



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BANWELL YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 20th of NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Blatchford (Chairman), Simon Arlidge, Mike Bailey, Steve Davies, Kevin Gibbons, Paul Harding, Nick Manley, Kelly Smith, Matthew Thomson, Steve Voller and Tara Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLOR: Cllr Tristam
BEAT TEAM: PCSO Anderson
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

Cllr Blatchford welcomed everybody. Given the zoom breach then there would be no virtual attendance.

Before the meeting was convened, members of the public were invited to speak.

i) **Members of the public**
None.

ii) **Community Beat Manager's report.**

The following report was received for the period 15/10/2023 to 20/11/2023.

Incidents reported = 44 with the following selection of crimes reported: 2 abandoned 999 calls, 1 antisocial behaviour, 2 assault, 5 concern for welfare, 1 missing, 2 suspicious, 1 threat and 9 traffic related (Councillors were reminded that this included the M5 stretch).

For up-to-date information residents can visit the Avon & Somerset website or follow them on social media (Facebook "Weston & Worle police or Twitter "ASPNorthSom"). Residents were asked if they see anything suspicious in the area or would like to talk to local officers, please call 101 or 999 in an emergency, they can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

It was raised that residents at West Garston were concerned about individuals hanging around the area. They were asked to report it directly to 101 to ensure the issue is logged.

iii) **Ward Councillor's report**

Cllr Tristam gave a brief report on the following items:

- The 125 bus service – A question had been raised as to why the 125 no longer goes to the railway station. This was due to the Railway station usage being very low and it was felt that adding in more shopping opportunities would better match demand. Early indications show this was the correct decision. It is unable to do both stops as the timetable is tight and suffers from reliability issues which is a concern given the route caters for school children. The Interchange (where the bus does stop) is only a short walk from the railway station whereas the Flowerdown Retail Park isn't within safe walking distance. The timings were also changed from 08:45 to 09:00 so concession passes can be used.
- A local resident had presented a petition and spoken at the last North Somerset full council meeting. This was in relation to the planning department not supporting a flashing sign within the Conservation Area. The NSC Executive Member for Highways has offered to attend a site meeting and it was suggested that perhaps Cllr Tristam could speak to the Conservation Officer.
- Cllr Tristam reminded the meeting that the application for 95 homes at Knightcott had now been registered.

The meeting was convened.

182/23 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Maggie McCarthy.

183/23 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2).

None were received.

184/23 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 16th of October 2023 (agenda item 3)

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th of October 2023 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with two abstentions due to absence).

The minutes of the meetings were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

185/23 To note the following minutes (agenda item 4).

- i) **Recreation Ground Trust meeting held on the 16th of October.**
- ii) **Cemetery and Memorials Working Group Meeting minutes held on the 18th of October.**

The minutes above were noted.

186/23 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 5)

- i) **£500 public living room grant**
The Parish Council have been granted £500 by North Somerset for the Public Living Room. This was on the proviso that the Council consider making an offer of food (see minute 189/23i)
- ii) **Remembrance Day Parade**
Thanks to the volunteers who supported Sunbelt Rentals with the road closures. This was at no cost to the Parish thanks to National Grid and their construction company Balfour Beatty.
- iii) **Christmas Market**
There are currently 28 stalls signed up. The WI & Scouts are doing the refreshments. Volunteers will be decorating the Youth & Community Centre this Saturday the 25th of November at 9am.
- iv) **Signage on West Street**
Given the reluctance of North Somerset Planning to approve flashing lights in the conservation of Area in the centre of Banwell then the Clerk is currently investigating the cost of a non-flashing school sign.
- v) **Riverside**
The Chairman reported another coach having to reverse back down Church Street and uprooting two bollards by the Cart Wash. Whilst North Somerset Highways is adamant that there is the correct amount of signage then it has been suggested that the Parish Council investigate additional signage on private property. The Clerk is currently investigating this.

187/23 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 6)

- i) **ALCA e-learning on nimble**
- ii) **Breakthrough Communications Training via ALCA**
- iii) **Finance Training via ALCA**
- iv) **Free 'Scribe' Finance Training**
- v) **Various NALC Training**
- vi) **NALC How Local Councils can benefit from the levelling up agenda £32.68**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £32.68 for Cllr Voller to attend the NALC training course.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

188/23 To approve the following expenditure (agenda item 7).

- i) **£15 annual fee to join the Somerset Playing Fields Association.**

Resolved – To approve £15 to join the Somerset Playing Fields Association.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- ii) **£480 for works reported in annual tree survey.**

Resolved – To approve £480 for works reported in annual tree survey.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

189/23 To agree the following initiatives (agenda item 8).

- i) **Public living room soup and a roll.**

Resolved – To approve the public living room soup and a roll initiative.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with 1 abstention)

- ii) **Back to Basics' & 'Fun for One' cooking initiatives.**

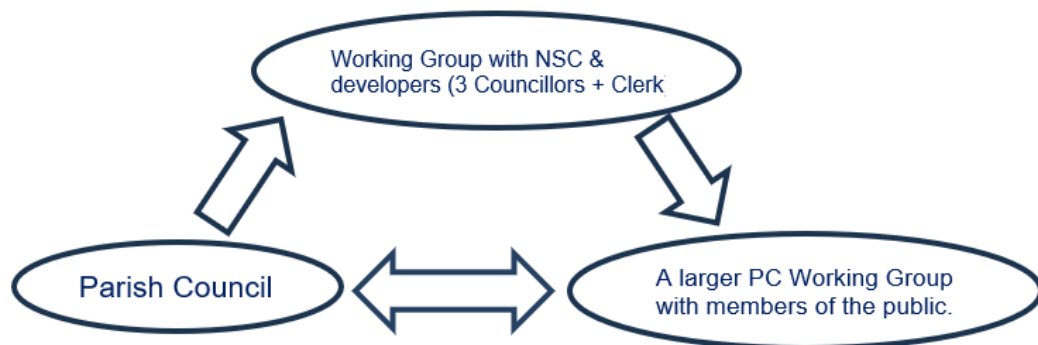
Resolved – To approve the Back to Basics' & 'Fun for One' cooking initiatives.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

190/23 To agree the setting up of a two-tier Parish Council working group to enable engagement with the new Wolvershill Master Plan (agenda item 9):

The Chair outlined the initial introductory meeting held about engagement with the Parish Council and community in relation to the new Wolvershill Master Plan.

Resolved – To agree the setting up of a two-tier Parish Council working group.



The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

Resolved – To agree that on the working group with North Somerset the Council will be represented by the Parish Council Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Clerk. The second working group will consist of Cllrs Blatchford, Harding, Manley, Arlidge, Bailey, Thomson, & Voller with members of the public wishing to attend.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

191/23 To note the following annual inspections (agenda item 10).

- i) **Tree Survey**
- ii) **Bus Stop**
- iii) **Benches**

The annual inspections above were noted.

192/23 To agree a response to North Somersets Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (agenda item 11)

The Councillors were asked to fill individually respond to the document.

193/23 To note the new National Joint Council officer, pay scales (agenda item 12).

The new National Joint Council officer pay scales were noted.

194/23 To authorise bills for payment for November (agenda item 13).

The Clerk tabled two additional payments to Balmoral (£108.66) and Banwell Handyman (£210.70)

Resolved: To authorise the bills for payment sheet for November of £9,554.91. Cllr Harding and Cllr Bailey to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

195/23 To note the Parish Council's end of October's net position, reserves, bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 14)

The Parish Council's end of October's net position, bank balances and bank reconciliation were noted.

196/23 To note the internal controls check undertaken by Cllr Gibbons and agree any recommendations (agenda item 15):

Cllr Gibbons was thanked for internal controls check. Councillors checking the bills for payment were asked to initial all invoices attributed to the credit card statement.

197/23 To note and comment upon the following planning applications (agenda item 16):

- i) **23/P/2141/FUH 22 Porters Drive Banwell BS29 6EJ**
Proposed erection of an outbuilding at the rear of the property.

Resolved: To not object to this application.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- ii) **23/P/2303/OUT Land South of Knightcott Road Banwell**
Outline planning application for a residential development comprising up to 95no. dwellings, including new vehicular and pedestrian accesses, open space, landscaping, drainage and associated works, with all matter reserved for subsequent approval.

Resolved: To strongly object under the tilted balance approach to this application for the following reasons.

- The development is outside the settlement boundary and is located in open countryside.
- It will result in a noticeable and intrusive urban expansion that will negatively affect local landscapes, the setting of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and the overall landscape character, which would harm unspoilt views of the AONB, Somerset Moors and Levels and Banwell Hill and would diminish the recreational appeal of the current PROW footpath which runs through the site.
- The introduction of new houses and roads would significantly encroach upon the countryside between Banwell and Knightcott. This would notably reduce the rural setting of the village. Consequently, Knightcott would cease to be recognised as it is, becoming instead an expanded western extension of Banwell, leading to the unfortunate loss of identity of this hamlet. This unwelcome urban sprawl would significantly harm the character and appearance of the area and this harm cannot simply be undone or mitigated by careful design and planting.
- The adverse impacts on the landscape character of Banwell and the hamlet of Knightcott will far outweigh any benefits from this scheme.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with 1 abstention)

- iii) **23/P/2367/OUT Land at Woodfield 10 Dark Lane Banwell BS29 6BP**
Outline planning permission for the erection of 1no. two-bedroom bungalow and garage to the south of number 10, together with associated works.

Resolved: Whilst it is acknowledged that this is only an outline planning consent, and there is no obligation to provide appearance details at this stage, without these it is hard for the Parish Council to consider an application which backs on to the AONB and borders the conservation area and where the appearance of the dwelling could potentially adversely impact its sensitive surroundings. The proposed development would result in a cramped layout, contrary to the existing pattern of development and would potentially be harmful to the character of the area. Without a clearer indication of the above then the Parish Council objects to this application.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

198/23 To note the following planning applications (agenda item 17):

- i) **23/P/2324/AOC Cannaways Farm Silver Moor Lane Banwell North Somerset BS29 6LQ**
Discharge of Condition number 5 (Construction Environmental Method Statement) on application 23/P/1038/FUL.
- ii) **23/P/2435/TRCA Archways East Street Banwell North Somerset BS29 6BW**
T1 - Varnish tree C/L over roof for a clearance of 2m, dead wood etc...
- iii) **23/P/2439/AOC Land at Parklands Churchland Way Weston-super-Mare North Somerset**
Request to discharge condition number 7 (Ventilation and Extraction) and 15 (Boundary Treatment Plan B-07A) on application 23/P/0565/FUL.

The applications above were noted.

199/23 To note the following planning application decisions (agenda item 18):

- i) **23/P/1038/FUL Cannaways Barns Silver Moor Lane Banwell BS29 6LQ**
Demolition of 2no. dwellings and an existing agricultural building on site (buildings annotated Units A, D and F on the existing topographical survey plan). Erection of 2no. self-build and custom build replacement dwellings. **APPROVE**
- ii) **23/P/1335/AOC Land South of Churchland Way and Wolvershill Road Mead Fields Banwell**
Request to discharge condition numbers 13 (External Lighting Scheme + Lux contour model) and condition 24 (Landscaping Scheme part 1&2) from application 23/P/0565/FUL. **APPROVE (discharge condition) RDC**
- iii) **23/P/1727/TRCA Banwell House Wolvershill Road Banwell North Somerset BS29 6DG**
T1 - fell and treat stump; T3 - fell and treat stump; T5 - withdrawn; T7 - withdrawn; T9 - 3m from the height, and 4m from the canopy diameter; T10 - 3m from the height and 2 meters from the canopy diameter. **WITHDRAWN**
- iv) **23/P/1731/LDE The Hurst Riverside Banwell**
Certificate of lawfulness for the continual siting of a static caravan in the location known as The Hurst, Riverside, Banwell. **REFUSE**
- v) **23/P/1776/AOC Land West of Wolvershill Road Wolvershill Road Banwell**
Request to discharge condition number 4 (Drainage Basin Risk Assessment) on application 21/P/1735/RM. **APPROVE (discharge condition) RDC**
- vi) **23/P/1832/TRCA Banwell House Wolvershill Road Banwell North Somerset BS29 6DG**
T - 6 Oak tree fell and treat stump. **WITHDRAWN**
- vii) **23/P/1883/TRCA 11 School Close Banwell North Somerset BS29 6DT**
2 x Robinias reduced crown by up to 2 mtrs. Lateral reduction of .5 metre over patio and up to 2 metres laterally at the back. **NO OBJECTION (tree / hed) unconditional.**
- viii) **23/P/1886/AOC Abbey Towers East Street Banwell North Somerset BS29 6BW**
Discharge of Condition Number 4 (Archaeological Watching Brief) on application 23/P/0214/FUH. **APPROVE (discharge condition) RDC**

ix) **23/P/1913/FUL Land Farm Puxton Road Hewish BS24 6UE**

Removal of conditions 6 (10% energy generation) and 7 (BREEAM standard) from permission 23/P/1247/FUL (Erection of a roofed structure over existing yard between the East and West barns). **APPROVE**

200/23 Dates of the next meetings (agenda item 19)

Monday 4th of December, 7pm Planning Committee at the Youth & Community Centre (YCC)

Monday 18th of December, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting at the YCC (mince pies and mulled wine)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45

.....Chairman

.....Date

Bills for Payment - 19th October to the 20th November 2023
Banwell Parish Council

Method	Payee	Details	Gross Amount	Comments	Minute agreed	Power
Already Paid						The Parish Council
DD	YU	Streetlight Power	£226.00	There are 2 MPAN numbers	095/23	
DD	YU	Streetlight Power	£9.49		095/23	
DD	Mainstream	Phone and Broadband	£2.73		095/23	
DD	EDF	YCC Electricity	£124.37		095/23	
To Pay						
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting & Village Orderly contract	£1,043.34		095/23	
BACS	J K Gardening	War memorial hedge	£85.00			
BACS	Ambience Landscape	Dog Bin emptying	£629.20		095/23	
BACS	Insight Cleaning	YCC Cleaning	£192.00		095/23	
BACS	YMCA	Youth Club Sessions	£540.00		139/23	
BACS	CSG	Sewage Pump service	£214.80		YCC 18/23	
BACS	SLCC	Clerk Training - Creating a 'Strategic Vision'	£36.00		170/23 (vi)	
BACS	Complete Weed Control	October Spray	£534.00		022/23 (iii)	
BACS	Atworth Arboricultural	Tree Survey	£324.00		104/23	
BACS	Dani Wolfgang- James	Locum Comms Officer	£367.04		E31/23	
BACS	Balmoral	Fire Extinguisher Survey	£108.66		173/23 (i)	
BACS	Banwell Handyman	Works around the Youth & Community Centre	£210.70		H & S	
DD	Loyds Bank PLC	Multipay charge & costs (zoom, tuck, food bank, cartridges, refreshments, security bollard, YCC items).	£495.68		095/23	
SO	Liz Shayler	Clerks Salary (scp increase)	£1,979.19		095/23	
BACS	Liz Shayler	Sept overtime & backpay due to scp increase, expenses (refreshments & foodbank)	£901.55		95/23	
DD	Nest	Pension contributions	£264.08		095/23	
BACS	HMRC	PAYE and NI	£1,257.58		095/23	
DD	North Somerset	YCC Waste Collection	£9.50		095/23	
		Totals	£9,554.91			

The Parish Council have resolved to use the General Power of Competence as of the 15th May 2023