



Chew Stoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

Present: Cllrs Carol Dyer (Vice-chair), Nicola Ainger, Alex Cooke, Ali Cunningham and Steve Hicks

Ward Councillor Dave Harding

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Minutes: 2023/07

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs Steven Read, James Edgerton and Nick Baker.
- 2. Public participation** – several residents attended the meeting to comment on the agenda item about parking on the junction of Home Orchard and School Lane. Comments included that the situation has got worse over the last few years, possibly due to the school growing. The issues include cars being parked on the pavement on the junction, on the junction and in front of residents driveways. Cars parked in Home Orchard also obstruct the properties there so that residents cannot leave their properties. The refuse lorries are frequently unable to access the cul de sac meaning residents bins are regularly left unemptied. On occasion residents have received verbal abuse from those parking there for school pick-up/drop off.
- 3. Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hicks declared an interest in planning application 6i being a neighbour to the property.
- 4. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 1st 2023,** unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.
- 5. Ward Councillors report:** update received on the WESTlink bus service, a report on the first 100 journeys taken by the 'early adopters' show that 2/3 were satisfactory. Booking well in advance seems to make journeys more successful. The main issue remains a shortage of drivers. The 672 is still due to cease operations at the end of July. WECA are considering some scheduled services eg 7am and 5pm to accommodate regular commuters. To encourage older children to use the service over the summer holidays.

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Cllr Harding has information about an additional 'Cost of Living Discretionary Fund', to send details to Clerk to disseminate.

6. Planning applications:

i) **Application Reference:** [23/01732/FUL](#)

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

Proposal: Erection of detached garage and workshop. *CSPC was notified by B&NES that the current application requires amendments before it can be considered. Agreed unanimously to object to the application at this stage, and to comment to any new application if submitted.*

(Not on the agenda so agreed by delegated authority to the Clerk):

ii) **Application Reference:** [23/02095/FUL](#)

Application Address: Rock Cottage, School Lane, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8UY

Proposal: Fill in existing porch and add extra part of roof line. *Whilst this property has previously been extended beyond the permitted 35% recommended volume increase, this proposed extension is minimal and not believed to affect the openness of the green belt or cause any neighbourly issues. The applicant has sought pre-application advice which has indicated that the application would be approved. Clerk to consult councillors and submit response to B&NES Planning Dept.*

7. Matters requiring a decision:

i) Nominations to designate areas on the parish as "Local Green Spaces' to be submitted to B&NES by 14th July. Agreed to nominate the following areas:

Rectory Field

Bilbie Play Area

Open areas in Townsend area

Applecroft Orchard

Woodford Lodge land owned by Bristol Water

Bowling Club

Land used by Hedgehogs Cricket Club

Clerk to clarify whether land already designated as educational/sport facilities should also be nominated. Clerk to complete forms and return to B&NES by 14th July.

ii) The Community Speedwatch (CSW) still requires more volunteers, this could just be an hour every month, if any residents are able to help, please contact the Clerk.

There are many benefits to having a CSW in the village, so the Parish Council is very keen to start this. The new School Travel Plan Officer at B&NES, Richard Pitman has contacted the parish council and it was agreed to ask for funding from the Ward Councillor to fund more road signs designed by the school children so that they can be erected in other places in the village. The Clerk is also in contact with the Deputy Head of the Primary School about other road safety initiatives. To discuss the parking issues in Home Orchard with Richard Pitman.

iii) CSPC agreed the proposed terms and conditions regarding donations for trees in Cooks Meadow, which were:

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When you have dedicated a tree, you will be permitted to place a dedication plaque (to be supplied by you) alongside the tree. The plaque should measure no more than 15cm x 10cm preferably made of natural materials and in muted colours. To maintain a natural and wildlife friendly environment, no other objects of dedication will be permitted.

The parish council do not take any responsibility for plaques.

Donors will receive the benefit of the tree dedication for the life of the tree.

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove the tree given reasonable circumstances (e.g. disease, safety risk).

The Parish Council will endeavour to plant a replacement tree in the same location.

Also agreed the following points be added:

Please do not decorate the tree. Any decoration placed on, around or beneath the tree will be removed as it goes against the conservation aims of the meadow.

Please do not plant anything around the tree, any seeds, bulbs planted without permission will be removed.

Please do not remove anything from your tree.

Ashes may be scattered, but not buried around your tree.

- iv) A request for additional fencing in the lower Westaway has been received. This is to provide safe grazing for cows. The fencing would be 2 rows of barbed wire. No footpath would be restricted, councillors unanimously agreed, subject to approval by the B&NES Footpath Officer. New hedging also proposed alongside the new fencing, agreed a very good idea.
- v) Village Hall lease - agreed the Clerk to contact the solicitors to note the Parish Council agree that the PCC can nominate a member to sit on the Hall Committee, but not for the person to be named for the lease as this is likely to change too frequently. An inventory has also been received from the solicitors, agreed to do a check once nearing the time to sign the lease and note any changes in condition at that time. To ask again for information about legal costs to date.
- vi) The parking issues at the Home Orchard/School Lane junction were discussed. In addition to the points noted above, the school also expressed issues that the buses can't turn around if cars are parked on the junction. Discussed options: bollards would prevent pavement parking but not prevent cars still parking on the junction. Agreed to support the proposal for double yellow lines on the junction, and in Home Orchard to prevent residents being blocked in. This would need enforcement. The Ward Councillor would make the request to B&NES, and this would need to be budgeted for next year, so some short-term solutions also required. Clerk to contact the School Travel Plan Officer at B&NES for assistance as the issues are caused by school traffic.

8. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
 - SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (June)
 - Hugo King – ground maintenance salary (June)
- ii) Unable to complete the bank reconciliation at the meeting due to access issues to bank account. To complete at next meeting.

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iii) The following online payments were agreed:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
31.03.23	HP Ink (printing)	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£5.00
28.6.23	Bus stop clean (April)	Hugo King			£45.00
30.6.23	Website support	JacksonBone	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00

1. Matters of report:

- i) Update on the shop rental, the shop has been let to a third party as a convenience store, and agreement is in progress.
- ii) Update on Rectory Field – nothing to report at this meeting.
- iii) Update on the Recreational Trail – nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv) Update following the PCAA AGM in June – the aims now are to monitor any adverse effects of the expansion, to monitor planning applications and ensure they are compliant. There are to be regular meetings with Bristol Airport and the PCAA, and continued stakeholder engagement.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next meeting Thursday 3rd August 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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