

# St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Fuller (Chairman) C.B. Cllr J Bird  
Cllr P Fisher  
Cllr J Griffiths  
Cllr G Rawson  
Cllr N Annetts

[1] **APOLOGIES:** Cllr C Jones, Cllr K Ward

[2] **CONDOLENCES:** None

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed. **Prop PF Sec NA**

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** (a) The temporary pedestrian footpath at the Redrow development site has now been put back in place and although not entirely suitable, Cllr Fuller is happy and feels it is the best we will get for now. (b) Cllr Annetts confirmed that the smashed glass at the bus stops was cleared away within one week of the Clerk raising the issue with VoG. (c) C.B. Cllr Bird has requested that the Vale of Glamorgan Council replaces the benches with 2 new ones (including the one which was stolen) which will be paid for using 106 funding. (d) Cllr Fuller confirmed that the sale on the Church hall has now completed. The Village Millennium picture will be put on display in the Church and the money raised from the sale will be put back into the Church to help create a community area. (e) The VoG had placed a bid for funding for school improvements. The results of the bid should be released by the end of October, or early November at the latest. ***Cllr's Fuller and Bird to update.***

[5] **POLICE MATTERS:** Inspector Gary Smart attended the meeting in place of PCSO Dan Rees, who will attend when on duty. Inspector Smart confirmed that he will attempt to provide an individual break down of crime figures for St. Nicholas and Bonvilston prior to meetings. Cllr Fuller agreed that this information would be beneficial for the community instead of details on the wider area which had been submitted.

## St. Nicholas Figures

### **July**

- 1 report of violence against a person
- 1 report of criminal damage

### **August**

- 1 report of burglary of business and community
- 1 report of violence against a person

## **Bonvilston Figures**

### **July**

- 1 report of theft (mobile phone at Surplus Festival)

### **August**

- 1 report of historic harassment
- 1 report of road rage

Cllr Annetts asked Inspector Smart if he has recognised a trend in crime over the years. Inspector Smart responded that there has been a noticeable improvement within the past 20 to 30 years as crime is now dealt with very differently. This has had a positive impact as figures have decreased which has reassured communities. Cllr Bird raised that more feedback to those who report crime would be beneficial as it is quite poor at the moment. Should anyone wish to contact Inspector Smart directly, please email **[gary.smart@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gary.smart@south-wales.pnn.police.uk)**.

[6]     **LICENSING:**                      No Licensing Applications

[7]     **URGENT BUSINESS:**              None

### **[8]     CORRESPONDENCE:**

- An email was sent to the Head of Visible Services and Transport regarding the temporary footpath at the Redrow site. A response was received which advised that the Highway Development Manager would look into the issue and report back to the Clerk directly. ***Although the issue has been resolved, no response was received.***
- C1V confirmed that the Cleansing Team cleared away the smashed glass at the bus stops. Tony Spear, Cleansing Supervisor, confirmed that the Council assist event organisers by providing them with wheelie bins, litter pickers and as much equipment as possible. The event organisers pay VoG Council to clear away all rubbish collected and should any rubbish be left behind, VoG Council will clear it away and bill the event for payment. Sarah Jones, VoG Council Events Officer (who works with the event organisers) – 01446 704737. ***Cllr Annetts has requested a calendar of events – Clerk to enquire.***
- Certificates for Public Footpaths have been received for Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas and Stone Court, Bonvilston.
- Draft minutes of the OVW Bridgend/Cardiff and Vale Area Committee meeting held on 10th July 2017 are now available. ***Please see the Clerk for a copy. The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 23rd October at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge.***
- The latest edition of the Ombudsman's Casebook is now available for viewing. ***Please see the Clerk for a full copy.***
- A report has been provided on the update of the progress of the Reshaping Services programme. ***Please see the Clerk for a copy.***
- OVW training schedule – ***please see Clerk if you wish to see the full list of sessions and if you would like to book a place.***
- The Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched a new 3 year £670,000 funding scheme designed to support community-led organisations. The Strong Communities Fund has been created with the aim of making such groups less reliant on grants and developing innovative community initiatives and facilities across the whole of the Vale of

Glamorgan. *Please see Clerk for further information - Cllr Fisher added that as a Community Council, we need to be actively engaging with the community and providing evidence of a consultation. Cllr Bird suggested collaborating with an established event, to ensure residents attend. Cllr Fuller and Cllr Fisher to discuss.*

- The next meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held on 21st September. Should anyone wish to apply for dispensation, *please see the Clerk for an application form.*

**[9] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:**

**(a) County Borough Councillor –**

- **Cllr Bird** is hopeful that the school will be granted funding, which will allow for major improvements to be made to the building, Cllr Bird is still pushing for a complete new school with VoG Council Officers. **(2)** Work will commence on Junction 34 to Sycamore Cross in January 2018 with a view to completing early 2019. A VoG stakeholder event has been scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September for the proposed new access to the Airport route from Junction 34 of the M4, which Cllr Fuller will be attending. **(3)** VoG have been putting forward project ideas through 'City Deal', although proposals are unsuitable at present. **(4)** Cllr Bird is to attend an ABP meeting next week. Cllr Bird to propose turning the number 1 dock in Barry into a marina and also building a tidal cill gate at the old harbor which will benefit watersports in the Vale. **(5)** No letting policy has been agreed yet for the new builds in St. Nicholas, although it is good to have the option of affordable housing. Cllr Fuller asks if there have been any local enquiries made yet, to which Cllr Bird could not answer at present but will try and find out details from VoG including who the proposed social housing Associations will be for both developments.

**(b) Community Councillors -**

- **Cllr Fisher** shared there has been a £2,500 refurbishment of the Reading Room. Cllr Fisher suggested applying for funding through the 'Strong Communities' scheme to re-tarmac the car park. **Cllr Fisher and Cllr Fuller to discuss. (2)** The Vale officer for 'Keep Wales Tidy' wishes to conduct a community litter pick in Bonvilston. Equipment to be provided, the community would need to agree on a suitable date and confirm back to the officer. **(3)** The hedge at Bonvilston Cottage needs attention. Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road. **Clerk to issue letter.**
- **Cllr Griffiths** asked if it is likely that the bus stop in St. Nicholas will be moved, following a discussion at the June meeting. Cllr Bird confirmed that this has only been reviewed and no further action has been taken. **(2)** Cllr Griffiths raised concerns about the lack of speed cameras in the area, in particular in St. Nicholas. Could this be put in place, in particular at the traffic lights at the top of Dyffryn Lane leading onto the A48? Cllr Bird suggested S106 money be used for speeding signs. **To be raised with the Highways department at VoG.**
- **Cllr Rawson** – raised concerns about the queues of traffic running through St. Nicholas caused by the temporary traffic lights on recent weekends. Cllr Fuller hopes that work on weekends has now ended which should stop the build-up of traffic.

- **Cllr Annetts** – None.

- **Cllr Fuller** – None.

**(c) Reports on outside bodies –**

- **Cllr Rawson** – None.

- **Cllr Jones** to provide feedback at the October meeting from OVW AGM and Area

meeting to be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

(d) **The Clerk** None.

**(10) RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- **2015/00960/FUL: Land at Sycamore Cross, Pendoylan Lane and North of A48, Bonvilston:** Development of 120 homes including 120 affordable homes, new vehicle, pedestrian and cycle access. Improvement works to Pendoylan Lane. Regarding of site, drainage, landscape works, provision of public open space, demolition of existing modern timber stables and all associated works.
- **2017/00599/FUL: Benacre, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas:** Proposed loft conversion with rear facing box dormer and hip to half-gable to side.
- **2017/00597/FUL: Llan Yr Afon, Well Lane, St. Nicholas:** Demolish existing conservatory, and build a new single storey extension, with internal alterations, porch and fenestration.
- **2017/00665/FUL: 9 Village Farm, Bonvilston:** Storey corner extension, single storey rear extension and change of garage door and front elevation windows.

**(11) NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

*There were no declarations of interest*

- **2017/00307/FUL: Court Farm, A48, Bonvilston (Amended):** The erection of 1 No. residential dwelling.
- **2017/00797/FUL: Conifers, A48, St. Nicholas:** Extension to existing dwelling and general alterations.
- **2017/00861/FUL: Trehill Cottage, St. Nicholas:** Erection of a 5x5m x 7m double garage.
- **2017/00689/FUL: The Lodge, Cottrell Park, St. Nicholas:** Removal of existing ceiling joists to entrance lobby, exposing under side of thatch. Removal of existing decayed floor joists and replacing half the floor area with replacement, exposed joists and floor boards to create gallery and double height space, exposing under side of thatch.

**(12) PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:**

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| • The Clerk's salary for August | £90.00 | <b>Prop PF Sec JG</b> |
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**The following payments were approved during July, before the August meeting:**

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| • The Clerk's Salary for July | £161.40 | <b>Prop KF Sec PF</b> |
| • Laptop for the Clerk        | £836.70 |                       |

**(13) BUDGETARY CONTROL:** The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £7,044.76.

**(14) ANY OTHER MATTERS:** None

**(15) NEXT MEETING** will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at Trehill Hall.

This meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**NAOMI McGARRIGLE.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**