Minutes of the meeting of Wraxall and Failand Parish Council held in the Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall on Thursday 12th September 2024 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Parsons (Chairman), Amos (after item 109/24), Bracey, Gorford (after item 110/24), Malpas, Robinson, Sandeman, Sheppard, Vallentine and Wolff.

North Somerset Councillor Ashman.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay.

103/24 To receive any apologies for absence.

No apologies were received. Councillors Amos and Gorford had indicated that they would be late arriving.

North Somerset Councillor McQuillan was not able to attend.

104/24 To receive declarations of any pecuniary interests on items relating to this agenda, which have not been previously declared in the Councillors register of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

105/24 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2024.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting (7 in favour, 1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

106/24 To invite public speaking.

Two members of the public spoke. One regarding the insecurity of the old quarry site opposite the Battleaxes, and one regarding planning application 24/P/1586/OU2 to ask guidance on how people should comment on the application themselves.

107/24 To receive the Clerk's report.

North Somerset Council will be replacing the litter bin which was mysteriously removed from the bus stop in Failand. They did not remove the bin and have no idea who did.

108/24 To receive a report from the Long Ashton ward District Councillors.

Councillor Cartman gave the report as follows:

"The new Government has increased the housing requirement for dwellings be built in North Somerset Council in the next ten years, from 15,000 to 23,000. The first figure was set to meet projected local needs and growth. The second figure is intended to allow outside people to move into the area.

In light of this increase it is inevitable, in my view, that major housing development will come to many of North Somerset's towns and parishes, including Wraxall and Failand. The proposed relaxation of the restrictions on building houses in the green belt will make it more difficult to fight new development in our parish.

The proposals to introduce car park charges in Nailsea, Clevedon and Portishead are being reviewed again following many complaints. Some compromise may be able to be reached such as, for example, the first two hours are free".

109/24 To receive reports following attendances at meetings.

Councillor Sheppard has met with members of the Failand Table Tennis Club, who want to increase their membership. They will also increase the number of their league teams. They have now purchased the land on which their building stands. Open days will be planned.

Councillor Amos joined the meeting.

110/24 To note that the following planning application has been submitted to North Somerset Council and to discuss the process on how the Parish Council will formulate a response.

24/P/1586/OU2. Land North of Southfield Road Trading Estate, Clevedon Road, Nailsea. Outline permission with Environmental Statement for the erection of up to 381 dwellings, 0.68ha of land to accommodate a care home, 1.1ha of land for employment uses, 0.35ha of land to accommodate a community building and car park, improvements to existing playing pitches, public open space, woodland planting, sustainable drainage systems and ancillary works, with means of access of two primary access points onto the B3130 for approval, all other matters (other access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved for subsequent approval.

It was resolved to adopt the following process to comment on the application:

1. To engage the services of a planning consultant as soon as possible to advise what should be included in the Parish Council response.
2. The Parish Councillors will scope the planning documents on the North Somerset Council website in order to prepare a draft response, based on the recommendations of the planning consultant.
3. The draft response will be debated and confirmed during an extra Parish Council meeting to be held on a date to be decided in late October.
4. The Parish Council requests that all parishioners submit their comments on the North Somerset Council website. They all will be read and considered by the Parish Councillors when formulating their response. This is the way that the Parish Council will engage with its parishioners in order to listen to their concerns.

111/24 To note the following planning decisions made by North Somerset Council.

24/P/1153/FUH. Belmont House, Belmont Estate, Belmont Hill**,** Wraxall BS48 1NW. Proposed internal and external works to include: - The demolition of the modern garage and erection of a new single storey extension to the North elevation and a detached lean-to structure, formation of new rear courtyard and partial replacement of 20th century sash windows to reinstate historic proportions. Internal works include the removal of some 20th century internal partitions and construction of a new partition structure within the existing Racquet Court. Approved.

24/P/1154/LBC. The listed building consent for application 24/P/1153/FUH. Approved.

The planning decisions were noted.

112/24 To agree the arrangements for the overhanging trees at the junction of Whitehouse Lane to be cut back and new whips to be planted.

It was unanimously resolved to approve a budget of up to £500 for the total project, which includes the cutting back of hedges and trees, along with the replanting of new trees.

Councillor Amos will arrange for the work to be carried out by a local contractor.

113/24 To consider the Parish Council's response to the New National Planning Framework consultation.

Councillors Robinson and Wolff, assisted by a small number of parishioners, have produced an excellent draft response.

It was unanimously resolved to ask Councillors Robinson and Wolff to submit the response, with some minor amendments.

Regarding the Neighbourhood Plan referendum, a mailshot flyer is being sent to all parishioners reminding them that this is taking place on 19th September and giving information about the pros and cons of having an adopted neighborhood plan. Banners have been purchased and displayed throughout the parish. The flyers and banners have been paid for by a donation from North Somerset Council's Neighbourhood Plan Fund.

Following the referendum, if the Neighbourhood Plan receives a majority vote in favour it still will need to go to North Somerset Council for final approval, which would be in November.

114/24 To consider any quotations received for the installation of gateway gates to be installed in Failand.

Part of the North Somerset Council approval to allow the Parish Council to arrange this installation is that only contractors on their approved list be used. The Clerk has contacted eight of these contractors, and received only

one quotation for the work. This figure is £1,365 plus VAT. There will be additional costs relating to traffic management costs.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the only quotation received.

The Chairman will order the gateways, and then arrange the installation with the contractor.

115/24 To receive an update regarding the new nature and heritage information boards.

Photos are being taken by a drone to include on the boards. There will be only one board which will be situated near to Touts on the B3130.

116/24 To note the statutory payment invoices paid since the last Parish Council meeting (see minute 185/20).

Payee	Detail	Amount £
K and E Property Maintenance	Dog and litter bin emptying July and August	400.00
Ed Sage	Grass cutting contract July and August	760.00
Playsafety	Annual play inspections	187.20
BBO LLP	External audit charges	504.00

The statutory payment invoices were noted.

117/24 To note the following non-statutory payments made since the last meeting.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses July. Travel £6.04; Home Working Allowance £26.00; Telephone £10; Zoom subscription £15.59	57.63
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses August. Home Working Allowance £26.00; Telephone £10; Zoom subscription £15.59	51.59
Redlynch	New play equipment for the Millenium Green	29691.60
Rocket Media	Neighbourhood Plan banners	804.00

The statutory payment invoices were noted.

A budget update sheet had been pre-circulated to members.

118/24 To receive any urgent business.

The ecological scheme regarding the duck pond in The Elms is progressing.

The Chairman thanked all members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their incredibly hard work.

119/24 To agree actions to be carried out prior to the next meeting.

112/24 Councillor Amos.
113/24 Councillors Robinson and Wolff.
114/24 The Chairman.

120/24 To agree agenda items for the next meeting.

There were no additional agenda items agreed.

121/24 Date of next meeting: 14th November 2024 in the Cross Tree Centre.

On 10th October 2024 a Parish Councillor discussion will be held on Zoom. No decisions can be made, apart from in regard to planning applications. Members of the public will be welcome to attend.

An additional Parish Council meeting will be held on a date to be decided – see minute 110/24.

122/24 The Council is recommended to resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960.

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public.

123/24 To consider a confidential email received on 20th August 2024 from the Leader of North Somerset Council titled – Delivering Together.

The content of the email was discussed.

End of minutes