



Chew Stoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

Present: Cllrs Steven Read, (Chair) Nicola Ainger, Nick Baker, Rowan Coleman, Carol Dyer. Steve Hicks joined after item 7i.
Ward Councillor Dave Harding

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Minutes: 2024/11

- 1. Apologies noted and accepted:** Cllrs Alex Cooke, Ali Cunningham and Nicola Wilson.
- 2. Declarations of interest** – None
- 3. Public participation** – 4 residents attended the meeting, one resident gave an update about the shop and possible purchase of security shutters. The resident is liaising with and supporting the shop owners, the shop has been open for 6 months now and the tenants feel supported by the community. The shop was broken into a month ago, there had previously been a discussion with the police about security concerns (large glass windows etc) but shutters are expensive. £1150 has been raised through Crowdfunding set up by the resident for shutters. The PC has received an email about the large parcel lockers at the front of the shop, these are partly positioned here for security. Discussed option of perhaps having an awning at the front of the shop to take emphasis away from the lockers. Resident to discuss with shop tenant.
- 4. To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd October 2024,** unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.
- 5. Ward Councillors report:**
District- Emissions based car parking charges will now be introduced in all B&NES car parks- Keynsham, MSN, Radstock, Saltford.
Bath Heritage - Roman Baths etc projected to bring in £20M per year for Council.
A368 etc. speed consultation. No update. Returns still being analysed.
Council Leader visit to Chew Valley- 21st November.
Cabinet Member for Housing attending Stowey-Sutton PC meeting now changed to Wed 5th Feb 19.30. This will include an update on the situation with Local Plan.
Note- Airport publicity about expanding further and need for more car parking on site.

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Congratulations on your achievements in the Village in Bloom competition.

Note- Officers response that proposed changes to Bristol Rd should have an impact on vehicle speeds even if it's only a slight change.

Chew Lane- parking issue seems unchanged, but no lines have been painted yet.

Security grants/funding for shop security- still investigating.

6. Planning applications:

i) Application Reference: [24/03780/TCA](#)

Application Address: Top Cross Cottage , Pagans Hill, Chew Stoke, BS40 8UF

Proposal: T1 - Atlas Cedar (14m): Crown reduction of Cedar by up to 2m back to previous points. Crown raise by 2m. G1 - Beech Hedge (2.5m): Fell. *No objection*

ii) Application Reference: [24/03687/TCA](#)

Application Address: Westmarch , Pilgrims Way, Chew Stoke, BS40 8XB

Proposal: 2 No. Norway Maple - Crown reduction to around 18-20ft, shape proportionally and crown thin. *No objection*

iii) Application Reference: [24/03874/FUL](#)

Application Address: Crossview , Pilgrims Way, Chew Stoke, BS40 8XB

Proposal: First floor extension over rear west elevation and two storey extension on south elevation. *The plans for this application have been submitted without any information about the volume increase, and the increase appears to be substantial. The figures have been requested from the agent, but not yet received. On the grounds that the information is not available at the time of the meeting, CPSC objects to this application.*

iv) Application Reference: [24/03981/FUL](#)

Application Address: Lake View, Stoke Hill, Chew Stoke, BS40 8XJ

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extensions. *CSPC noted historical planning applications for this property, including a request for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development (CLPU) in April 2024 to create a rear extension, this has not been enacted to date. Whilst there is much detail about this application, there are no volume increase calculations. It is very difficult to understand what the volume increase of the new application would be just from the drawings. This property sits within the AONB in addition to the greenbelt, without the volume calculations it is not possible to assess the impact this would have on the openness of the greenbelt or the AONB. Due to the lack of volume increase calculations, CSPC objects to this application.*

7. Matters requiring a decision:

- i) Agreed unanimously to co-opt Steve Hicks to Chew Stoke Parish Council. An Acceptance of Office form was completed, and Cllr Hicks joined the Council.
- ii) The proposals for changes to Bristol Road to make a safer crossing area are progressing in B&NES. Local residents to be notified by B&NES shortly with a view to undertaking the works in mid-December. The road surface at the Quarry Hay junction to be a different colour, the pavement corners to be built out (to reduce the width of the road for pedestrians and to slow traffic) and bollards will be positioned along the length of pavement to improve sight lines for pedestrians by preventing pavement parking.

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- iii) Update from road safety working group – Cllr Cooke not present, but informed the council that work is ongoing on various projects.
- iv) No update on the National Grid pole that is to be situated near the ford in Pilgrim’s Way.
- v) Chew Stoke was awarded a Silver Gilt award in this year’s SW Village in Bloom Competition. Chew Stoke Church School also won an award in the ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ category. Winter planting is underway.
- vi) Discussed first draft of the budget for 25-26, including specific budget lines eg tree costs. Clerk to meeting with Finance Working Group to discuss in more detail with a view to presenting final budget at the December meeting.

8. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
 - a. SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (October)
 - b. Hugo King – ground maintenance salary (October)

- ii) To note receipts:

Date	Item	From	Net	VAT	Total
22.10.24	Donation for Community Bloom	Joanna Tiley Estate Agents			£48.00

- iii) Agreed the following payments:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
22.10.24	HP Ink (printing)	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£5.00
22.10.24	Items for Community Bloom (winter plants)	Nicola Ainger			£48.00
22.10.24	Hall hire (2 months). Price increase due to new charge for 2.5 hrs	CS Hall Committee			£62.50
28.10.24	New sign for Bristol Road	Arien Signs Ltd	£106.00	£21.20	£127.20
22.10.24	Data Protection Fee (annual subscription)	Information Commissioners Office			£35 Direct Debit set up

9. Matters of report:

- i) Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – approx. half a dozen trees have been sold now for dedications. Agreed to advertise as we approach Christmas.
- ii) No update on the Recreational Trail.
- iii) Monthly update from Groundsman – mowing has now finished for the winter, and the team are currently focusing on leaf clearing. The brush around trees in Rectory Field now needs cutting back, there are new trees in amongst the brush now, agreed to ensure the new trees are identified and marked to protect them.

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- iv) Correspondence received from The Stoke Inn about parking changes in the pub car park, Clerk to reply following the meeting.
- v) A resident has made enquiries to the Ward Councillor about possible grants to help purchase security blinds for the shop. There has been no luck as yet, the resident is now a councillor and will continue to pursue leads for further funding.
- vi) CSPC representatives to meet landowner of field on the Stoke Hill in December to discuss the boundary location and responsibilities.
- vii) Cllr Ainger attended the Parish & Town Council Briefing on the Local Plan Reset on the 7th Nov. B&NES have been asked by the new government to increase housing supply from 707pa to 1466pa over the next 20 years. This new demand could set the Local Plan update back by a year. It is important to remain involved with discussions, to contribute views about the 5-year housing land supply. As much of B&NES is a World heritage Site, there may be pressure for more rural areas to take a higher proportion of the new housing. Discussed 'greybelt' areas, but this has not been defined as yet. Parish Councils would need to review the Neighbourhood Plan once the Local Plan has been introduced.
- viii) To note the pay award for clerks for 24-25 has been agreed by the unions and will be implemented to the clerks pay, including a back payment for April-Oct.
- ix) The mud and silt beside the ford have been reported on Fixmystreet, now fixed.

10. Correspondence received

CSPC received a letter concerning the shop and lockers, included in discussion above.

Meeting closed at 20.58pm

Next meeting Thursday 5th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke.

To note January meeting will be a week later than normal - Thursday January 9th 2025.

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