WRAXALL AND FAILAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a discussion between Parish Councillors, which took place remotely on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th October 2026.

Present: Councillors Parsons (Chairman), Gorford, Malpas, Mudge (from agenda item 2), Sandeman, Robinson, Sheppard and Wolff

North Somerset Councillor Cartman (from agenda item 4)

Parish Clerk: Monika Ward

1. To invite public speaking.

Member of the public addressed the Parish Council regarding agenda item 8.

Councillor Mudge joined the meeting.

2. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Amos, Muschamp and District Councillor Dunn.

Councillors Payne was not present.

3. To receive the Clerk's report.

The Clerk provided a report on the following items:

i) Kissing gate for Wraxall play area

The Clerk reported that the replacement Centrewire gate had been ordered, with delivery expected in December. Installation would be arranged once the contractor had received the gate.

ii) Missing bin in Failand

The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council's (NSC) Recycling and Waste team had advised that, owing to ongoing budgetary pressures and reduced resources, NSC was unable to install or replace litter bins. The missing bin at the bus stop on Clevedon Road would therefore not be reinstated by NSC. The Parish Council could install a replacement bin but would be responsible for its ongoing servicing, emptying and maintenance. The Clerk would obtain quotations for the replacement bin, installation and ongoing emptying.

iii) Correspondence received

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received concerning overgrowth of the Wraxall Cross Tree, the cleanliness of the surrounding area and litter in the wider Wraxall area.

Correspondence had also been received from a resident raising concerns about speeding in the area and enquiring about Community Speedwatch.

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

Councillor Cartman joined the meeting.

Councillor Cartman reported that the examination of the North Somerset Local Plan was progressing as expected.

It was reported that North Somerset Council and Bristol and Clifton Golf Club had agreed to extend the determination deadline to the end of December 2026, owing to the complexity of matters including highways and biodiversity.

5. To receive reports from Councillors on meetings attended and communications undertaken in their capacity as representatives of the Parish Council.

Councillors Parsons and Malpas reported on their meeting with NSC's Executive Member for Highways. The Parish Council's concerns discussed at the meeting included the volume and speed of traffic on roads within the parish; the narrowing of roads due to vegetation growth; the rejection of highways measures proposed by the Parish Council; and the lack of communication and engagement between NSC and the Parish Council.

6. To discuss road safety, traffic calming measures and speed limits within the parish.

A number of accidents within the parish had been brought to the Parish Council's attention. Members noted that Wraxall Hill and roads through Wraxall were over capacity. Members were encouraged to identify accident and incident hotspots and suggest locations for road improvements and areas for actin to be discussed at the November meeting.

7. To receive an update on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's final recommendations for electoral arrangements in North Somerset.

Members noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had published its final recommendations for electoral arrangements in North Somerset. The recommendations retained The Elms within Long Ashton ward and avoided dividing Wraxall and Failand parish between two electoral wards.

The Chairman thanked residents, NSC and NSC Councillors for their support and representations to LGBCE in favour of retaining The Elms within Long Ashton ward alongside the remainder of Wraxall and Failand parish.

8. To receive an update on planning appeal 6014506 in relation to planning application 25/P/2599/OUT, Land West of Flax Bourton Road, Failand.

It was reported that the Planning Inspectorate was awaiting NSC's response to the appeal and submission of its Statement of Case.

Residents had enquired whether the Parish Council would seek Rule 6 status in the appeal to represent Failand residents. The Parish Council had contacted the Planning Inspectorate and had been advised that a Statement of Case was required to demonstrate how its position differed from that of NSC. As NSC's Statement of Case had not yet been submitted, the Parish Council was unable to assess those differences.

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Members noted that the developer had submitted additional information since the Parish Council's original response. It was agreed to instruct Rachel Tadman to review the additional information and any changes made since that response.

The Parish Council would await NSC's Statement of Case before assessing whether its representations would duplicate any of the points raised by NSC.

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

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Decision
26/P/1172/FUH	37 The Grove Wraxall BS48 1LW	Proposed erection of a single storey side/front garage extension together with associated alterations.	**Approved**
26/P/1375/LDE	Gallop View Stables Horse Race Lane Failand	Certificate of lawfulness for building operations comprising of the erection of 3no. buildings (Building 1 phases 1 & 2 only, Building 2, and Building 3, as annotated on the submitted plans). Please refer to the application supporting statement and submitted evidence for more information	**Approved (Lawful)**
26/P/0717/FUL	Tyntesfield House Tyntesfield Wraxall BS48 1NX	Proposed connection of existing Mansion power supply to a borehole North-East of the former lake to facilitate a water supply to the Rose Garden, West Lawns and Southern Terrace utilising combined trenches below existing pathways.	**Approved**
26/P/0718/LBC	Tyntesfield House Tyntesfield Wraxall BS48 1NX	Listed Building Consent for the connection of existing Mansion power supply to a borehole North-East of the former lake to facilitate a water supply to the Rose Garden, West Lawns and Southern Terrace utilising combined trenches below existing pathways.	**Approved**

The planning decisions were noted.

Councillor Wolff resigned from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked her for her commitment to the Parish Council and to the residents of the parish.

End of Minutes

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