# WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the discussion between Parish Councillors that took place remotely on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th February 2024.

Present: Councillors Parsons (Chairman), Amos, Gorford, Malpas, Mason, Robinson, Sandeman (from item 8), Sheppard, Vallentine and Wolff.

District Councillors Cartman and McQuillan.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay.

1. To invite public speaking.
   No member of the public had requested to speak.

2. To receive any apologies for absence.
   Councillor Sandeman will be late in joining the discussion due to councillor training.

3. To receive the Clerk's report.
   The parish has a new PCSO, Aisha Mitchell. Aisha is an experienced PCSO having worked previously in Weston-super-Mare and is looking forward to working in the parish. She will attend a future Parish Council meeting.

   The North Somerset Council area officer has told the Clerk that he is aware that notices advertising events are sometimes placed on the fence opposite the bottom of Wraxall Hill. He will not be removing notices if they advertise 'one-off' events of a non-commercial nature for a reasonable time before the event.

   The Parish Councils Airport Association has objected to the part of the North Somerset Council Local Plan 2039 which suggests that Bristol Airport be removed from the green belt. District Councillors are being asked to support this position. The PCAA has also objected to the planning application submitted by EPIC (see next minute).

4. To receive a report from the Long Ashton ward District Councillors.
   District Councillor McQuillan gave the report.

   The American company EPIC has submitted planning permission for a new office park - complete with a 3,000-seater auditorium – to be built on green belt land in the parish of Long Ashton between the A370 and A4174. The planning application will be considered at a future North Somerset Council planning committee meeting.

   Councillor McQuillan has met with the management at Durnford Quarry recently. The number of complaints received regarding HGVs leaving the quarry is less than it was a year ago. Councillor Cartman added that he had recently received complaints on this matter. Both HGV wheel washers are working at the quarry. The quarry management are always available to meet parishioners, and to give them a tour of the quarry.

   The narrowness of the B3130 through Wraxall village continues to be a concern. A meeting has been held with a resident. It is the responsibility of the landowners to prevent soil and vegetation on their land from encroaching onto the highway, which

has the effect of narrowing it. Engagement with landowners has not proved successful in the past, The Parish Council may wish to request North Somerset Council Highways to look at the whole narrow road issue and see what could be done.

The North Somerset Council Executive met this week. Two consultations will begin in March. One regarding the car parking strategy which will involve looking at car parking charges. This will include car parks in Nailsea. The other one will look at the waste strategy, looking at the frequency of domestic waste collections.

A liaison meeting has been arranged with the management of Tyntesfield to better understand the roles of new individuals who have recently joined Tyntesfield.

There will be a new Highways initiative, to funnel all Highways enquiries through a single point. This will relate mainly to highways schemes, rather than maintenance issues. This will enable District and Parish Councillors to enquire into what highways are planning to do in their area.

The Chairman spoke about the CCTV cameras at Nailsea and Backwell train station not working. He suggested that signs should be put up stating that the system was not in operation. District Councillor McQuillan will raise this with the appropriate NCS officer.

5. To receive reports following attendances at meetings.

The Chairman and Councillor Malpas have met with Studio Hive at the Battleaxes to discuss their amended plans for the site. An amended planning application will be submitted. Parish Councils and members of the public will be able to submit comments on the amended plans. There will be a further consultation event held at the Battleaxes where parishioners can view the amended proposals.

Studio Hive are currently working inside the building, removing unwanted items and carrying out maintenance work.

The new bench has been installed in Flax Bourton Road. Favourable comments have already been received.

6. To comment on the following planning applications:

24/P/0101/FUH. 5 The Grove Wraxall BS48 1LW. Proposed erection of a two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension. works to include the creation of 2no. rear dormers and 1no. front dormer, extension of existing raised patio and relocation of existing external stairs.

Councillor Vallentine declared an interest in the planning application.

It was unanimously resolved to support the planning application for the following reasons:

- The character of the street scene would not be impacted, as other properties in the localities have been extended in a similar way, and of a similar size.
- It is a suitable scale for the size of the plot.
- Parking at the property would not be affected.

- It is not close to neighbourhood property (number 4).
- It would update the property to meet the demands of a modern family home.

7. To note the following planning decisions made by North Somerset Council.

   23/P/0454/FUL. Land at The Laurels Lodge Lane Wraxall BS48 1BJ. Proposed erection of one new dwelling within the curtilage of 'The Laurels'. Approved.

   23/P/2565/FUL. Stileways, West Hill, Wraxall BS48 1PH. Subdivision of rear garden of existing residential property and removal of existing garage and associated outbuildings. Erection of 1no. two-bedroom dwelling, and associated works including the provision of appropriate access arrangements and parking. Refused.

   The planning decisions were noted.

8. To receive a report on the Vehicle Activated Sign data.

   The VAS has been in Bristol Road, Wraxall for most of the current year. The volume of traffic is surprisingly high. Approximately 3,500 vehicles travel through Wraxall village every day in each direction. The busiest times are between 9 to 10am and 6 to 7pm, when 350 vehicles travel in each direction. Most vehicles speeds are within the speed limit being approximately 27mph in each direction.

   The VAS will next be situated further along the B3130 in the 40mph section.

   Councillor Sandeman joined the meeting.

9. To receive an update regarding the proposed new play equipment to be installed at the Millenium Green.

   The application to the National Lottery for funding was unsuccessful. Equipment options should be available for consideration at the March meeting. The Chairman emphasised that the equipment should be installed prior to the summer school holidays.

10. To receive an update regarding the proposed new play equipment to be installed at The Elms.

    The North Somerset Council officer will be meeting with their chosen contractor shortly. When the installation date is known it will be published on our website.

11. To receive an update regarding the installation of new gateway signs to be installed in Failand.

    The Chairman and Councillor Sheppard are still assessing the proposed sites for the gateways. They will report back to the March meeting.

12. To receive updates regarding all the bus shelters in the parish.

    The Chairman said that the bus stop at the foot of Tower House Lane is regularly used, and parishioners have requested that a bus shelter be installed. Also, Councillor Gorford has met with District Councillor Cartman to look at sites for a bus shelter in Wraxall village. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

13. To receive an update regarding the installation of an additional dog bin in Failand.

Councillor Wolff has been liaising with Honey and Ginger who has said that they would allow a dog bin to be situated on their land. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

14. To receive an update following a workshop regarding 'Active Travel Nailsea'.

Councillor Robinson had already sent a briefing email to all councillors. Councillor Sandeman reported on a workshop that she had attended with Councillor Robinson. Public routes in Nailsea were considered from the point of view of pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair/buggy users. All current routes seem to converge on the Crown Glass Shopping Centre. It was felt that the routes should include residential estates to hubs such as schools.

North Somerset Council will organise a further workshop where ideas can be explored in more detail.

15. Councillor reports.

There were no reports.

End of minutes.