

**MINUTES OF CHEW STOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2009 AT THE CHURCH HALL, PILGRIMS WAY, CHEW STOKE,
BRISTOL AT 7.30PM**

	ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
	PRESENT:	<p>Mrs G Slater - Chairman</p> <p>Councillors: Mrs A Cunningham (AC), Mr A Troup (AT), Mrs J Brown (JB), Mr A Hawkins (AH), Mrs L Attree (LA), Ms C Wood (CW) - Clerk</p> <p>Beat Manager Simon Glanfield and PCSO Martin Bragg, attended from 8.15pm.</p>	
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Mrs H Padfield (HP), Mr D Thompson (DT), G Knight (GK), District Cllr M Hanney (MH)	
2.	READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	<p>Before the minutes were read and confirmed, Louise Attree our new Councillor was asked to sign the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" Book which was witnessed by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 3 September 2009 have been circulated to members, were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
4.	PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS	None	
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	All covered in the minutes.	
6.	POLICE ISSUES, VILLAGE SECURITY	<p>The new Beat Manager, Simon Glanfield and PCSO Martyn Bragg attended the meeting from 8.15pm. GS welcomed them to the meeting and everyone was introduced. Several questions and concerns were put to Simon and Martyn who gave the following responses:</p> <p>Bilbie Road Play Area – Problem with Motorbikes/Mopeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems should be reported to the Police via the non-emergency number and 999 as a last resort. This can then be logged and the more reports received the higher up the priority scale the incident will go which will mean a quicker response time by the Police. • Number plates should be taken so that the Police can identify those involved. The Police can take away the bikes of those who fail to heed police warnings. • Simon Glanfield said he and the PCSOs had been down to the Play Area several times but whenever they visited there was no-one about. 	

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		<p>They will continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Paul Cornelius</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed he is standing down as a PCSO to pursue his Career in the Fire Brigade. Paul will be replaced but this may not happen until December as training had to be given. We were also told that Two Special Constables have been assigned to our area. <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Simon's agenda is to work with the Parishes and the Parish Councils regarding Schools, Clubs, Vulnerable People; also to offer crime prevention advice to people who are away from home during the day. There have recently been a number of distraction burglaries in the Valley and so advice will also be given in this area. • Considering setting up Crime Prevention workshops and also the use of the Bobbie Van which is a scheme run by the Police to advise on home security. <p>Speeding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of roads now have Data Cables to record the speed of traffic, volume etc. Once the data had been collated, the Police will know which areas to target. • Metal Camera Sign – it was suggested that a sign should be placed on the MPH posts entering the village so that, when the mobile speed camera is in the village, there is no need for the police to put out a temporary sign (which just alerts drivers to the presence of the camera). PC Glanfield said he would try to find out where these can be obtained and get back to us. <p>PC Glanfield said either he or a PCSO would try to attend our meetings at least once a quarter. GS thanked both PC Glanfield and PCSO Bragg for attending.</p> <p>AT was asked to request that the non-emergency Police number (0845 456 7000) is put back on the back page of the St Andrews Parish Magazine.</p> <p>It was also suggested that a log should be kept of all problems in the play area such as date, time, incident and, if applicable, registration number of the bike. These details should be given to CW to log.</p> <p>Signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW to obtain prices for signs for the Play Area and Rectory Field Gate. • Play Area will read – No Motorbikes/mopeds or dogs allowed • Rectory Field will read – No Motorbikes or Mopeds 	
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		<p>the Weekly List, Consultations on Planning and Notification of Decisions via e-mail or post. CW has responded requesting Weekly List via e-mail and Consultations and Notifications by Post.</p> <p>9. Kompan brochure for play equipment</p> <p>10. Letter asking if we would like to join Society of Local Council Clerks.</p> <p>11. E-mail received from ALCA with minutes of meeting held on 20 May 09 and the Agenda for the next meeting which was held on 23 September.</p> <p>12. E-mail received from William Harding of BANES concerning Spinal Column rates of pay.</p> <p>13. E-mail received from John Whapshott, from Social and Housing Partnership at BANES concerning 2 half day workshops on 22 October and 30 November.</p> <p>14. Letter via e-mail from Chief Super Gary Davies x 2 for Sept and Oct.</p> <p>15. Via e-mail Letter from Community Action including a poster for board looking for new people to join the CA Board.</p> <p>16. Community Policing Awards 2009 with applications – on noticeboard.</p> <p>17. Via E-mail Members Briefing Note from BANES concerning understanding between BANES and Police.</p> <p>18. Via e-mail West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy.</p> <p>19. Via e-mail Quality Councils – Proactive Community Leaders Free Learning Seminars.</p> <p>20. Parish Liaison Agenda for 14 October plus accompanying paperwork – given to AT</p> <p>21. Transport and Highways Magazine</p> <p>22. CPRE Campaigns Update</p>	<p>CW ✓</p> <p>AT</p>				
8.	FINANCE	<p>Cheques for Payment for September 09</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">H A King (Cleaning for Sept)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£324.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Wood (Clerk for Sept)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.62</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed JB Seconded AC.</p> <p>Finance meeting to be held Second Week in November – with CW, DT and LA. GS suggested a resume of what has been spent and what is left – to report at the December.</p>	H A King (Cleaning for Sept)	£324.33	C Wood (Clerk for Sept)	£250.62	<p>CW</p>
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9.	BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	<p>GS reported that in the Chew Valley Gazette it was noted that BANES have formally objected to the recent planning application. It was confirmed that the Council's concerns relating to increased traffic in the village had been added to the comments on the application. Nothing further to report.</p>					
10.	PACT MEETING	<p>DT attended the PACT meeting which was held on 16 September and presented the following report: No representative from BANES. Met with the new Beat Manager Simon Glanfield and invited him to the next meeting. He is moving in to the Police House at</p>	<p>DT</p>				

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		<p>Compton Martin within the next couple of months, meanwhile he operates from Keynsham. It was confirmed that the Dog Warden had visited Chew Stoke along with both PCSO's who expressed disappointment that no one from the PC met them! DT stressed that this must be a communication breakdown as we would have readily taken the opportunity but had no knowledge of the timing of any visit. Data Loops are now on all major Chew Valley Roads and the data will be used to indicate "hot spots" and thereby target priorities. These will be detailed at the next PACT meeting. Weed control – it was felt that villages such as ours who have our own village cleaner have the responsibility for weed control ourselves in that provision for it is included in the sum paid by BANES. DT felt it might be better discussed at the Parish Liaison Meeting as it is not a community safety matter. The 3 priorities to be acted upon are: 1. Speeding of HGV's on the A37 at Whitchurch. 2. Parking obstructions at the PO Pensford and Ham Lane Area, Bishop Sutton – Chew Magna are already heavily involved with BANES concerning their own parking/traffic problems. 3. An update next meeting on Valley Youth Facilities which are not working well, although they are few youth problems. Nothing reported on the A368 situation which is not already known. The next PACT meeting is on 13 January 2010 at Chew Magna.</p>	
11	TELEPHONE BOX	<p>GK has been in contact with BT and there are a couple of options available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We can adopt the telephone box for a £1 (the box could be worth in the region of £1,000) which will mean we will be responsible for the upkeep. The Glass panels can cost approximately £150 for the whole box to be replaced also it would need to be kept clean etc. 2. We can sponsor the box from BT at a cost of £300 plus VAT per annum. This will mean that BT will keep the telephone working as a cashless phone where phone-cards and debit cards can be used to make a call. <p>In September's edition of the Parish Magazine we explained the fate of our telephone box but we have to date not received any feedback from parishioners expressing a wish to keep the telephone box, therefore after this was debated, it was decided that we would not sponsor or adopt the telephone box.</p>	
12	WARD COUNCILLOR INITIATIVE	<p>The following is the Chew Stoke PC submission: Chew Stoke Parish Council has for some time monitored and sought to control the urbanisation that occurs in our Parish. There is almost an inevitability about this, as road</p>	

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		<p>safety and highway issues lead in turn to increased signage, traffic calming structures and new pavements. This feeling of urbanisation is further exacerbated by increased traffic through the village. We believe that we can to a worthwhile extent offset and counter this trend by the enhancement and maintenance of the open landscape areas of our village. Eight sites have been identified in the village, all of which are central. At these sites, the already maintained grassy banks and verges lend themselves to enhancement by the planting of appropriate flowering shrubs or trees. These central sites will soften the village centre, maintain the rural nature of Chew Stoke and are positioned where all villagers will enjoy the improvement. Most of the sites are in public ownership but in cases where a road side site is privately owned we would invite co-operation of the landowner in this project. It is interesting that one of the adverse judges' comments in our winning the Village of the Year Competition related to the absence of planting around the Millennium memorial. The eight sites identified would require 35 individual trees or shrubs which we have budgeted at £35 each for purchase, staking and planting. This being a projected total of £1225. The nature of the project is such that ongoing expenditure to the parish will be negligible. It is this project and budget which we submit for funding.</p> <p>CW to send the submission to MH.</p>	
13.	COMMUNITY AWARD 2009	Application given to AT for completion.	CW√ AT
14	PLANNING (Incl Welcome Pack)	<p>09/00660/TCA – CHEW STOKE METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, CHEW STOKE – REDUCTION AND CRWON THIN LIME TREE – CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHEW STOKE METHODIST CHURCH - PENDING</p> <p>09/01342/LBA – THE RECTORY, PILGRIMS WAY, CHEW STOKE – INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO INCLUDE UPGRADING ROOMS, PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF OUTHOUSES AND ERECTION OF A GLAZED GARDEN ROOM – PENDING</p> <p>09/01341/FUL – DR RICHARD RAFFERTY, THE RECTORY, PILGRIMS WAY, CHEW STOKE, BRISTOL – ERECTION OF A GLAZED GARDEN ROOM – PENDING</p> <p>09/02245/REG03 – CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL, ERECTION OF NEW BUILD SINGLE STOREY CHILDREN'S CENTRE BUILDING IN THE GROUNDS OF CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL – APPLICATION: BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL – PENDING</p> <p>09/02317/FUL – ARQIVA, TELEVISION MAST BREACH HILL COMMON, CHEW STOKE – INSTALLATION OF A 0.75M SATELLITE DISH AT 5M – PERMITTED with the following comments: Development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of permission. 2. The dish hereby approved shall be removed within 3 months of the cessation of operation of use. Footnote: The installation of the dish is considered necessary and the chosen siting is appropriate. The</p>	

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		<p>development is not considered to have detrimental impact on the openness of the Green Belt or the visual amenities of the Green Belt or the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in which it is sited. There are not considered to be any detrimental impacts on residential amenity and a certificate of ICNIRP compliance has been submitted as part of the application.</p> <p>09/02384/FUL – MRS ANNE SUMMERS, ROSEMARY COTTAGE, BREACH HILL LANE, CHEW STOKE – ERECTION OF A SIDE PORCH FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING – PERMITTED – with the following comments: The development permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years. All external walling and roofing materials to be used shall match those of the existing building in respect of type, size, colour, pointing, coursing, jointing, profile and texture.</p> <p>09/02672/FUL – MS SARAH TUCKER, THE OAKS, PAGANS HILL, CHEW STOKE – ERECTION OF A STAINED TIMBER BOUNDARY FENCING TO THE ROAD PERIMETERS OF THE OAKS (RETROSPECTIVE)</p> <p>09/02286/OUT – BAKER AND BAKER, POULTRY PRODUCTION UNIT, SCOT LANE, CHEW STOKE – CONSTRUCTION OF A 12,000 BIRD FREE RANGE EGG PRODUCTION UNIT – Comments made by Council: Chew Stoke Parish Council supports this application. We cannot see any adverse environmental impact another poultry unit would cause. Good provision has been made for disposal of waste, and no major impact of additional traffic. The siting of building is good, as it is not visible from either Pagans Hill or Winford Road. PENDING</p> <p>09/02819/FUL – MR PAUL WEDLAKE, BROOK COTTAGE, SHOREDITCH, CHEW STOKE, ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ALTERATIONS AND NEW SIDE ENTRANCE PORCH – PERMITTED – no comments received</p> <p>09/02829/FUL – ND AND R A PEARCE - PERRYHOUSE FARM, STOKE HILL, CHEW STOKE, ERECTION OF LIVESTOCK SHED FOR CATTLE HOUSING – PENDING - Council supports this application as it will benefit the farm to have more covered area for livestock. The new shed is situated within the farm yard and will not be totally visible from the public road.</p> <p><u>New Planning</u></p> <p>09/03577/FUL – CHEW VALLEY RUGBY CLUB, CHEW LANE, CHEW STOKE, ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO CLUB HOUSE TO PROVIDE KIT AND TRACTOR STORE FOLLOWING REMOVAL OF 3 NO. METAL STORAGE CONTAINERS AND AN OPEN SPECTATOR SHELTER ATTACHED TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOLLOWING REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY CANOPY - Chew Stoke Parish Council support the above application for the following reasons: The proposal improves the look of the present facility, with the removal of ugly metal storage to a well planned extension in keeping with the existing building features. The replacement of the lean-to, again improves the look of</p>	
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		<p>this area of the building. The planting of 5 more trees will enhance the perimeter of the parking area and will give further privacy to the neighbouring gardens. Our only concerns are that the hedge and bank to the rear of the building running along the green lane are well maintained.</p> <p>09/03488/FUL – MILLSTONES, 3 THE CEDARS, CHEW STOKE – ERECTION OF 2 NO. DETACHED DWELLINGS (RE-SUBMISSION)- Chew Stoke Parish Council strongly object to this application. This application, although now only 2 properties and not 3, is still objected to for similar reasons as before. All the point raised in the previous refusal are still relevant to this proposal. The site is with in the Green Belt and the Conservation Area – this build would be “backfilling” and inappropriate development on previously undeveloped open ground and would be visually detrimental. This site is at the top of a large open public space and would be very visible from the open space and from other directions. The building of two more houses would detract from the open character of this area. As the development of 39 houses within the parish is now well underway, we do not consider there to be further need for more housing. Pilgrims Way is a narrow unlit village road, with no pavements. The increase in traffic these large family homes would bring would be unacceptable. The Planning Support Statement states that none of the neighbouring properties are listed. The Old Rectory is Grade 2 listed. We consider this development would still adversely affect the setting and character of this building. The Tree Preservation Order 2009 dated 11 March 2009, relates to the trees on this site. Some of the trees the applicant wishes to fell are protected by this order. The Support Statement makes no mention of any Orders in place.</p> <p><u>Enforcement</u> Yew Tree Public House – The Enforcement Officer has been contacted for an update regarding the Smoking Shelter – we have been informed that an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use which has been sent to BANES by Mr Mill’s agent is invalid and so has not been registered. This is being followed up by the Enforcement Officer.</p> <p>Radfords – discuss next meeting – S106 payments.</p>	
15.	<p>RECREATIONAL AREAS (PLAY AREA/RECTORY FIELD (incl. Recent problems in both Play area and Rectory Field)</p>	<p>Rectory Field – GS has contacted Joe White (carpenter) to ask if he would like to provide a quotation for the work which needs carrying out on the wooden bridge between Quarry Hay Footpath and Rectory Field. Mr White has been asked to contact Brian Thompson direct as he was involved with the original design and build of the bridge.</p>	

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		<p>Bilbie Road Play Area: The problems which have been encountered are detailed under Item 6 – Police Issues. The safe surface which had been vandalised should be repaired shortly at a cost of approximately £950</p>	
16.	<p>FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE (Incl. Stoke Hill Chicane, Bristol Rd Footpath, Footpath between Bilbie and Bristol Road, Flashing 30mph sign)</p>	<p>Footpath Between Bilbie and Bristol Road – Somer Housing have been in contact asking for us to mark the location of the footpath on a map. This has been done and returned.</p> <p>Traffic Calming – Following recent discussions with Stefan Chiffers from BANES concerning the speed of traffic on Walley Court Road, we have learned that some money is now available for a traffic calming scheme on this road. All Councillors had been circulated with photographs of a “gateway” scheme (from Bristol). The proposal is to put this gateway onto Walley Court Road at about the end of the 30MPH zone; the 30MPH zone would have to be moved out a little bit; we would have to have a bollard with a Keep Left sign on the central island but, apart from that, the island could be planted up and made “green”. It was agreed that this was an acceptable way to try to slow down traffic on Walley Court Road whilst not introducing too much urbanisation to the village. The Councillors voted to ask B&NES to proceed to draw up the detailed plans for us to approve and to show to the owners of the nearest houses and the bowling club. GS to contact Stefan Chiffers.</p> <p>30mph Flashing Sign – GK reported that money has been secured to enable us to have a 30mph Flashing Sign. The sign is solar powered and the photovoltaic panel sits upon a 6m high pole. There are 4 or 5 sockets which will be permanently fixed into the ground at strategic locations so that the sign can be moved from socket to socket as required. We have been asked to identify areas for these sockets and this has been done – Walley Court Road, Stoke Hill, Bristol Road and Chew Lane will all be included. GK to liaise with B&NES.</p> <p>Stoke Hill Chicane – the bollards now have reflectors. Ask GK to take up Stoke Hill Chicane surface (central line) with Stefan and get it sorted out.</p>	<p>CW√</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GK</p> <p>GK</p>
17.	<p>VILLAGE CLEANING</p>	<p>Village Cleaning – Still a lot of weeds in the verges. From the PACT meeting it was said that we were responsible as we are paid by BANES – Will re-look when the leaves have fallen and have been cleared away.</p> <p>Quote of £150 to put 8 shrubs on the bank at Quarry Hay – everyone happy to go ahead – CW to ask HK to liaise with HP regarding specifics of shrubs and positioning – before going ahead.</p> <p>Bonfires – A number of complaints have been received concerning some Parishioners who are constantly lighting bonfires all times of the day and evening; this is causing a nuisance to others in the village and is forcing neighbours to close windows and bring in washing etc.</p>	<p>CW√</p> <p>HP</p>

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		The Councillors agreed to send out a message to all Parishioners asking them to be more considerate to their neighbours and to make sure that any bonfire does not spread smoke and ash beyond the property of the "owner" of the bonfire. Parishioners should note that, if this is a major problem, then the Fire Brigade should be called to deal with it. Also the Environmental Health Dept at B&NES should be informed to record the "nuisance".	
18.	ACTION LINE	Nothing to report.	
19.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	GS reported that the number of views on our website has gone up considerably. GS has re-written the welcome letter for new people who have moved in to the village – copy in the correspondence folder for comments.	
		The meeting ended at 10.10	