Minutes of the meeting of Wraxall and Failand Parish Council held in the Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall on Thursday 14th November 2024 that commenced at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Parsons (Chairman), Gorford, Malpas, Muschamp (from agenda item 138/24), Robinson, Sandeman, Sheppard, Vallentine and Wolff (from agenda item 135/24).

North Somerset Councillor Cartman.

Parish Clerk: Tony Jay.

132/24 To receive any apologies for absence.

Councillor Amos was not in attendance.

North Somerset Councillor McQuillan was unable to attend the meeting.

133/24 To receive declarations of any pecuniary interest on items relating to this agenda, which have not been previously declared in the Councillors register of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

134/24 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22nd October 2024.

It was resolved to approve the minutes (6 in favour, 2 abstentions as not present at the meeting).

135/24 To invite public speaking.

No member of the public had requested to speak.

The process commenced to co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill a casual vacancy. There was one candidate to be considered, who introduced himself to the Councillors.

136/24 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 unanimously resolved to exclude members of the press and public.

137/24 To consider the candidate for co-option to the Parish Council.

The candidate was considered.

All members of the public, including the candidate, returned to the meeting room.

138/24 To vote to co-opt a new Parish Councillor to fill the casual vacancy.
It was resolved to co-opt Josh Muschamp to the Parish Council.

Councillor Muschamp signed the declaration of office and joined the Council.

139/24 To receive the Clerk's report.

It was announced today that the following planning application has been approved:

23/P/1705/LBC. Battleaxes Inn Bristol Road Wraxall BS48 1LQ. . Listed Building Consent for internal re-configuration, internal and external fabric repairs and window refurbishment, refurbishment of boundary walls and out-buildings, and erection of a two-storey rear extension to main building with solar panels on roof for use as office.

Bristol Airport is beginning the process of working on an application to increase the number of passenger flights from the recently agreed 12 million per year to 15 million. Its aspiration is to have 20 million by 2040. The Parish Councils Airport Association, of which this council is a member, is meeting on 21st November to begin preparation work on how to fight these increases.

The North Somerset Council recycling bag trial has begun in selected roads in the county which have the poorest recycling rates. The trial includes a number of roads in Failand. Full details are in a post on the parish council website.

140/24 To receive a report from the Long Ashton ward District Councillors.
The North Somerset Council members have met to discuss the Local Plan. The Government are now insisting that the district takes an additional 23,000 new dwellings over the next fifteen years, compared to the last Government's target of 15,000. There is the potential for thousands of new homes to be built in the Long Ashton ward, with the expectation that some will be in the parish of Wraxall and Failand.

It has been finally confirmed that car parking charges with come to the towns of Nailsea, Clevedon and Portishead.

141/24 To note the resignation of the Parish Clerk.

The resignation was noted. The Clerk's notice period will end on 30th November.

142/24 To consider the recruitment process for the appointment of a new Parish Clerk, and the arrangements for temporary clerking cover from 1st December 2024.

Councillor Malpas gave an update regarding the recruitment process.

It was resolved that authority be given to the Staffing Committee to enable them to carry out the recruitment process and refer candidates to the full council.

The present clerk has agreed to remain as a self-employed locum clerk, carrying out his previous duties, until the new clerk has been appointed and has commenced work.

143/24 To consider whether the Parish Clerk should be awarded the nationally agreed pay increase of £1,290 per year (pro-rata), backdated to April 2024, and receive the appropriate amount of back pay from April 2024.

It was unanimously resolved to award the Clerk the nationally agreed pay increase and the back pay.

144/24 To receive reports following attendance at meetings.

Councillor Malpas and the Chairman have recently had an interesting meeting with Tyntesfield National Trust management.

The Chairman has attended a recent North Somerset Council briefing to Town and Parish Councils regarding the 'Working Together' proposals.

North Somerset Council has now given final approval to the Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan.

145/24 To comment on the following planning application.

24/P/2258/LDP. Bristol and Clifton Golf Club, Beggar Bush Lane, Failand BS8 3TH. Proposed erection of a new store building and associated hardstanding.

It was unanimously resolved to comment that the Parish Council has no issues to raise.

146/24 To note that the Parish Councillors have examined the following planning application and have decided that the Parish Council does not have any issues to raise.

24/P/1552/FUH. 1A Sawyers Close, The Elms, Wraxall BS48 1LY. Proposed erection of a two-storey side extension.

24/P/1729/FUH. 21, Sixty Acre Close, Failand BS8 3UH. Proposed demolition of existing rear extension and attached garage. Erection of a new single storey wraparound rear/side extension. Fenestration alterations to the front and rear elevations including the replacement of windows and doors with new. Hardstanding alterations to the front of the dwelling and

landscaping alterations throughout including the creation of raised rear patio and external stairways.

The planning applications were noted.

147/24 To consider the maintenance and cleaning arrangements for Failand Playground.

Weeds are coming through playground surface. This needs a pressure wash. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of an amount for this in the 2025-26 budget.

148/24 To receive an update regarding the duck pond at The Elms.

District Councillor Cartman told the meeting that North Somerset Council has indicated that they would pass ownership of the duck pond to the Parish Council should it wish.

149/24 To receive an update regarding the installation of gateway gates to be installed in Failand.

There was no update this month.

150/24 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 September and October	400.00
ALCA	Councillor training	150.00
Ed Sage	Grass cutting September	380.00
Scribe	Annual subscription	414.72
GB Sports	Playground inspections (6 months)	504.00
Cross Tree Centre	Room hire	60.00

The statutory payments were noted.

151/24 To note the following non-statutory payments made since the last meeting.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses September. Mileage £13.50; Home Working Allowance £26.00; Telephone £10; Zoom subscription £15.59	65.09
Tony Jay	Clerk's expenses October. Mileage and travel £29.70. Home Working Allowance £26.00; Telephone £8.50; Zoom subscription £15.59	79.79
Tadman Planning	Planning consultancy work	2136.00

Carly Press	Neighbourhood Plan flyers to all households in parish	2003.20
Nailsea Supplies	Banner spikes	112.20
Polden Planning	Neighbourhood Plan consultation work	1320.00
Polden Planning	Neighbourhood Plan consultation work	420.00
K and E Property Maintenance	Purchase and installation of new dog bin	378.00

The non-statutory payments were noted.
A budget update sheet had been pre-circulated to members.

152/24 To receive any urgent business.

The North Somerset Council active travel team have put up signs in Festival Way making motorists aware that this is a shared path used by cyclists, pedestrians and horses.

There are plans for North Somerset Council to resurface Oxhouse Lane in the near future. There are two potholes in the lane close to the village hall which should be filled at the same time. The Clerk will ask North Somerset Council to ensure that this is done.

153/24 To agree actions to be carried out prior to the next meeting.

152/24 The Clerk

154/24 To agree agenda items for the next meeting.

There were no items.

155/24 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 unanimously resolved to exclude members of the press and public.

156/24 To receive a report from the Chairman regarding the North Somerset Council 'Delivering Together' project.

The Chairman gave an update to the meeting.

157/24 Date of next meeting: 9th January 2025. On 12th December 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.

End of minutes