

Parishioners' Participation:

Residents raised the following concerns regarding the Red Lion Gardens development:-

- i. Installing kerbs half a meter from every adjoining property would reduce the vehicular access and also make it difficult for the wheelie and recycling bins to be lined along the edge of the driveway.
- ii. The current gravel surface is noisy and the gravel is liable to move and block drains in an area which already suffers from poor drainage.
- iii. The long term upkeep of the road is uncertain. It is hoped that the road would be adopted but this needs to be established.

Residents felt that the installation of kerbs would only be acceptable to demark the boundary between the public highway and the Barton and should be level with the existing ground in order to maintain the current access and to control the flow of water to the existing drain. A raised kerb could cause a trip hazard, impede vehicle access and the collection of wheelie bins from the properties.

The Parish Council will write to Ashford Homes to support the following proposals made by The Barton residents:-

- i. All the driveway, including the turning area, needs to be a tarmac surface to reduce noise and blocked drains.
- ii. The tarmac surface should be concave so water channels to the drain at the lowest central point of The Barton.
- iii. The tarmac surface should extend to the edge of resident's boundaries.
- iv. Where the tarmac meets the brick paviour, the installation of a drainage channel should be placed to catch the water from the driveways and drain it to a suitable soak away.

The Clerk will make enquiries with Cllr Phripp to establish whether there is a Bond payment lodged with the Council and what this covers.

Election of Officers

SE accepted the position of Chair which was proposed in his absence last month. Councillor's roles and responsibilities will be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to email list of roles to Councillors.

Matters Arising:

- i. **Wellhead Pump:** Pump will be shotblasted next week and then painted.
- ii. **Bradford Road & Rode Hill Crossroad Accident/Incidents:** Cllr Phripp is trying to arrange a meeting with Somerset CC in the next month to discuss this matter.
- iii. **Evacuation Planning:** No further information.
- iv. **Flooding on Brewery Site:** There has been no recent flooding. SCC's contractor has now submitted a quote for the inspection. After the inspection, discussions will need to take place between the Playing Field Committee, residents of Brewery site, Somerset CC and the Parish Council. Funding for any required works could be an issue.
- v. **Straight Lane – Haulage Activities:** Some road repairs have been carried out on Parkgate Lane/Straight Lane. Cllr Oliver is tackling Enforcement over the haulage activities.
- vi. **Playing Field Committee:** AE has read through all the past Playing Field Committee minutes. The committee should consist of 7 elected members and representatives from organisations. Recruitment of new members for the committee has traditionally been very difficult. AE noted in the minutes that the only approved access into the playing field is via the main gate. AE will pass the minutes to Peter Harris to review. Parish Council are the custodians of the playing field but have no powers over the management committee. PT/AE and Peter Harris to meet to discuss further.
- vii. **Building Works in The Mead:** Letter received from Mendip DC Enforcement acknowledging receipt of the complaint. Clerk to pass to Cllr Oliver.
- viii. **Jar in Post Office:** Clerk has banked £170 cash. SD has written a note of thanks to the Post Office and residents in the Link. Quiz in aid of Speedwatch raised £140. Parish Council will issue a cheque for £100 for Speedwatch as agreed at the last meeting.

Church Farm Development: Cllr Oliver had submitted a report prior to the meeting in which she reported that it would be very hard to retrospectively establish a Section 106 agreement for the site. The Parish Council were unaware that this needed to be done before the outline planning application was approved. Laura McKay, Planning Officer, has indicated that the process of agreeing the Section 106 with the developer may take 6-8 months. There is an urgent need for the Parish Council to undertake a Housing Needs Survey if the Section 106 is to include preference for people with a connection to Rode when allocating the affordable housing. An area of open space is a requirement of the planning permission. Whether this should be placed within the development or the money used to improve the existing playing field needs further discussion. Cllr Oliver will look into this.

Neighbourhood Plan: PB is in the process of applying for a grant. PT/SE/PB are meeting with Locality next week to discuss putting together a housing survey and will enquire about available funding.

Correspondence: Consideration of £10 Donation for Peter Lacey (SALC) Memorial Bench – approved.

Financial Position

- i. NatWest Reserve account balance at 25 May 2013 - £25,940.59 (Current Account £10.00)

Cheque 935	Beckington Parish Council – Photocopying costs	£30.00
Cheque 936	Clerk's Salary and Expenses (April)	£189.20

Cheque 937	Rode Playing Field Committee (Chq 917 lost)	£2,000.00
Cheque 938	Mr Alan Aked – Internal Audit	£50.00
Cheque 939	Community Speedwatch – donation	£100.00
Cheque 940	SALC – donation to Peter Lacey Memorial Bench	£10.00
Cheque 941	Mrs P Banwell – Flowers for pots	£12.00

ii. Mendip DC Council Tax Support Grant Allocation - £319.32 received.

Planning Applications:

Applicant & Location	Application No & Type	Proposal	PC Decision
Mrs S Baker 11 Frome Road	2013/1201 TREE – Conservation area	Proposed felling of three trees in a conservation to the rear of 11 Frome Road	No objections

Any Other Business

- i. **Verge by hall:** David Jupp will be asked to cut this back as it is causing visibility problems for traffic pulling out of the High Street.
- ii. **Bus shelter:** Now the pub has been painted, the bus shelter looks shabby. Manager will be asked whether they would be willing to paint it.
- iii. **Church Lane – pavement:** The pavement is being encroached by the bank and overhanging vegetation which is making it impossible for pedestrians to use, especially for those with pushchairs. Clerk to contact Somerset CC and Cllr Phripp.
- iv. **Dead Tree – The Mead:** Clerk to contact to Mendip DC.
- v. **Asset List:** Clerk to forward to all councillors.
- vi. **Parish Council Cabinets:** One of these is locked. PB to make enquiries to find the key holder.
- vii. **Adoption of Brewery Site:** PT to make enquiries about the current status.
- viii. **Internet Connection:** This is becoming a real issue for businesses. Cllr Phripp is looking into it. PT will get together a group of residents to discuss the issues.
- ix. **Shelves in Phone Box:** Clerk to write to Mr Dickinson thanking him for the two sets of shelving.

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Clerk to Rode Parish Council