

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr K Fuller (Chairman) Cllr C Jones
Cllr P Fisher Cllr K Ward
Cllr J Griffiths
Cllr G Rawson
Cllr N Annetts

[1] **APOLOGIES** Cllr I Perry, C.B. Cllr J Bird

[2] **CONDOLENCES** None

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting of 5th June 2017 which had been circulated, Cllr Perry and C.B. Cllr Bird requested to raise additional comments. As Cllr Perry and Cllr Bird were unable to attend tonight's meeting, their responses were submitted electronically and were read out by Cllr Fuller to the Council. The additional comments were agreed by those present at the meeting on 5th June. These have now been added to the minutes by the Clerk. Cllr Fuller to sign the minutes at the September meeting. **Prop JG Sec GR**

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** (a) Cllr Fuller confirms that the Request for Consideration has been received by the VoG regarding Police not attending Council meetings or sending in statistical information to the Council and will be raised at the next Community Liaison Committee meeting on Tuesday 4th July. ***Cllr Rawson to report back to the Council at the September meeting.*** (b) Cllr Jones confirms that he has received correspondence from OVW regarding the AGM and Area meeting on Monday 10th July and that he will be attending. ***Cllr Jones to report back to the Council at the September meeting.*** (c) Registers of Interests have been received from Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Fuller. ***A report is still needed from Cllr Perry.*** (d) Following the concerns raised by Cllr Griffiths at the June meeting, Cllr Fuller confirms that he has spoken with the landlord of Smith's Cottages who has confirmed that work is scheduled to be carried out on the thatched roofs in August. (e) Following the discussion raised at the June meeting by Cllr Perry regarding the daffodils in St. Nicholas, Cllr Griffiths believes that they are not an original feature of the village. Cllr Rawson comments that they are only a 'fairly' recent addition to the village, and perhaps have only been there for approx. 20 years. ***Cllr Fuller*** will contact the Council and hopefully reach a mutual agreement can be reached that the daffodil bulbs can be re-positioned once the new cycle path has been finalised.

[5] **POLICE MATTERS.** None

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

[7] **URGENT BUSINESS.** None

[8] CORRESPONDENCE:

- Information has been received from OVW regarding the launch of the 'Growing Spirit Community Launch'. The Clerk circulates information received from OVW, the deadline for new ideas is 11th September 2017. ***Cllr Fuller requests that the information be displayed on the Council website.***
- OVW has confirmed that the next Code of Conduct training will take place on Tuesday 18th July in Bridgend at 6.30pm to 9pm. Please see the Clerk to book a place on the course as soon as possible.
- Public consultation has now started on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's draft Active Travel Integrated Network Maps. These maps set out the Authority's aspirations for improving active travel routes across the County over the next 15 years. The plans are available to view via <http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/activetravel>. The deadline for public responses is 15th September 2017.
- The Valeways July – September guide is now available. A copy will go on each notice board.

[9] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:

(a) County Borough Councillor – None

(b) Community Councillors -

- ***Cllr Fisher*** reported that the fencing panels behind the electrical boxes for the traffic lights, adjacent to Mrs. Enid Evans house, at Sycamore Cross have blown down. Cllr Bird has emailed the Head of Visible Services and Transport at the VoG Council, who has responded and confirmed that the highways department will visit the site and deal with the incident as appropriate. Once action has been taken, Cllr Bird will be emailed directly.
- ***Cllr Rawson*** – None
- ***Cllr Griffiths*** shares concerns that the temporary footpath at the new housing development site has now been taken away completely. Developers still need to cater for pedestrians. ***Clerk to email E. Reed at VoG.***
- ***Cllr Jones*** - None
- ***Cllr Ward*** - None
- ***Cllr Annetts*** has noticed that there is smashed glass at the Maes y Ffylon bus stop (Cardiff bound, A48) which will need to be cleared away. Cllr Annetts later confirmed after the meeting that glass bottles had been found at the Cowbridge bound bus stop (A48) in Bonvilston, which he had cleared away himself. It is likely that the smashed glass and littering is linked to the recent 'Surplus' festival which took place on the 30th June – 2nd July. ***Cllr Fuller requests that the Clerk email C1V to raise these incidents and request that the smashed glass is cleared away as a matter of urgency.***
- ***Cllr Perry*** (As Councillor Perry was unable to attend tonight's meeting, an electronic report was submitted to Cllr Fuller which was read to the Councillors);

Since our last meeting, we've seen horrific images from London, where politicians being "efficient" and cutting corners and costs have ignored local people and those with expertise. It seems that numerous people with knowledge and expertise warned of the dangers associated with the refurbishment and modernisation of tower blocks, but the people with the power to keep people safe, chose to ignore them.

I have finally received a reply from the Vale council, and some of my questions concerning the new developments were partially answered. I'm told that the planners (quote) "try to ensure the proposals do not overdevelop a site and do not result in significant adverse impacts." - without defining what a 'significant adverse impact' is.

The council will look into using sustainable transport funds to provide new bus stops. Whilst they haven't suggested where these new stops would be sited, the logical place for the east bound services would be just beyond the entrance to the Waterstones development, however, this would require the proposed traffic island to either not be built, removed or moved further east (or west). Clearly, the politicians and officers have not fully thought through the implications of the new housing - and expertise has been ignored.

The appeal of Park and Ride bus services is that there are few stops along the route. Adding more stops to conventional services because of a failure of planners, urban designers and politicians makes conventional bus services less attractive to use.

Andrew RT Davies has been using the press to pressurise the council and Welsh Government to press ahead with more road building. I can answer the questions he asked... Oxford University own the land to the east of Five-Mile Lane. Archaeological excavations are ongoing, and the building of the new road will not commence until this is completed. We've seen too many historical and archaeological sites destroyed in recent years, particularly in Iraq and Syria. The ignorance and vanity of politicians must not be allowed to claim sites here in the Vale.

The new roads proposed for the Vale of Glamorgan by the Conservative Party are likely reduce air quality, increase carbon emissions and increase travel by car. I've seen no mention as to how they propose to solve the problems at key junctions: Culverhouse Cross, Barons Court and Merrie Harrier.

Should a replacement road for Five-Mile Lane be built, it's very likely to increase traffic through St Nicholas. A new road from Sycamore Cross to junction 34 would likely do likewise, especially when there are problems on the A4232 before junction 33. Proposals for a St Nicholas by-pass will be back on the agenda.

In the meantime, smarter places are investing in sustainable transport choices, and building infrastructure that is fit for purpose.

- **Cllr Fuller** shares with the Council that **(a)** the bench opposite the war memorial in St. Nicholas has been stolen. VoG Council has confirmed that it will be replaced. **(b)** The Church Hall in St. Nicholas has now been sold, with a view to being developed into a property. Contracts are due to be exchanged within a few weeks. **(c)** Work on the church roof is now complete. **(d)** A meeting has been planned to discuss the Section 106 money which has been provided to the St. Nicholas Primary School, and how the money can be spent within the school. Charlotte Pugh, Senior Planner at the VoG Council, will also be attending the meeting to discuss the Community Benefits. **Cllr Fuller to report back to the Council at the September meeting.** **(e)** Cllr Fuller has

received a quote from the VoG Council for the Clerk's laptop;

Lap top - £533.59
Office Software – £173.46
Anti Virus - £13.99

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Cllr Fuller to confirm with VoG that the Council is happy to go ahead with the purchase.

The Clerk is to liaise with VoG regarding the purchase and submit payment.

(c) Reports on outside bodies –

- **Cllr Rawson** confirms the next Community Liaison Committee Meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 4th July. Cllr Rawson to report back at the September meeting.
- **Cllr Jones** to provide feedback at the September meeting from OVW AGM and Area meeting to be held on Monday 10th July.

(d) The Clerk None.

(10) RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- **2017/00126/FUL Land to the North and East of Tudor Lodge, A48, Bonvilston** – Resurfacing of section of existing track – APPROVED
- **2017/00369/FUL Meyrick House, St. Nicholas** - Demolition of Meyrick House and Replacement with Two Houses including Altered Access and Car Parking – APPROVED

The following response has been received from Peter Thomas, Senior Planner, at VoG Council in relation to the questions raised by Cllr Fisher at the June meeting for planning application; **Parkside, Bonvilston (Change of use of existing redundant stables to self-contained holiday let and the construction of two storey wing).**

- **Are there conditions applied to properties designated as 'Holiday Let'?**

In answer to the first question I can confirm that conditions are usually applied to holiday let accommodation limiting its use to holiday accommodation and requiring a register of occupants (including dates they occupied) to be kept.

- **How does the proposed building blend in with the adjacent property? In particular, the roof lines?**

In response to your second question, it is not for the local planning authority to give you a view on this. Your Council will need to reach its own conclusions on this matter and make observation as you see fit.

(11) NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no declarations of interest

- **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. New single storey extension, internal alterations, porch and fenestration.
- **2017/00435/FUL Conifers, St. Nicholas** – Replacement of all existing timber framed, single glazed windows and doors with uPVC double glazed units, to match existing. Kitchen window is to be replaced with a set of French Doors.

The Chair and Vice Chair confirmed prior to the meeting that they had no comments on these new applications and there were subsequently no comments made by Community Councilors at the meeting.

(12) PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:

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| • The Clerk's salary for June | £197.56 | All Agreed |
| • HMRC for April & May | £1.20 | |

Cllr Fuller asked if payments to the Clerk be approved by the Chair and Vice Chair on a regular basis between meetings and be reported at the next available Council meeting for information. All agreed

(13) BUDGETARY CONTROL None

(14) ANY OTHER MATTERS Cllr Fuller stated that Vice Chair and he would continue to comment on planning matters on behalf of the Community Council during the summer recess and report back at the September meeting. If there are any urgent matters which need to be considered by the Council during the summer recess a meeting request will be sent to all. Cllr Fuller wished everyone a happy summer break.

(15) NEXT MEETING will be held on Monday 4th September 2017 at Trehill Hall.

This meeting closed at 8.00pm.

NAOMI McGARRIGLE.

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Chairman

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Date