

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th JULY
2004 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, MOUNTAIN WOOD.**

Present	Councillor Mrs S. Beazer	Chair
	" Mr P. Ardley	
	" Mrs S. Broadway	
	" Mrs M.Breeze	
	" Mrs W. Chambers	
	" Mr S.Cherry	
	" Mr A. Ginn	
	" Mrs J.Hooker	
	" Mr J.Lloyd	
	" Mr R.Wickham	

The meeting opened with Mr Andrew Smith of the Rural Housing Trust explaining the origins, objectives, organisation and procedures of the Trust. He agreed to supply the Council with a copy of their housing needs survey questionnaire, which can be used with the Parish Plan survey.

Public Five Minutes

398 Mountain Wood lack of representation. Who owns the land behind the Council Houses Nos 73 to 81?

399 Footpaths are not well cared for. The Chairman will contact B&NES to raise the question of cleaning. Action Chairman

400 Should the Council undertake responsibility for cleaning the footpaths? Item to be included in the agenda of the September meeting. Action Clerk

Minutes of the Last Meeting

401 Item384. This item to be deleted as it was only a comment. Item386 Amend "Dovers Lane" to read "Dovers Park". After which the Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

Matters Arising.

402/361 Work in Warleigh Woods. Clerk will expedite a reply from B&NES. Action Clerk

403/362 Cycle Lane. Matter still in hand. Action Councillor Ginn

404/363 Somer Housing Trust. Clerk will get confirmation the attendance of a representative at the September Meeting. Action Clerk

405/376 CPRE . No reply has as yet been received from the CPRE.

406/388 Mandate. Clerk will ask the bank for a list of the Councillors who are mandated to sign the cheques. Action Clerk

407/385 Overhanging Vegetation. Owners of The Orchard have relied that they have cut back the overgrowth. Councillor Mrs Chambers has spoken to the landowners in Warleigh.

408/386 Lowered Pavements. Matter is in hand with B&NES.

409/392 Local Channel. Keep on agenda. Action Clerk

410/393 Notices Boards. Councillor Ginn will get a quote to repair or replace the Notice Boards. One Contractor that has been approached will not be available until October. Action Councillor Ginn
It was agreed that an item should be put in the Bulletin to the effect that the notice board could be made available to members of the public on approach to the Clerk or a Councillor. Action Clerk.

411/390 Footbridge. The matter is still open. There is a suggestion of a settlement. The CPO will be progressed. Portals have yet to sign.

412/391 A36/A46 link. A reply to the Council's letter stating the latest situation was noted. BRAVE2 have not made it clear that they are against both the link and the Beckington Bypass. It was decided to hold action until they make a decision. Keep item on the agenda. Action Clerk

Closure of Tynedale.

413 A letter will be sent to B&NES asking for information of the future of Tyndale now it has closed and stating that the Council wished the site to be used for affordable housing. Action Clerk

Cluster Meeting.

414 The Chairman reported on the last cluster meeting. Public transport was discussed. Stopping the Wiltshire Hopper bus in Bathford. Bunching of buses. The Clerk will obtain the programme for the next series of cluster meetings. Action Clerk

Planning

415 There is continued consultation on the new delegation scheme. It is hoped it will speed up decisions. The hedge at the end of Ashley road has been cut.

416 The long standing matter of the hedge/fence at the top of High Street: Councillors have met with the owners and an amicable solution has been agreed.

417 The following applications were objected to :-

04/01423/FUL Stable Block and Menage at Shockerwick. Too big.

04/01930/FUL 8 Ashley Road. First Floor Single Storey Rear Extension. Over-development and intrusion on other properties.

04/02005/FUL 5 Church Street. Beyond limit of what is appropriate to the Village.

418 It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the planners for extra time to consider the application for a mast at Lower Lodge Box Road. Action Clerk

419 It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hooker, seconded by Councillor Mr Cherry and agreed by the Council that two Councillors would constitute a quorum on planning meetings.

Committee Reports.

Amenities

420 The New Playing Field Gates have been installed. The new fence and the new equipment for the play area are now available. The new litter bin has been installed in the play area. The Cricket Club are looking at ways to improve their pavilion.

421 No new developments on the allotments.

422 The licence for the RFC to take over the Scout/Youth hut has been received for signing.

Finance

423 The revised financial statement using a spread sheet has been accepted. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach the Bank regarding a high interest account for the Council's Reserve Account. Action Clerk

School Governors

423 There will be a rota of School Governors to attend the Parish Council Meetings.

Highways.

424 B&NES refuse to remove the priority point at the British Legion.

425 A speed camera and appropriate sign posting will be installed in High Street, as funds become available.

426 A proposal for speed restrictions on the A363 has been received. This will be considered by the Highways Committee. It is felt that the proposed 40mph zone should be reduced to 30mph.

427 The Council will continue to press for one way working in Prospect Place and for the replacement of the cats eyes on the A363.

428 B&NES have agreed to accept liability for the mirror at the A363/Warleigh Lane Junction. The possibility of heating the mirror or obtaining a mirror that is not subject to condensation will be considered. Keep item on the agenda.

Action Clerk

Finance.

429 It was proposed by Councillor Mr Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Cherry that the following accounts be presented for payment:-

SWEB Street Lighting	£ 2.82
Somer Community Housing Trust Room Hire	£ 47.00
C.F. Warner Salary + Stationary	£426.69
R.Millbank Grass Cutting	£290.00
Ironart of Bath Playing Field Gates.	£1221.00
S.Cherry Lock for Gates	£ 13.25

Items for the Bulletin

430 High Street Priority Point B&NES refuse to alter. Parishioners can approach B&NES direct. Phone number and address will be given. Questions concerning Sweeping etc should now be referred to a Councillor, not Mr Masdin. Date of next meeting.

Any other business.

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting.

431 The next meeting will be on the 20th September. There will not be a meeting in August.

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