

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PUBLLOW WITH PENSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.15 pm AT THE MEMORIAL HALL PUBLLOW
LANE PENSFORD**

Present: Chairman; Mr T Heaford Vice-chairman: Mrs J Stephenson
Cllr P Edwards, Mr L Seymour, Mrs S Grimes, Mr J Kelly, Mrs J Jones, Mr S Filer.
Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

There were three members of the public attending. Also present Mr A Cunningham, Jo Downes from Re-Organics.

1) Angus Cunningham - Re-Organics: Angus Cunningham from Re-Organics explained the current three planning applications which have recently been submitted to B&NES. Two applications were given permission in 2005 and a judicial review followed which was subsequently quashed. An Environmental Statement was needed. This has been done and handed into the Council. Comments are awaited on this. Regulation 19 required more clarification and all questions have now been answered. The current three applications are principally to an extension for 18months. It is the intention during this 18 month period to prepare and submit an application for an Anaerobic Digestion Plant to produce energy, heat and fertilizer as an end product. This would enable Re-Organics to keep the site operating. And the site currently employs 11 local staff. They would like to invite Parish Council representatives to visit the site to see it in operation.

Residents Liaison Group: Neighbouring Parishes are already meeting on a quarterly basis on site. Publow with Pensford Parish Council are invited to join.

Bristol & Avon Waste: All lorry movements in and out of the site have now finished. Bristol & Avon Waste were given the contract by the previous owners of the site to restore the site. The site will be levelled in the Spring.

The R M Penney Lorries were stated to be nothing to do with the Re-Organics Site.

Name Change: Hinton are still operating and are the Land Owning Company. Hinton Organics Wessex is the trading name. Because of recent negative press a re-name was undertaken to Re-Organics.

Increase in Lorry Movements: The applications in at present are the same as has been carried out on site since 2005. As the contract for levelling the site has now finished there will be an average 3 - 4 lorries a day. Therefore movements will have significantly decreased.

Odour Management: There have been no confirmed complaints since 2009.

Questions put to Mr Cunningham:

Q. Can you assure us that all is behind us i.e. the mess on the Highway

A. Yes issues with Bristol & Avon and the Highways have been sorted. The Liaison Group help to keep on top of the situation.

Q. There is a considerable amount of material at a great height on site.

A. That is there for restoration of the Southern Side and is temporary.

Q. Member of the Public challenged Mr Cunningham that the site should have been closed by April 2010. Green waste is reportedly still being taken into the site.

Q. A member of Public raised the question that when the tipping on site was finished one

condition was that the concrete would be broken up on site to allow the water to drain away properly. This is not the case now and the water flow point is ignored,. The water continues to run now down Charlton Road and Woollard Lane.

2) Members of the Public: Members of the public took part in the questions put to Angus Cunningham.

3) Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J Gully.

4) Minutes of Monday 14th JANUARY 2013 after being circulated were signed as a correct record.

5) Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Miners Welfare Institute: It is possible that the Miners Welfare may have possibly acquired the part of the land in the Car Park owned by Wessex Water. Clarification will be sought. It was reported that rubbish is being dumped in the car park area.

Core Strategy: The LDF Steering Group have now carried out their work. Homes need is lowered from 19,000 to 12,500, The 5 year supply caters for 10,500 homes from the planning permissions already in. Brownfield sites include MOD, Cadburys K2, Western Riverside. There is likely to be an adequate 5 year supply from the Brownfield availability. There are still urban extensions planned for Bath, Odd down, West of Twerton, Weston, and an extension to Lansdown are being considered. Hicks Gate is again off of the list but Whitchurch features with approximately 400 in Sleep Lane, Horseworld and Orchard Park near to Stockwood. Keynsham is scheduled for 700 on the Cadburys site and 300/400 on land towards Queen Charlton.

The final plan will be presented for approval on either the 28th February or March 4th.

NALC Allotment Tenancy: Clerk to follow up.

Meetings: Chairman reported that it was encouraging to see the amount of activity in the last month, the only meeting not represented by the Parish Council was the PCAA.

6) Items for Discussion:

a) Chew Valley Area Partnership Meeting 6th Feb'2013: Chairman attended. A presentation on Flooding was given. Four workshops took place to try to locate and identify problem areas. A report will follow in due course. Representatives from the Environment Agency, Fire Brigade and Police attended. There will be no flood relief money given to the Chew Valley. Insurances are reported to have risen and the BS40 area suffering high home insurances as a result. The average refurb cost of a home which has suffered flood damage was reported to be in the region of £60,000.

b) B&NES Planning Event Whitchurch 29th January 2013: Attended by Mrs Jones. The public consultation will take place mid March to the end of April. Very few facts were given at the event. There are no plans for houses for Pensford due to the lack of land available. A1 Villages are a possibility. Villages are encouraged to use their common sense for infill and Affordable Homes.

c) Placemaking Plan Workshop 2nd February 2013: Attended by Mrs Stephenson and Mr Kelly. The morning part of the workshop everyone was together for general discussion and questions. In the afternoon two groups were made. The day was well run by the

Consultants. It was explained that the Parish Plan took an average of 4,503 hours and a cost of £60,000 to produce. The Neighbourhood Plans followed and have no power. Therefore B&NES introduced the Placemaking Plan. B&NES can help with this by providing advice on planning proposals. Parish Councils are encouraged to produce their own plan. Parishioners are key to helping shape the Placemaking Plan and identifying what they need for their village. A survey was carried out by Temple Cloud Village and a 60% return rate was received. However Keynsham's return was not so good at 22%. It was thought that if a template was produced it may make it easier for Parish Councils to prepare their plans. Help can be sought from West of England Rural Network too.

d) Parish Cluster Group Meeting 23rd January 2013: Mr Heaford attended this meeting. It was Chaired by Mr Tim Ball. A presentation of Public Rights of Way was given by Graeme Stark of B&NES. The process of diverting footpaths if there are no objections can take approximately 9 months at a cost of £1,800 payable to B&NES by the applicant. B&NES charge £42 per hour. If any objections are received then the cost can be in the region of between £5,000 and £6,000 and would take a lot longer. Norton Malreward are reported to now be in its 13th year of diverting a footpath. A presentation was given on the newly introduced recycling of small electrical items. A presentation was given on the Core Strategy. Now covers a period of 2014 - 2029. Kelvin Packer of Highways gave a talk on the cutting of the verges, which is now flexible. Parish Councils can choose if they wish for the verges to be cut at a different time.

e) Curo Public Consultation Monday 18th February 2013: The Consultation takes place at the Memorial Hall. Letters have been sent out by Curo to all households in the Parish. All Parish Council members were urged to attend this presentation during the course of the day if they are able. Curo will be alerted to the application submitted for the proposal of 12 Gypsy and Traveller Pitches at the Old Colliery Site.

13/00125/FUL Old Colliery Yard. Change of use of land from B2 to 12 Pitches for Gypsy & Travellers. Discussion took place regarding the Old Colliery Site. Cllr Edwards is to email planning to ensure that the application goes before the Development Control Committee. Clerk has contacted Case Officer Sarah James and requested a paper copy of the application. The Council were not in favour of this development for all the reasons that were put forward against the DPD.

f) PACT Meeting 5th February 2013: Attended by Mrs Stephenson who reported that the meeting was poorly attended. A presentation was given by B&NES Trading Standards on Rogue Traders and recent Lottery Scams. Distraction Burglary figures have risen by 14%. There is also a telephone scam for members of the public to be aware of. PC Gemma Hill has been appointed as the new Beat Manager. Police House: Not thought to be owned by Avon & Somerset Constabulary. Crime Update: Many calls were received because of the floods. There have also been some burglary crime involving Public Houses in the Valley. Maggs Lane/Sleep Lane: Will remain as they are and no closure will take place. Bishop Sutton: Anti Social Behaviour has improved. Speeding: Ubley & Norton Malreward will be looked at.

g) St Thomas a Becket Churchyard: A letter had been received from the Ministry of Justice informing the Parish Council of the proposed closure of the Churchyard. There are no objections from the Parish Council. Clerk has emailed PCC regarding the concerns with the wall. A reply is awaited.

h) Rotary Club Nomination: There were no nominations.

i) Notice boards: Mrs Stephenson confirmed that she has been in touch with the Planning Department and Planning is not required to site the board on the Miners Welfare building. The trustees are in agreement with the board being put up. A letter will be sent to the Trustees confirming this and asking that a representative is present when the board is put up. Mr Stevenson is happy to put up the board at this location but would prefer for the Parish Council to put up the board at the Allotment Site. Mrs Stevenson has advised on the type of wooden posts to use for the board at the Allotment Site which will last for 25years.

The boards do not benefit from toughened glass. Mr Filer will help with putting the board up at the allotment site.

7) Clerks Progress Report:

Grit Bin Woollard Hill: A request has been made to Council Connect for this to be replenished.

Woollard Bridge: A further request has been made to Council Connect to ask if this is on future works to be painted.

Highways: An email has been sent to Trina asking for the following to be attended to: 1) The large pot holes in Church Street. 2) Concerns regarding the Belluton area with mud slides and debris falling into the road. 3) The flooding at the top of Parsonage Lane. 4) Water coming down Woollard Hill. 5) Priestdown 6) Peats Hill where the water collects at the top 7) The pavement from Pensford Garage & Car Sales up to Nursery Corner still has overhanging vegetation over the path. I also mentioned how pleased residents are to be having the High Street re-surfaced.

Hursley Hill: No Update

Church Farm Modification Order: Clerk & Mrs Stephenson to have a meeting with Graham Stark from Public Rights of Way.

Pensford Play Area Inspection: An inspection was carried out of the play area at the Memorial Hall. An email from B&NES reported to the Parish Council that a basket swing was found to be in an unacceptable condition and was subsequently removed. The supports were loose in the ground. The full report is awaited. A copy of the interim report has been sent to Terry Phillips & Geoff Beedell.

Roaming Dog: An email was sent to Wayne Honey regarding a roaming dog venturing into a residents garden in Woollard as it is not on a lead when walking past the property.

Woollard Hill: Wayne Honey was informed of the Water running down Woollard Hill, an email of confirmation was sent to him.

Van Illegally Parked: A van was being parked by the entrance to Chapel Barton. It was causing problems with the A37 junction and making reversing out of Chapel Barton very difficult and is a 'keep clear' area. A note was put on the windscreen asking the owner not to park there. Clerk informed the local PCSO.

Web Site Updates:

New Recycling Collection: This starts on 18th February 2013 and allows residents to put small unwanted or broken electrical items out for kerbside collection beside their green

box. These should be put out in untied carrier bags. A copy was also sent to the Church Magazine.

Children's Hospice South West: Family Fundraising Events are as follows: **Bluebell Walk 2013** Sunday 28th April 2013 Children's Hospice South West. Charlton Farm, Wraxhall, near Bristol

Ride for Precious Lives Friday 7th- Sunday 9th June 2013 3 days, 3 counties, 3 Hospices. Join us for 200 miles of the best cycling from Cornwall to Bristol and help support your local Children's Hospice. Only £115 to register and pledged sponsorship of £500 Registration fee also includes B&B and evening meals! For more information and to register call 01275 866600 or visit www.chsw.org.uk/rfpl

Planning/Enforcement: Log Cabin Woollard: No Update to offer.

Milestone Bungalow: Enforcement still await a reply from the occupier.

Railway Bungalow: An Enforcement Case has been opened looking into why a large amount of construction equipment and vehicles are apparently being stored on site at this property.

Incoming Post/Emails: An acknowledgement letter has been received from B&NES regarding our Parish Precept Requirement which was set at £11,000 for this year. The first part payment will be on or around 4th April 2013 with the second part being paid in October.

Training Courses with ALCA: Future training courses with ALCA were circulated. Mr Kelly, Mr Heaford & Mrs Stephenson would like to attend courses. Clerk to reply to ALCA.

AWT Ecological Consultancy: Information about the consultancy has been received. AWT Consultancy carry out habitat/wildlife surveys and also provide services such as Environmental Impact Assessments, Ecological Survey and Assessments. Land Management, habitat creation and restoration.

Nominations for Royal Garden Party: Nomination form has been returned.

Changes to the Benefit System: The meeting now takes place at the Millennium Hall on Thursday 14th February 2pm - 4pm

Free insulation as Warm Streets returns: Vulnerable residents get warmer homes. B&NES residents have the opportunity to improve their home for free, thanks to the re-launch of the Warm Streets scheme. Residents aged over 60 or in receipt of benefits can potentially get both cavity wall and loft insulation installed for free (subject to survey). This council-supported project aims to tackle the problem of cold, damp homes in Somerset, and to help the most vulnerable residents cut their fuel bills. The offer includes the latest and best-performing cavity wall insulation on the market, Diamond bead, which is 25% more efficient than fibre insulation. All installations need to be completed by the end of March 2013, so spread the word quickly if you know somebody who would benefit. Warm Streets can also help residents find out about various other ways to lower their heating and electricity bills with free and impartial energy saving advice. Warm Streets is funded by the Department for Energy and Climate Change's fuel poverty fund, and delivered by insulation contractor Domestic and General Insulation Ltd. Warm Streets has been a long-running CSE project in various forms over several years, and we're very

pleased to have funding to continue this valuable service. For further information and to make an application to Warm Streets, call the Home Energy Team on 0800 082 2234 or email home.energy@cse.org.uk

8) Planning: Applications to discuss:

13/00117/FUL Mr E McMahon Fairfield House Woollard Lane Publow. Alterations & extensions to front and rear dormers. No objections.

05/00723/VAR:05/00723/QUASH:05/01993/FUL:11/00022VAR Hinton Organics Ltd Charlton Field Lane Queen Charlton. To be heard at Development Control Committee on 13th February 2013.

Planning Application to be discussed by the Sub Committee:

13/00344/FUL Granville, Pensford Hill, Pensford. Erection of a detached two storey three bed dwelling. This will be considered by the sub-committee and reply sent back to planning in due course.

Planning Outcomes:

12/04922/FUL Mr & Mrs K Dawe Church Farm Peats Hill Publow. Conversion of traditional stone outbuilding to form additional ancillary domestic accommodation and creation of bat roost. **Withdrawn.**

Appeal Decision:

12/02159/LBA Parsonage Farm Parsonage Lane Publow. Retention of internal works to first floor bathroom and bedroom. **Appeal allowed** and listed building consent granted for the internal works.

9) Financial Matters:

Payments to be Authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Salary December	581.36
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	22.80
Titan Internet	Services Renewal for Website	240.00
ALCA	Membership Renewal	198.00

10. Any Other Business:

Grants for Village Halls: Clerk to find out about grants from Curo for Village Halls. It was reported that Compton Dando received a grant from the Quartet which is a local charity group who donate grants for local projects.

Publow Lane Housing: Some rear gardens are reported to be a mess. Report to go to Curo.

Car Park: Rubbish from the houses will be reported.

Old Road: The question of where this road starts and finishes was raised.

Police: The new Police Commissioner is in place. Inspector Salmon & Inspector Stuckes will be retiring later this year.

R M Penney Lorries on Woollard Lane: For Parish Councillors not present at last month's meeting this was explained.

Footbridge at Church Farm: Has been raised as being dangerous as it has no sides. Clerk & Mrs Stephenson plan to walk this route. A meeting has been arranged with Graeme Stark to discuss the footpath.

Lock Up Key: Has now been cast.

Defibrillator: It was thought that the defibrillator was used for a recent emergency. When Mrs Stephenson called to carry out the fortnightly check the Defibrillator Box was missing. However it was replaced the same day.

Broadband Meeting: Presented by Chris Head. It is hoped that Broadband will be delivered to B&NES by 2016. A minimum speed of 2mgb is being experienced in some areas. Farms in rural areas suffer slow broadband speeds and are least well served. The next meeting takes place on the 4th March 2013.

11. Notice of Future Meetings:

Changes to the Benefit System: Thursday 14th February Millennium Hall Chew Magna at 2p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 11th MARCH 2013 AT 7.15 pm