

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH  
2005 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	

Apologies

Public Five Minutes

602 A member of the Public drew attention to the notice relating to the proposed double yellow lines. The public were not given enough time to make any observations. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to B&NES complaining that the notice gave insufficient time for replies to be made.

Action Clerk

Minutes of the Last Meeting

603 Item 576 Amend "resident" to read "residents". Item 586 amend "Village" to read "Parish". After which the minutes were signed as a true record of proceedings.

Matters Arising.

604/565 Warleigh Woods. It was agreed that a copy of the official objection to the work in Warleigh Woods be sent to the Planning Department, emphasising that the entrances to the wood are new.

Action Clerk

605/570 Village Sweeping. The dates and frequency of sweeping will again be put in the Bulletin.

Action Clerk

Warleigh Lane is not being swept. It was decided to approach the District Councillor, Mr A.Cox, for assistance.

606/578 Playing Field Car Park. The plans have been sent to Neil Harvey of the Planning Department. No reaction as yet.

607/594 Parish Office. It was felt that the rent being asked for the office at the Post Office is too high. The search for suitable premises continues.

Action Councillor Mrs Chambers  
Councillor Mr Ginn

608/600 Format of Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to hold this matter over until next year.

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### Committee Reports.

#### Amenities

609 Play Area. B&NES have given a grant of £895 (85% for the cost) towards the cost of replacement of the spring toy and repairs to the safety surface. It was agreed that work totalling a cost of £1379 plus the grant be put in hand. New benches are also required, but as yet a price has not been agreed.

610 It was agreed that the quote from Bath Parks Department for mowing the Playing Field, £50.00 + VAT per cut, and £150 to reinstate the goalmouth, be accepted.

Action Clerk

611 It was agreed that the quote from Mr R.Millbank for grass cutting in the village, £300.00 per month for 2 cuts be accepted. Action Clerk

612 It was agreed that if the plans for a car park for the playing field go ahead, the Parish Council should control the park. There should be a meeting with the Planning Department to consider the plans. A feasibility study would be necessary. It was agreed that the Parish Council would make available funds for this study.

#### Communications

613 Councillor Wickham is progressing with the design of a website. It is understood that there is a website in the village which has a page for Parish Council information. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owner of the site requesting that the site be headed by a disclaimer to the effect that the site is not necessarily seen by the Parish Council and does not reflect the views of the Council.

#### Finance and Administration

614 Standing Orders. Some sections are still awaited.

615 Code of Conduct. There will be a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

#### Highways

616 Plans for the footbridge will be put on display at the Annual Parish Meeting. More detail is required regarding the lighting. Work scheduled to be completed by end of August.

617 Footpath at Dunsford Motors is very overgrown. Letter has been written to B&NES.

618 Garages at Mountain Wood. One has been broken into. Chairman has written to Somer.

619 A letter has been received from a resident at Ashley Road regarding a tree that is obstructing the light to her house. It was agreed that a rely would be made to the effect that the Parish Council adheres to the District Council's policy of not cutting trees unless it is absolutely necessary. Action Clerk

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620 Some branches have fallen from a tree in the Crown Field. The Clerk will write to the Tree Officer at B&NES. Action Clerk

621 There have been reports that hedges in Morris Lane have been removed. Councillor Mrs Hooker will check. Action Councillor Mrs Hooker

621 At this point the Meeting was closed in order that a member of the public could give an update on the situation with the A36/A46 link. There has been no further progress. The Local Plan has been put back to next year. Meanwhile public consultation is still proceeding.

622 Park & Ride. There will be a meeting to consider the alternative proposals on the 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Parish Plan

623 The next questionnaire will be distributed on the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Finance.

624 The precept has been itemised. Copy attached.

625 It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Breeze, seconded by Councillor Mrs Chambers and agreed by the Council that computer equipment and software to the sum of £1100 be purchased for use in the Parish Office.

Local Channel

626 Remove from the agenda.

Working Group for Bulletin Front Page.

627 Keep on the Agenda

A363/Warleigh Lane Mirror

628 Remove from the Agenda.

Correspondence

629 Freedom of Information Act. ACLA will send latest information to the Chairman.

630 There have been some instances of harassment by youths in the vicinity of the school. Chairman will write to the local policeman.

Action Chairman

631 It has been reported that general rubbish is being deposited in the compost pit on the village green. A notice will be put in the bulletin pointing out that this pit is only for waste that can be composted. Action Clerk

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632 A reply has been received from the Airport Authority regarding the operational height of aircraft approaching Bristol Airport.

633 Letter from the Environment Agency regarding oil storage was noted.

634 Local Transport Plan. Copies of the plan were distributed to the Councillors.

635 Letter from the Police regarding the launch of the Community Contact Vehicle was noted.

Twinning

636 The Official Ceremony will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2005. Some 80 people from the French Village will attend. The local EMP will be invited.

637 A quote for signs will be obtained. Action Councillor Mrs Breeze

Items for the Bulletin

638 Compost Pit. Sweep Dates. Change of Clerk. Date of next meeting.

Any other business.

639 There was no other business.

640 Thanks were recorded to the retiring Clerk, Mr C.F.Warner, for his sixteen years work for the Parish.

Date of next meeting.

641 The next meeting will be held at 6.45pm on 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Hall preceding the Annual Parish Meeting.