

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Bitton Parish Council held at the Community and Youth building, rear of Redfield Edge Primary School, High Street, Oldland Common on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Allinson, R Allinson, M Bridge, S Bromiley, R Coales, L Efthymiou, P Hughes, J Ivens, V McNab, S Rickerby, A Thomas and E Williams

Officer: Mrs S Robbins – Clerk

There was also present one member of the public.

The Chairman outlined the procedures for exit from the building in the event of an emergency

187. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Hawking and C Thompson.

188. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

189. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8 October and 5 November 2018 were presented.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received as presented.

190. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5 November 2018 were presented.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received as presented.

191. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk drew the attention of Councillors to a consultation by Bath & North East Somerset Council proposing a Clean Air Zone for Bath City Centre. Residents were concerned that this would lead to an increase in traffic travelling from the M4 using the lanes around Beach and Upton Cheyney to get south of Bath, avoiding the significant charges of driving through Bath.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council.

192. BUDGET FOR 2019/20

The Environment and Leisure Committee had made recommendations in respect of matters with which that group is concerned. The Finance Committee had made recommendations in respect of other matters and the setting of the precept.

RESOLVED that the matter be further considered at the next meeting.

193. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Clerk submitted Appendix A of the Document Retention and Disposal policy for approval.

RESOLVED that Appendix A be added to the Document Retention and Disposal policy.

194. COMMUNITY AND YOUTH BUILDING

The Clerk outlined the proposed contract to install an internet connection to the building. Those present thanked Councillor S Rickerby for the work she had done on this project. The Clerk reported that she had met with the architect to agree a list of outstanding work on the building before the final payment could be made.

The Clerk outlined the proposals for a fence to be erected around the site.

Those present discussed a project to provide a tarmac path to the building inside the proposed fence and to create an area of hardstanding to the front of the building for parking and outdoor use by the youth club.

RESOLVED a. that the Council enter into a contract with Virgin Media to provide an internet connection to the building with an installation cost of £50 + VAT and a monthly payment of £32 + VAT.

b. that the Council agree to the plans to provide a 2.2 metre high fence around the land leased plus that area south of the site as far as the Sir Bernard Lovell School playing fields which, once the fencing had been erected, it would maintain. Cost of fencing quoted as £5,005.83.

c. that the Clerk would obtain estimates of the cost to provide a tarmacked area to the north and east of the building and that this be added to the list of projects for consideration of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

d. that the Clerk investigate with Warmley Rangers F.C. to infill the pothole at the junction of the entrance to the car park from the drive.

195. DEFIBRILLATOR IN BITTON

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress on this project.

RESOLVED that the project be included on the list for possible CIL funding.

196. BUS SERVICES

It was reported that the bus stop outside the Dentists' Surgery in Oldland Common had now been decommissioned as required. An electricity supply was still awaited for the RTI board at the new bus stop at School Road. Councillor E Williams was waiting for information about problems with bus services 42 and 19A.

197. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES AT OTHER MEETINGS

a. Community Engagement Forum for North Common and Oldland Common: changes in police staffing were confirmed. Patrols were visiting the Mill Lane underpass where youths were gathering.

b. Community Engagement Forum for Bitton area: police were present and reported on matters concerning the Central Garage, Bitton where it was anticipated a Community Protection Notice would be issued.

198. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20

The Council received details of the consultation by South Gloucestershire Council of its budget proposals for 2019/20. It was noted that there was a lack of information as to how savings would be achieved.

199. CHANGES TO PLANNING SYSTEM

The Council received from South Gloucestershire Council details of changes to be made to the planning system that were introduced from 1 November. This was noted.

200. CHANGES TO RECYCLING

The Council received from South Gloucestershire Council details of proposed changes to the recycling arrangements.

RESOLVED that Councillors respond on an individual basis.

201. PROPOSED CAR PARK FOR WILLSBRIDGE MILL

The Council received from South Gloucestershire Council details of proposals to provide a new car park for Willsbridge Mill.

RESOLVED that Councillors respond on an individual basis.

202. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

The Council received notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Avonside Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. This was noted.

203. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment and authorisation.

RESOLVED that the accounts listed be settled and the schedule signed by the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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Chairman