



Chew Stoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

Present: Cllrs Carol Dyer (Vice-chair), Nicola Ainger, Nick Baker and Ali Cunningham. Cllrs Coleman and Wilson joined after item 7i.

Ward Councillor Dave Harding

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Minutes: 2024/06

1. **Apologies noted and accepted:** Cllrs Steven Read, Alex Cooke and James Edgerton.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None
3. **Public participation** – 3 members of the public in attendance. Discussed proposal for Bristol road pedestrian crossing.
4. **To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 9th May 2024,** unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.
5. **Ward Councillors report:** Limited update due to pre-election purdah. Cllrs Harding and Box have met with Cllr Warren at B&NES and discussed the Active Travel Policy, this could add walking and cycling routes and improving pavement availability. They will be monitoring progress.
The leader of B&NES will be visiting the parish in July, to receive further information nearer the date. Cllr Harding has met with local farmer about access to fields along Chew Lane which is problematic when cars are parked on the road outside Chew Valley School.
He has also met a resident to discuss sewage discharge observed. This has been reported. Discussed bleed kits in the village, there is one attached to the defibrillator box at The Stoke Inn, agreed to advertise locations of defibs in the village.
6. **Planning applications:**
 - i) **Application Type:** Listed Building Consent (Alts/exts) [24/01752/LBA](#)
Site Location: School House, School Lane Chew Stoke Bristol, BS40 8UY
Description of Proposal: External alterations for the replacement of non original secondary glazing, repairs to existing fixed window and casement windows, repair

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works to damaged stone within ground floor porch, replace existing doors to match existing, remove concrete surround, replace 2 windows at ground floor to match existing, and repair stonework and pointing (Revised Proposal). *Agreed that because this is a specialist Listed Buildings Application, to leave the decision to the planners at B&NES, Clerk to send response.*

CSPC received notification of a new planning application on the 5th June:

Address of Proposal Parcel 2727, Kingshill Lane, Chew Stoke, Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset

Proposal: Variation of condition 16 (Plans List (Compliance) 22/04892/FUL (Erection of a rural workers dwelling in association with the equestrian business on site following the removal of a temporary mobile home). Condition Number(s): 16 Conditions(s) Removal: Please refer to the submitted Covering Letter for more information. Variation to the approved Plans List. *Agreed to ask for an extension until after the next parish council meeting on July 11th to respond, but also to ask for details of the revised height of the building in comparison to the nearby barn.*

7. Matters requiring a decision:

- i) CSPC agreed to co-opt two new members to the council, Rowan Coleman and Nicola Wilson. Both were voted to join unanimously and signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office. They then joined the council following this vote.
- ii) Chew Stoke Parish Council resolved that from 6th June 2024 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 readopt the General Power of Competence.
- iii) RHS 'Community Bloom' update, the footbridge in Quarry Hay has been cleaned and weeded, some wear was noted, and a resident has agreed to repair it. Discussions ongoing regarding purchase of a wrought iron trough for a display, or possibly hiring one. Discussed repainting the metal bollards at the brook, agreed to try painting with black metal paint, and to be undertaken by the Bloom group. The presentation is being compiled, this will be in the form of a Powerpoint presentation. National Grid have responded with plans to place cable at the brook underground to prevent a large metal pole being erected on the corner of Pilgrims Way and School Lane. Cllr Baker agreed to discuss digging the trench with NG, it is not within the PC's remit to undertake this work. Judging day for the RHS Community Bloom will be 26th July.
- iv) CSPC has been in discussion with the Primary School about safe walking routes to school when the ford is flooding. Information received from the school confirms that if there were no access for emergency vehicles to the school, it would have to shut for safety reasons. To continue to discussions about use of safer walking routes, and ford maintenance. Although there have been requests from some parents about ways to keep the school open even during severe flooding, this amounted to 3 days last winter when it was very wet, and evidence shows that many parents would prefer not to risk driving their children to and from school in dangerous conditions and are happy that the school is closed in these circumstances.

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Bristol & Avon Rivers Trust (BART) met with CSPC representatives in March to look at issues around Chew Stoke and flooding around the school area. To get a more detailed insight into where the main issues are coming from, and identifying solutions for this, BART would need to spend a lot more dedicated time looking at the site and surrounding catchment during storm events. They have pulled together a proposal that provides us with a quote for BART to undertake further investigations and to provide a suite of opportunities to help reduce flooding in Chew Stoke. The quotation for the study is £3408, CSPC to contact various local organisations to seek funding.

- v) CSPC has received renewed proposals from B&NES for a pedestrian crossing on Bristol Road via the Ward Councillor. Discussed proposal prior to meeting B&NES Highways and Ward Councillor on site. Agreed the need for a safer crossing location, especially now the shop is open, where there is a playpark, primary school and Rectory Field on either side of the road. The road is very busy, a main thoroughfare to many other villages in the valley with vehicles exceeding the 20mph speed limit. Noted difficulty in finding a suitable location due to shop parking, private land, junctions and road narrow section. Agreed to hear options from B&NES and discuss at July meeting.
- vi) Agreed Clerks requests for annual leave.

1. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
 - a. SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (May)
 - b. Hugo King – ground maintenance salary (May)
- ii) To agree the following payments:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
15.05.24	HP Ink (printing)	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£5.00
22.05.24	Internal audit	Joanne Bryant			£75.00

2. Matters of report:

- i) Received update from the Village Hall following quarterly meeting.
- ii) The new shop, will is called the ‘Grocertree’, opened officially on June 3rd. The new tenant, Thaya received a very warm welcome at the opening. It will be open 7 days a week, 7am-10pm (to 9pm on Sundays). The tenant is looking for a Shop Manager, agreed to ask moderators of the Village Facebook Telegraph page if this could be advertised on the site.
- iii) Update on Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – the ground remains too wet to use vehicles to move stones to make a stone bench. Orchids seen in the woods
- iv) Update on the Recreational Trail – the gateway to the trail at Woodford Lodge has been improved. Awaiting information about whether Bristol Water or B&NES will have overall responsibility for the Trail now the Trust intended to manage it is no longer being created.

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- v) Complaints have been received about overgrown hedges around the village, the groundsman has cut back overgrowth where it is within his contract, and homeowners have been asked to cut back hedging from their properties.
- vi) Noted the Police report.

Meeting ended at 9.02pm.

Next meeting Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

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