to support the shop. To invite shop managers to the AVM to meet residents.
- vi) Update on Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – a new hedge has been planted along the lower border of Cooks Meadow. This will be mulched along with some trees when the ground is drier, and tractors can drive on the field. No further action to date with a new stone bench due to wet ground.
- vii) Update on the Recreational Trail – Bristol Water and B&NES have agreed to resolve flooding issues at the end of Woodford Lane and the junction to the Recreational Trail.
- viii) A new 40mph speed limit is being introduced on Pagans Hill from 1st April.
- ix) The new Westlocal X91 daily commuter bus service to Bristol starts on 8th April, to continue to promote and advertise the service and encourage usage.

10. Closed session:

- i) Minutes regarding contract price review for groundsman documented separately.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Next meeting Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

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