



Chew Stoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2023 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

Present: Cllrs Steven Read (Chair), Carol Dyer (Vice-chair), Nicola Ainger, Nick Baker, Ali Cunningham.

Ward Councillors Dave Harding and Anna Box

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Minutes: 2023/06

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs James Edgerton and Steve Hicks
2. **Public participation** – Beat Officer Ross Cudd attended the meeting and gave an update (below).
3. **Declarations of interest** – none.
4. **To accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 11th 2023**, unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.
5. **Ward Councillors report:** please see report attached (appendix 1)
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. *The property was built 2 years ago on the site of an old workshop. This application is for a new garage and workshop of significant size. It is beyond the village development boundary, close to the border with an AONB, and on land previously used as agricultural land. Agreed to apply to B&NES for an extension to comment on this application, and to gain further information from the applicant and planning officer. To review at July meeting.*
 - ii) **Application Reference:** [23/01171/FUL](#)
Application Address: Lakeside Barn, Stoke Hill, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8XJ
Proposal: Extension of roof and erection of dormer windows at Lakeside Barn.
Pending decision

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7. Matters requiring a decision:

- i) CSPC resolved to the co-option of Alex Cooke to fill one of two vacancies. Proposed by Cllr Dyer and seconded by Cllr Baker, unanimously agreed.
- ii) Chew Stoke Parish Council resolved that from 1st June 2023 until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.
- iii) The Beat Officer Ross Cudd gave an update on action taken by the police locally. Specific to road safety, they have been patrolling the roads through the village regularly during school drop-off and pick-up times, and they have spoken to managers at The Stoke, Rugby Club and other organisations to ask for assistance in reducing visitors parking on pavements and obstructing the way for pedestrians. They have been communicating with B&NES about extending the 20mph zone and the footpath further up Stoke Hill.
Other crime figures were reported, in the last 3 months:
6 crimes of which 2 of arson/criminal damage (1 car and 1 property window broken), 2 thefts, 1 miscellaneous offence and 1 anti-social behaviour order.
The Community Speedwatch training has now been given and monitoring to commence shortly.
Beat Surgeries are to be held every month at CV Rugby Club, dates to be posted on the parish website. Next date 7th June 11am-12pm.
- iv) Agreed to set up a WhatsApp group between councillors and clerk for administrative purposes only, and agreed to the remit and boundaries for its use.
- v) The details regarding donations from the public to dedicate a tree in Cooks Meadow are being finalised. The website is being updated to provide further information to the public. To agree terms and conditions when finalised at July PC meeting.
- vi) Westaway Fields – the lease to farm the land needs updating, agreed Clerk to look for details of previous land agent to ask for legal assistance in renewing contract.
- vii) The Village Hall lease remains in progress, agreed Clerk to contact solicitors and church representative for update, and to request quote for work to date.
- viii) Agreed to add Cllrs Ainger and Dyer as bank signatories, paperwork signed and to be submitted to bank by Clerk.

8. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (May)
Hugo King – ground maintenance salary (May)
- ii) To note receipt of VAT reclaim of £497.15 on 15th May 2023
- 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
22.5.23	Internal Audit	Joanne Bryant			£60.00

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22.5.23	PCAA annual subscription	Parish Council Airport Association (PCAA)			£75.00
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9. Matters of report:

- i) Update on the shop rental, to note the council has been contacted by another interested party to rent the shop should it become available. Cllr Baker to ask agent and Clerk to ask owner for an update before the next meeting.
- ii) Update on Rectory Field – Cllr Baker to ask tree surveyor for an ash tree assessment now that the trees are in leaf.
- iii) Update on the Recreational Trail – no new information.
- iv) Update regarding Bristol Airport expansion - the appeal submitted by local action groups has been dismissed by the High Court so Bristol Airport capacity will increase by 2 million passengers a year. This will have a significant impact on the parish with increased traffic etc.
- v) Bus services changes in the area – leaflets promoting the new WESTlink service are now available, Clerk to ask that a leaflet is included in the parish magazine door delivery next month, so going to every household in the parish.
- vi) To note that B&NES are undertaking a Local Green Space Review and the deadline to respond is 14th July.
- vii) To note the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and relevant documents have been submitted to BDO the external auditors.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm

Next meeting Thursday 6th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Ward Councillors report:

B&NES Council

Council met 1st time last week, and elected the new Council leader, deputy leader, cabinet, committee chairs and vice-chairs, and Bath mayor.

Some appointments are pending due to a bi-election in Paulton.

Anna will serve on the Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel, David will serve on the Children, Adults, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.

Ward Councillors and Parish Councils

Anna will be 1st point of call for Ubley, Compton Martin, Nempnett Thrubwell and Bishop Sutton, David will be 1st point of call for Chew Stoke, Chew Magna, Stanton Drew, Norton Malreward.

We will try to attend some Parish Council meetings as a pair. Some Parish meetings clash Chew Magna, Stanton Drew, and Nempnett Thrubwell are all on the 1st Tuesday of the month, so we will rotate between these meetings.

We will be available before and after meetings for anyone who needs to discuss any issues.

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Clean And Green Action Week

Extra road/neighbourhood cleaning for the ward.

Clean and Green Team of 3 cleansing operatives spending time in each ward across B&NES to respond to cleansing priorities including sweeping, weeding, and litter picking.

Mendip and Chew Magna 12th to 16th June 2023.

Please let Lauren (Clean and Green Projects Officer, Neighbourhood Environmental Services) via email cleanandgreen@bathnes.gov.uk know your priority areas for cleansing she will review and put together a schedule of works for the action week.

Please continue to report any highway priorities and reports of overhanging vegetation or cleaning of signs on fix my street: <https://fix.bathnes.gov.uk/>

The Clean and Green webpage has more information about the campaign: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/clean-and-green-bath-north-east-somerset>

Councillors Ward Priorities

3 per year from each ward.

Chew Stoke - Pagan's Hill, Bristol Rd, Stoke Hill traffic / speeding / safety – review of problem and options.

Buses

Funding due to stop for 672, 31st July.

Westlink – Bus Transition In the Chew Valley Facebook site.

16 drivers (of 30 needed).

Recent direction from central govt. that BSIP money can now be used to help fund “supported services”. WECA mayor being pushed on this.

6th June 7-8 pm Webinar on Chew Valley & Westlink. Book on Eventbrite.

Call for Nature Sites

Council are asking local landowners and leaseholders to help identify potential land that could contribute to nature recovery across Bath and North East Somerset.

This will allow us to build a picture of land available for habitat creation, restoration and enhancement.

As part of our wider work to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, once sites are submitted, we will provide feedback on their potential as Nature Sites and explore opportunities to contribute to nature's recovery. Further Information-

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-nature-sites>

Chew Valley Area Forum

Next meeting 12th July 6pm Chew Valley School Library.

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