

# St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 5th June 2017 at 7.30p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Fuller (Chairman)  
Cllr I Perry  
Cllr J Griffiths  
Cllr G Rawson  
C.B.Cllr J Bird

[1] **APOLOGIES** Cllr P Fisher, Cllr N Annetts, Cllr C Jones, Cllr K Ward

[2] **CONDOLENCES** None.

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the AGM and previous meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 which had been circulated were confirmed and signed. **Prop JG Sec KF**

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** (a) **Cllr Fuller** has completed a Community Liaison Request for Consideration form, due to Police reports still not being made available and lack of Police attendance at council meetings. Clerk to post request form to the Vale council. (b) **The Clerk** has made contact with OVW to confirm that Cllr Jones has been re-elected as the Council representative following the AGM. Cllr Jones to confirm at the next meeting if he has started to receive correspondence from OVW. (c) **Cllr Fuller** has investigated the temporary footpath at the new development on the A48. Cllr Griffiths pointed out that bollards are now in place and although not ideal the situation is better. Cllr Fuller said that we would monitor the situation but pointed out that they are building a road which cuts over the verge and has been approved by the Vale Council.

[5] **POLICE MATTERS.** None

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

[7] **URGENT BUSINESS.** None

[8] **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, will be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Details to follow.
- The next OVW Bridgend/Cardiff & Vale area committee meeting and AGM will take place at 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge. **Cllr Fuller requests that the Clerk contact Cllr Jones to check if he is aware of this information.**
- Registers of Interest still need to be submitted by some members of the Council. **Cllr Perry, Cllr Griffiths & Cllr Fuller have requested a form – Clerk to post and all to be returned for the July meeting.**

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

**(a) County Borough Councillor -**

**Cllr Bird** shares that the first cabinet meeting was held today (05.06.17). There is very little feedback; the Christmas grant scheme and the cash grant scheme have both been discarded. The 'Strong Communities Grant Fund' has been created which will replace existing schemes and is set to be launched at the next Community Liaison Meeting in July. Community Councils will benefit from the improved system in many ways; 106 money will be passed through this scheme, it will become easier to apply for money and all applications will go before a board where a decision will be made from there.

The Vale Council is looking into road networks and in particular Junction 34 of the M4 and Bypass in Dinas. Cllr Bird is hopeful that funding will become available for Barry, should Alun Cairns be re-elected.

Cllr Bird confirms that the LDP has been found sound by an inspector and has been made available for public viewing.

**(b) Community Councillor's -**

**Cllr Griffiths** shares concerns regarding the thatched roofs of Smith's Cottages which appear to need some maintenance work at the back. These are listed buildings which are currently rented out to tenants. **Cllr Fuller to email the landlord, RJ.**

**Cllr Perry** raises concerns from local residents regarding the temporary footpath at the new development site on the A48. The current pedestrian island leaves little space for cyclists who have to mount the verge. Not only is this dangerous, it is causing damage to the daffodil bulbs which will be lost if this continues. Cllr Perry has attempted to contact the Vale Council via 'Contact One Vale' but has yet to receive a response to his email.

The current plans for the proposed 10 one bedroom's flats under the Vale Council's Affordable Housing initiative has left some residents querying the lack of nearby amenities. Cllr Bird suggests there may be a new bus stop, but this has not been looked at yet.

**Following the completion and distribution of the minutes, Cllr Perry requested to add the following comments;**

*I had been asked to raise concerns over vehicle speeds and the new junctions into the new developments - I believe that Cllr Griffiths raised the temporary footpath to the new gate into the fields.*

*The issues I raised were:*

*The design of the Redrow estate ignores "best practice" in terms of permeability and connectivity.*

*The bus stops in the village are too far from most of the new dwellings due to poor urban design.*

*The proposed gateway island to the village is potentially lethal.*

*The daffodils at the entrance to the village will be lost when a poorly considered cycle path is built over them.*

*Cllr Perry had been waiting for over a month to hear from council officers regarding his questions concerning the unsolved problems and issues associated with the new developments.*

*Cllr Bird had previously suggested a new bus stop, but at the meeting said that he didn't want an additional bus stop. He wanted the council to investigate moving the existing bus stop. Cllr Perry had pointed out that an additional bus stop may reduce bus patronage from Cowbridge.*

*He pointed out that moving the existing bus stops would most likely reduce bus patronage from existing dwellings such as those at Button Ride. Cllr Perry questioned whose house the any new bus stop would be built outside.*

*Whilst there will be some welcome benefit for people needing to cross the road on foot, the proposed traffic island will do little to reduce excessive vehicle speeds and create a pinch point on the A48, putting the many cyclists on time trials or training for the Olympics, etc. at risk of being hit by a motorist.*

*The proposed west bound cycle path at the entrance to the village will result in the daffodils that were planted many decades ago being paved over - and it's unlikely that anyone will use the cycle path.*

*Cllr Bird interrupted to say that there should be a law to make "cyclists" use the cycle paths. Cllr Perry and Griffiths described the existing cycle paths in the Vale of Glamorgan as "terrible" - hence rarely used, even by people who are cycling.*

*Cllr Bird challenged Cllr Perry's qualification... Then pointed out that "this is Britain", rather than the Netherlands where Cllr Perry gained much of his qualification in speaking about the urban environment - including urban and cycling infrastructure design.*

**In response to Cllr Perry's amendments, Cllr Bird replied with the following comments;**

*I would state that the quote from myself was that the position of bus stops would be looked into in a full report and I did not state that I was against another stop but I suggested I would be unlikely as it would affect the schedule.*

*I have answered all of these question's in detail to Ian prior to the meeting by email*

*I have also answered the same question which he sent to Jane Hut.*

**On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, all additional comments made by Cllr Perry and Cllr Bird were approved by Cllr Fuller, Cllr Rawson and Cllr Griffith's who were present at the Council Meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**(c) Reports on outside bodies –**

**Cllr Rawson** has yet to attend any Community Liaison meetings. Cllr Jones to provide feedback at next meeting from One Voice Wales.

**(d) The Clerk     None.**

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

- 2017/00036/FUL Court Farm, Bonvilston – Proposed 2 storey extension to enlarge garage and form additional bedroom to first floor – APPROVED

**(11) NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

***There were no declarations of interest***

- 2017/00480/FUL Parkside, Bonvilston – Change of use of existing redundant stables to self-contained holiday let and the construction of two storey wing.

**Cllr Fisher** raised the following questions:

- Are there conditions applied to properties designated as 'Holiday Let'?
- How does the proposed building blend in with the adjacent property? In particular the roof lines.

**Clerk to submit these as 'comments' on the application.**

To help answer the first question, Cllr Bird confirms the following information:

- There is a maximum 3 week let to the same person
- The owners must display a visitors book
- If the property is no longer let as a holiday home, the property must revert back to its original intention.

**(12) PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:**

- The Clerk's salary for April and May      £333.05      **Prop JG Sec GR**

**(13) BUDGETARY CONTROL**      *Cllr Fuller* is still waiting for details from the Vale Council regarding a laptop for the Clerk.

**(14) ANY OTHER MATTERS**      None

**(15) NEXT MEETING**      will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at Trehill Hall.

This meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**NAOMI McGARRIGLE.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**