

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 9th April 2018 at Trehill.

PRESENT: Cllr P Fisher (Vice Chair) Cllr I Perry
Cllr J Griffiths
Cllr G Rawson
Cllr N Annetts
Cllr K Ward

[1] **APOLOGIES:** Cllr K Fuller, CB Cllr Bird, Cllr C Jones

[2] **CONDOLENCES:** None

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting of Monday 5th March 2018, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed. **Prop NA Sec JG**

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** (a) Cllr Perry confirmed that no further action has been taken by VoG to reduce the brightness of the street light outside Eastleigh **ACTION: Clerk to chase Highways.** (b) Cllr Fisher confirmed that the Code of Conduct training, which took place on Monday 26th March, was a success. (c) The Clerk confirmed that the final draft of the Local Lettings and Sales Policy has been submitted to Carol Price at the VoG. No issues have been raised and no amendments were required.

[5] **POLICE MATTERS:** PCSO Rees was in attendance and was able to share the following information (a) A large cannabis factory has recently been discovered in Tre-Dodridge, Bonvilston, which was found by the gas board. All cannabis has been ceased and the suspect found. PCSO Rees confirmed this is the largest set-up the police have found in this area to date. The property was being managed by a third agency, who were unaware of the work being carried out at the property. (b) PCSO Rees asked Councillors and residents to be aware of cold callers, in particular people who are posing as police officers. Residents should always request to see ID before allowing someone into their home. Cllr Perry shared that residents have recently received a high volume of fraudulent phone calls. PCSO Rees asked that all suspicious phone calls be reported to Action Fraud or 101. PCSO Rees encouraged residents to install BT Call Guardian, which will stop withheld telephone numbers. PCSO Rees added that there have been reports of people calling at houses offering gardening services. Residents need to be cautious and should not agree to have any work undertaken.

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

[7] **URGENT BUSINESS:** Cllr Fisher proposed to increase the Clerk's pay increment;

- Current Scale Point SCP 22 £10.74
- New Scale Point SCP 23 £11.05

Cllr Fisher asked the Council to consider awarding the Clerk the proposed increment as a successful completion of her first year of employment with the Council. **Prop GR Sec KW**

[8] CORRESPONDENCE:

- The VoG have released a Notice of Public Consultation, in relation to the M4 Junction 34 to A48 Sycamore Cross Transport improvements; **(a)** Tuesday 17th April 12pm – 7pm (drop in session) at the Vale Hotel **(b)** Wednesday 18th April 10am – 5pm (drop in Session) at Cottrell Park Golf Club. ***This information will be posted on the Community Council Website and notices will be placed on the notice boards.***
- The Valeways guided walks programme for April – June is now available. ***Information will be placed on the notice boards.***

[9] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:

(a) County Borough Councillor –

- Cllr Bird to provide a report at the meeting in May.

(b) Community Councillors –

- **Cllr Annetts** confirmed that the litter pick in Bonvilston has been rescheduled for Friday 27th April, meeting at the village hall at 3pm. All welcome.
- **Cllr Rawson** – None
- **Cllr Griffiths** confirmed that a large amount of caballing has been found at Tinkinswood, possibly as a result of fly tipping. PCSO Rees advised Cllr Griffiths to report the incident via 101.
- **Cllr Ward** – Confirmed that street lights 72 and 73 are out. **ACTION: Clerk to check if this can be reported via the App on the VoG website.**
- **Cllr Perry - (a)** Commented that the large volume of traffic on the A48, which was queuing at Sycamore Cross, was a result of an accident on the M4 last week. A separate accident on the link road recently also caused long delays at Sycamore Cross. **(b)** Cllr Perry reported that Waterstone Homes have left a large pile of earth next to their development site, which is being washed down the A48 due to the rain. Waterstone Homes need to put the grass back. **ACTION: Clerk to report to Highways. (c)** Cllr Perry shared that he has been canvassing within St. Nicholas, talking with residents and gathering opinions on practical ways of utilising S106 money. Cllr Perry has been notified of issues between residents and the Community Council and that some residents feel the Community Council act as a private club. The Clerk confirmed that she has received emails from residents, supporting proposals for ideas such as a public footpath in St. Nicholas. Cllr Perry is keen to hear the opinion of the Community Council and what can we do to proactively support these proposals? Cllr Fisher expressed that he understood the resident's opinion of the Community Council but added that there has never been a consultation event held before. Cllr Fisher expressed that the recent consultation event was open and informative. No issues were raised about footpaths. Cllr Perry explained that his request for a presentation to be added to the agenda was rejected. The Clerk rejected this request due to presentations at previous meetings causing disagreements between Councillors. Cllr Perry will be able to add a presentation to the May agenda, should he still wish to present his findings to the Council. Cllr Fisher confirmed this is not a Community Council sponsored survey and holds no resemblance to the way in which the Community Council conducted the consultation. **(d)** Cllr Perry shared with the Council that he has potentially found someone who would be interested in filling the vacancy

in St. Nicholas (possibly 2 people). **ACTION: Clerk to contact OVW and ask for guidance on filling vacancies.** Cllr Griffiths queried if an additional vacancy would be become available now that additional houses have been built in the area. Cllr Fisher was unsure at this time.

- **Cllr Fisher** wishes to revise the Council's Standing Orders. The Council agreed this would be useful, and that a place for public speaking is required on the agenda. **ACTION: Clerk to make enquiries with OVW and update the Council at the meeting in May.**

(c) Reports on outside bodies –

- **Cllr Rawson (a)** recently attended the Community Liaison Committee meeting on Wednesday 21st March where representatives were provided with a long report on drug dealing within Barry. Large organised groups are recruiting new members within the area. The VoG and SWP are working together to manage the issue. More information to be reported at the next meeting. **(b)** It has been confirmed that burial authorities in Wales will not charge any fees in relation to the standard of burial or cremation of a child, defined for these purposes as a person under the age of 18. The Clerk confirmed that neither St. Nicholas or Bonvilston are classed as a burial authority, although the information is useful to keep should queries be raised by residents in the future. Cllr Rawson provided the Clerk with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. Please request a copy should you wish to see the full report.
- **Cllr Jones** – None

(d) The Clerk - None

[10] RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- **REFUSED - Land to the South of the A48, Bonvilston:** Proposed residential development, associated highway and ancillary works and the change of use of unused land to the rear of The Reading Room to enable community use.
- **APPROVED – Homri Farm, Well Lane, St. Nicholas:** Demolition of existing dilapidated extensions to the rear of the original farmhouse. Building of replacement extensions to the rear of the building, new double garage to the side of the house and new porch to the front of the house.
- **REFUSED – Brooklands Farm, Brook Lane, St. Nicholas:** Proposed demolition of existing buildings, change of use, conversion and extension of existing barns to create residential dwelling with home office and parking.

[11] NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no declarations of interest.

- **2018/00212/FUL Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston:** Variation of conditions 1&2 of planning permission 2017/00024/FUL: To change to the external cladding of an existing agricultural barn/storage facility

[12] PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:

- Clerk March Salary £209.88 **Prop KW Sec JG**

• OVW Code of Conduct Training 26.03.18	£409.20	Prop NA Sec JG
- Bonvilston Reading Room	£22.50	
- OVW Bespoke Training Session	<u>£386.70</u>	
- Cost per person	<u>£20.46</u>	

[13] BUDGETARY CONTROL: The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £8713.00.

[14] ANY OTHER MATTERS: (a) Cllr Fisher submitted a presentation on the findings of the consultation event for both St. Nicholas and Bonvilston; hand-outs were provided. Cllr's Fisher and Annetts went through all text responses and grouped the views into a number of categories. This was a subjective exercise, although Cllr Fisher has tried to be as impartial and consistent as possible across both communities. Cllr Fisher's aim is to go back to residents and offer an explanation of what we can do as a Community Council. Cllr Fuller confirmed with Cllr Fisher that it is the School's ambition to integrate a Community facility within the new plans when re-building the School. The Council unanimously agreed that they would like the Head to come and discuss this proposal with them. This can be arranged for either the meeting in May or June. Cllr Annetts expressed that the space next to Maes y Ffynon needs to be used positively and queried if there is potential for a children's play area to be built or can the space at the Reading Room be used? Cllr Fisher added that it has not been confirmed if the space next to the Reading Room is ours yet. Cllr Fisher further explained that Bonvilston do not have access to S106 money. Should Bonvilston wish to apply for funding, this will have to be sourced through the Stronger Communities scheme. **ACTION: Cllr Fisher to inform Cllr Fuller of the Council's decision.** **(b)** Cllr Fisher informed the Council, with the approval of the Council, of his proposal to meet with Charlotte Pugh from the VoG along with Cllr Fuller and Cllr Bird on Friday 20th April 2018 to discuss what assistance the VoG can be in fulfilling some of the wishes of the residents within St. Nicholas and Bonvilston. Cllr Fisher further explained this is not a decision-making exercise, but to simply gather more facts before feeding back to residents. Cllr Fisher proposed to set a date to meet with residents at the meeting in May. Cllr Fisher added that he will enquire with Charlotte Pugh as to how they can incorporate Cllr Perry's findings. The Council unanimously agreed to Cllr Fisher's proposal. **ACTION: Cllr Fisher to inform Cllr's Fuller and Bird.** **Prop GR Sec JG**

[15] NEXT MEETING The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 14th May 2018 at Trehill Hall, which will be followed by the monthly meeting.

This meeting closed at 8:30pm.

NAOMI McGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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Date