

EAST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2019 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE THEATRE, EAST HARPTREE @ 7.30pm	
	<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Andrew Jones (Chair), John Vinson, Wendy Gregory, Richard Coombs and Pam Carver; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1909/1	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> Cllrs Peter King, Kate Gillingham and David Wood (B&NES)
1909/2	<p><u>Public Forum</u></p> <p>Two members of the public were present. The Chairman proposed that the meeting be adjourned before 1909/5iii) to allow members of the public to participate. All agreed.</p> <p>i) Report from Ward Councillor - Issues I have been working on since the last meeting <i>Pinkers Yard Development. Initially negotiation with the site appeared to work on issues like parking. However the problems quickly returned. Residents are supplying me with information on contraventions to help B&NES assess whether some form of legal order would be appropriate. Other points of contention include flooding works and property curtilage. I am working with B&NES planning enforcement on these issues</i> <i>Flooding works on Smithams Hill. Some preparatory work caused obstruction to local residents moving livestock. We are working with the contractors to ensure better communication with residents when the main scheme starts later this month. Asked Curo paint a white line on the lower step at the bottom of the steps up to Grey Hollow for the benefit of vulnerable residents. This has been completed.</i> <i>B&NES have objected to the 50% expansion of Bristol Airport. The climate emergency and impact on the road networks are major concerns.</i> <i>I am working with residents and B&NES to address speeding concerns on the A518 (B3113?) near Coley</i></p>
1909/3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
1909/4	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <p>i) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. ii) Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 30th July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>
1909/5	<p><u>Formal Motions requiring a decision:</u></p> <p>i) In accordance with Standing Order 7a, we hereby submit this motion to reverse the decision taken on 21st May 2019 (minute 1905/9c) to appoint Paul Waldron as Parish Council representative on the Village Club committee.</p>

	<p>The reason for this reversal is that the Parish Council representative on the committee must be a Parish Councillor. Motion put by Cllrs Jones, Carver and Coombs. It was so resolved by unanimous vote in favour.</p> <p>ii) To appoint a member of the Parish Council as council representative on the Committee of the Village Club. Cllr Gregory was unanimously appointed.</p> <p>The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public participation on the following agenda item. Cllr Carver had attended a recent Parish Liaison Meeting where information from B&NES was presented about prioritisation of the Climate Emergency and the creation of a new cabinet post to take the lead on the issue. As a result she had tabled the motion 1909/5iii).</p> <p>Members of the public advised on actions being taken on the Climate Emergency including the suggested template for Parish Councils to adopt a statement about actions to be taken by councils including forming a Parish Council/community working group to prepare a plan of parish actions to evaluate a parish wide approach.</p> <p>It was suggested that East Harptree sets up such a group to compliment B&NES actions and also to acknowledge actions that could be taken either as a group or in association with other parishes.</p> <p>The logical progression was to include an item on the October agenda to include a response from the public and engagement with the community to form a working group.</p> <p>There was a need to engage the Parish Council and community within their existing remit to take things forward without reference back to B&NES. It was noted that the B&NES planners should be reminded of the planning obligations concerning the climate when deciding planning applications.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their input and re-convened the meeting.</p> <p>iii) East Harptree Parish Council wishes to affirm its full support of Bath and North East Somerset Council's engagement with the Climate Change Emergency. At its meeting on 14th March 2019, B&NES Council, Declared a Climate Emergency. They will now identify work that can be carried out across all Council functions to reduce emissions and to enable a carbon neutral B&NES by 2030. An Action Plan is being prepared for consideration at their October Council Meeting. In a general discussion it was noted that the findings of the Village Survey may well have addressed some of the issues before the council although it was also noted that whilst the survey dealt with the specific and related issues of ecological and environment climate change was not specifically mentioned.</p>
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	<p>Cllr Gregory felt that a working group should be set up at the October meeting using all the resources and expertise available in the parish. Cllr Coombs echoed Cllr Gregory's comments but Cllr Jones expressed concern about putting forward such a motion without a significant response from the community</p> <p>Cllr Carver felt that the motion should be supported and members of the community invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>iv) The motion was taken to a vote and it was so resolved unanimously that the motion; "East Harptree Parish Council wishes to affirm its full support of Bath and North East Somerset Council's engagement with the Climate Change Emergency" be supported.</p> <p>Councillors unanimously acknowledged the supporting statement appended to the motion.</p> <p>Resulting from the resolution it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would take the matter forward at its next meeting and include on the agenda for that meeting proposals for community involvement and the formation of a working group to prepare a climate emergency action plan for East Harptree Parish.</p> <p>Clerk and councillors to promote community involvement and to invite the community to the next Parish Council meeting. Final details of proposals to be agreed; clerk to circulate email list with information.</p>
1909/6	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>i) Planning application 19/03572/FUL – Erection of wooden shed at Sunnyside Cottage, Townsend, East Harptree. After discussion councillors agreed to leave the matter to the planning officer.</p> <p>ii) Planning application 19/03589/FUL – Alterations to Vehicular Access at Eastwood Manor Mews, Eastwood, East Harptree. This application had been permitted.</p> <p>iii) Annual Parish Meeting. Matter to be added to the agenda for the November meeting.</p> <p>iv) Code of Conduct Complaint. The chairman and clerk had agreed a form of words to acknowledge the communication from a parishioner. This was agreed. Given the nature of the complaint it was agreed not to enter into further correspondence other than this acknowledgement.</p>
1909/7	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>i) Clerks salary and expenses. £817.66 (two months). This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>ii) HMRC tax payment. £296.40 (two months). This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p> <p>iii) East Harptree Village Hall – venue hire charge £8.40. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>
1909/8	<p>Despite conversations with the bank the change of signatories had yet to be completed. It was agreed that the chairman and clerk would sign the above cheques.</p>

1909/9	<p>CIL Monies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Feedback to CVNP CIL Committee on allocation of funds. Cllr Vinson reported on the recent CV Forum meeting where there had been some discussion about the joint funding of projects and whether this would be legally possible. Whilst this matter was resolved councils who had received the full amount of CIL funds were to retain those monies. ii) East Harptree CVNP application. There had been some adverse comments about the East Harptree application and the matter remained unresolved. iii) East Harptree CIL monies – opening of bank account. Deferred until the signatories can be confirmed.
1909/10	<p><u>Update of Matters Arising from the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To receive reports on meetings attended by councillors: Cllr Vinson had attended the Chew Valley Steering Group meeting and gave an update regarding the expansion of Bristol Airport where the Chairman of the Parish Council Airport Assoc had spoken about the proposals and their affect on the surrounding parishes. It was noted that B&NES had objected to the planning application currently under consultation (North Somerset ref 18/P/5118/OUT. It was agreed to include the matter on the next agenda and to consider joining the PC Airport Assoc at a fee of £75. Information to be circulated to the community. ii) Cllr Carver had attended the CV Forum which had focussed on the problems and issues of the numerous traffic diversions in the area. She had also attended Parish Liaison meeting which include the introduction of new cabinet members and a presentation of climate change. iii) Cllr Coombs had attended the Village Club meeting and gave a brief report.
1909/11	<p><u>Parish Councillors reports and comments on their individual responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cllr Coombs – Highway safety. A meeting had been held with B&NES attended by Cllrs Coombs, Gregory and Gillingham where representatives advised that the speed data showed all areas could be the subject of a 20mph speed limit. Cllr Coombs was awaiting the electronic data. The proposals would be put to public consultation in March 2020. Cllr Coombs agreed to draft an email to be circulated via the email list outlining the speed limit change proposals and including maps and monitoring information for discussion and agreement at the next meeting. Cllr Coombs was awaiting contact with the Safer Routes for Schools team to discuss proposals for the virtual pavement in the High Street. The costs of the proposals were also awaited. Cllr Coombs noted that the disabled and mini-bus bays at the school would be reinstated during the October half term.

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

	<p>ii) Cllr Carver – update on B&NES Local Plan. Cllr Carver advised that the Government Inspectors looking at the Joint Spatial Plan had raised concerns about the robustness of the methods used to select the Strategic Development sites proposed in the JSP and that therefore they could not conclude that these fundamental aspects of the Plan were sound. The Inspectors are clearly seeking a complete re-think of the Plan and the Local Authorities involved, including B&NES, are currently considering the actions they should now take. There will inevitably be a significant delay in the progress of the New Local Plan, as it must reflect the JSP, although work was continuing on the proposals for the larger settlements. B&NES will be formally contacting Parish Councils this autumn with an update.</p>
1909/12	<p><u>Matters of Report.</u></p> <p>i) It was understood that the replacement of the hedge at the Silvertrees development (Kielder) was still a matter for the planner’s action.</p>
1909/13	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>i) The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 15th October 2019, 7.30pm at The Theatre.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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