

## St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at Trehill Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Trehill.

**PRESENT:** Cllr K Fuller (Chairman)                      Cllr P Fisher  
                  Cllr C Jones    Cllr I Perry  
                  Cllr G Rawson    CB Cllr J Bird  
                  Cllr N Annetts    Cllr J Griffiths  
                  Cllr K Ward

[1] **APOLOGIES:**                      None

[2] **CONDOLENCES:**                      None

[3] **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed. **Prop CJ Sec GR**

[4] **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** (a) Wendi Huggett at OVW has confirmed with the Clerk that the trainer is available on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March for the Code of Conduct training. The Clerk confirmed that all remaining places have been taken by Councillors from other Councils, which will offset the cost. **The training will take place at the Reading Room, 18:00 to 21:00.** (b) Cllr Fuller confirmed he will cover Hafod Housing and the Local Lettings and Sales Policy under 'Urgent Business'. (c) Cllr Fuller commented that there is no official start date for the Bonvilston housing development. Cllr Bird has noticed the start of some work. Cllr Fuller further explained that Carol Price at VoG has confirmed that affordable housing will be made available on the site. (c) Cllr Fisher has sent photographs of the pavements and footpaths which require further clearing to Cllr Bird, who has sent them to Emma Reed at VoG. Cllr Bird is awaiting feedback. (d) The Clerk has made contact with Colin Chorley, in place of Michael Clogg, regarding the new street light which is causing problems for the residents at Eastleigh. As raised in the February meeting by Cllr Perry, the new light is extremely bright and is a distraction in the evenings even though blackout blinds have been installed. CC explained to the Clerk that the new lamp has replaced an existing lamp, which has a lower lumen output than the original but it may appear brighter as it is now LED. CC advised the Clerk that he will speak with MC when he returns to work; it may be possible to cover the lamp with a shield which will lower the brightness. **ACTION: Cllr Perry to advise resident of this information.**

[5] **POLICE MATTERS:** PCSO Rees was unable to attend tonight's meeting, no email has been sent to the Clerk or Cllr Fuller. **ACTION: Clerk to make contact with PCSO Rees.**

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

[7] **URGENT BUSINESS:** Cllr Fuller confirmed that the amendments made to the Local Lettings and Sales Policy were agreed by VoG and Hafod Housing, and a final draft was sent to Cllr Fuller to be formally accepted at tonight's meeting. Cllr Annetts queried what would

happen should tenants fall into rent arrears or receive an anti-social behavior order. Cllr Bird explained that housing associations manage scenarios of this nature quite well, and often they are rectified quickly. Cllr Fuller has received confirmation from Carol Price that should a buyer wish to sell their home in the future, the policy will still apply to new buyers and will be written to conveyancing documents.

After a short discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to accept the policy. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Carol Price, VoG.** **Prop JG Sec KF**

**[8] CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils 2016-17 is now available for viewing. **Please see the Clerk if you would like a copy.**

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

**(a) County Borough Councillor -**

- **(a)** Cllr Bird confirmed that the budget for 2018/19 has been set; £1 million is to be spent on highways and £2 million is set to be spend on road repairs. There will be a rise in council tax of 3.9%, which is estimated to generate a saving of £6 million. This saving will create funding for future expenses such as snow clearance and school closures. **(b)** Cllr Bird shared that new road works has commenced on the five mile lane. New LED lighting is currently being installed throughout the Vale. **(c)** Cllr Bird shared that there is a consultation to be held in the near future in relation to the WELtag stage 2. Cllr Bird encourages Councillors and residents to attend the consultation, as this is your chance to have your say. Residents need to carefully consider the impact the end result will have on the volume of traffic. Potentially this could result in an increase of traffic on the M4 but reduce the traffic at Culver House Cross, it is inevitable that this will have an impact on all major Vale roads.

**(b) Community Councillors -**

- **Cllr Fisher (a)** Following the recent snow blizzard, residents noticed that a road cleaner had parked in an awkward place in Village Farm. Cllr Fisher, along with other residents, considered this dangerous on the driver's behalf. Cllr Bird explained that the vehicle has a license and is entitled to use nearest pump available to them at the time.
- **Cllr Rawson** - None
- **Cllr Ward** - None
- **Cllr Annetts - (a)** Shared concerns over the increasing number of pot holes at the entrance to Village Farm, which seem to be getting bigger. Cllr Bird advised Cllr Annetts that he is able to report this using an app, which can be found on the Vale of Glamorgan website. Using the app enables residents to accurately report where the pot hole is and track the progress of their query. **(b)** Due to the snow and bad weather conditions on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the scheduled litter pick with Keep Wales Tidy was cancelled. Cllr Annetts is hoping another date can be confirmed as soon as possible.
- **Cllr Jones** - Cllr Jones questioned where the grit box had gone from the top of Maes y Ffynon and asked if it could be found. Cllr Annetts shared that people had abandoned their cars during the bad weather, which blocked the entrance to Maes y Ffynon. Cllr Bird advised Cllr Annetts to take photos in future and inform the police.
- **Cllr Perry - (a)** Cllr Perry has noticed that the details of the previous PCSO are still showing on the SWP website. This will need updating. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up**

**with SWP. (b)** Cllr Perry has made contact with PCSO Dan Rees and was able to provide the Council the following information; (i) Opportunist theft of vehicle by the post box in St. Nicholas. Helicopter mobilized in pursuit. The vehicle was taken via Dyffryn Lane to Cardiff, although it was not recovered. (ii) Please advise neighbours of fraudsters contacting them by telephone. There has recently been an incident in the community involving a 98 year old resident. (iii) The owner of the abandoned vehicle in the Reading Room car park has been identified and contacted. (iv) Mi Home Care are checking the ownership of layby outside their offices. (v) The horsebox, which has been parked outside the police station for some time, is not committing any offence. PCSO Rees is unsure whether this is a private or Council matter. (vi) Theft from sheds is still ongoing. **(c)** Cllr Perry recently conducted a Facebook survey, which was issued to the residents of St. Nicholas to help summarise which amenities residents would like to see in the village. The choice of having a pub scored the highest, closely followed by a shop or a segregated cycleway (linking residents to places such as Amelia Trust Farm and The Downs). **(d)** Since the February meeting, Cllr Perry has undertaken further research into the potential development of a cycle route, leading from Culver House Cross to Bridgend (A48), with funding possibly made available using S106 money. Cllr Perry shared that cycle routes along the A48 have been confirmed; in particular Land to the East of Mink Hollow, St. Nicholas, which was granted a planning obligation by deed of agreement on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The agreement includes a 'Sustainable Transport Contribution' of £34,000 towards 'Sustainable Transport Facilities'. Further reports show that the Land to the East of St. Nicholas, has also been granted a planning obligation by deed of agreement on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The agreement includes a 'Communities Facilities Contribution' of £97,861.50 towards 'Community Facilities' and a 'Sustainable Transport Contribution' of £198,000 towards 'Sustainable Transport Facilities'. Cllr Perry provided the Council with a map of the local transport plan, information on the Vale for Money Assessment for Cycling Grants and a summary on the benefits and costs of cycling infrastructure investment. Cllr Perry raised that the VoG receive very little money for such projects compared to other counties. Cllr Perry suggested that if flat land is bought in fields, the cycle routes would be safer (images of fields in St. Nicholas provided, with suggested cycle routes). Cllr Perry provided cost examples for the construction of the cycle paths.

**(c) Reports on outside bodies –**

- **Cllr Rawson** – None
- **Cllr Jones** – None

**(d) The Clerk** - None

**[10] RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- **2017/00307/FUL Court Farm, A48, Bonvilston:** The erection of 1 No. residential dwelling.
- **2017/01182/FUL Tudor Lodge, A48, Bonvilston:** Retention of building as erected.

**[11] NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

*There were no declarations of interest.*

- **2018/00122/FUL Hendrescythan, Redway Road, Bonvilston:** Proposed

refurbishment and remodeling of existing dwelling, with two storey extension to rear, with demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage.

- **2018/00129/FUL Ty Groes Farm, A48, Bonvilston:** Proposed agricultural access.
- **2018/00141/ADV Land at Sycamore Cross, Bonvilston:** Post mounted aluminum composite 'V' board sign located at the site to promote the development as coming soon. Additional post mounted single panel sign located at far end of site overlooking A48.
- **2018/00155/FUL Sycamore Farm, A48, Bonvilston:** The proposal of 4 x 5 bedroom dwellings and 2 x 2 affordable dwellings with associated parking and turning area and external amenity space. The proposals also include for revised vehicle access to Sycamore Farm and a detached garage. **ACTION: Clerk to submit objection on behalf of the Council. See summary on presentation created by Cllr Fisher.**

**Prop NA Sec PF**

**[12] PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:**

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| • Clerk February Salary                   | £234.12 | <b>Prop KF Sec PF</b> |
| • OVW 2018/19 Membership                  | £104.00 | <b>Prop PF Sec KF</b> |
| • Survey Monkey (Cllr Fisher paid via DD) | £105.00 | <b>Prop KF Sec PF</b> |

**[13] BUDGETARY CONTROL:** The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £7909.12.

The Clerk presented the Council with the proposed forecast for 2018/19, which had been prepared by Cllr's Fuller and Fisher with further suggestions made by the Clerk. The Council unanimously agreed to accept the proposal.

**Prop NA Sec PF**

**[14] ANY OTHER MATTERS: (a)** Following the submission of questionnaires in connection with the consultation event, Cllr Fisher had prepared a slide show to present the results to the Council. Cllr Fisher would like to finalise the event by holding a feedback session for residents. A time and date will need to be set, preferably at the next meeting. Cllr Fisher queried what would be the best way to let residents know about the feedback session. Cllr Bird suggested putting together a newsletter, which will state the date and time for the feedback session. This will need to be delivered to every house. Cllr Fisher would like other Councillors to put themselves forward to help analyse the results before the feedback sessions. Cllr Bird further suggested that separate feedback sessions should be held; one for St. Nicholas and one for Bonvilston. This will make it easier to identify problems and areas in need of work. Eventually, feedback will need to be provided to VoG and Creative Rural Communities. **Councillors Fuller and Annetts put themselves forward to help Cllr Fisher to analyse the results. (b)** Cllr Bird shared with the Council that he has received news that the National Framework Directive has submitted a proposal, along with HRT and Geriant John Planning Association, which states their intention to build a minimum of 5 thousand homes from the North of the A48 (Sycamore Cross) leading to The Downs. It is intended that this development will cover 3 to 4 acres of land. Cllr Bird has submitted his objection; he is unsure whether a development of such a large scale will go ahead in the future, but he will keep the Council informed as and when updates are received.

**[15] NEXT MEETING** will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Trehill Hall.

This meeting closed at 8:45pm.

**NAOMI McGARRIGLE.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**