



**20/10 Planning Sub-Committee Report:**

Cllr. Marwood reported that:

1. An application has been received in respect of Ivelhurst, Upper Bristol Road, for a side extension. The Sub-Committee recommended that this application be not opposed.

The recommendation of the Sub-Committee was **approved** unanimously

2. With regard to the request from Robert Sawyer for a meeting with the Council regarding the field to the south of Maynard Terrace, it was **agreed**, after a long discussion in which many concerns were expressed, in particular about the inadequate infrastructure to support any significant development on this field, that the Clerk should arrange an information-gathering meeting without any commitment on the part of the Council to any proposals, and that if the Maynard Terrace residents wished to appoint two or three representatives to attend the meeting they should also be invited.

**Clerk**

3. The Chairman reported that although there had been some success with enforcement, the situation at the Clutton Hill Industrial Estate goes from bad to worse, with the recent installation of a large number of huge vats for the increased and apparently unauthorised production of cider. It was noted that cider in its concentrated form is toxic and if the vats leaked or burst there would be a very serious problem. The Chairman undertook to write to B&NES about this.

**21/10 Development of a Parish Plan**

Cllr Pickman reported that following a meeting with B&NES officers about maps, the working group would work on a final draft Plan to present to the Council. She pointed out that the Council had still to decide what resources it was able to commit to the publication of the Plan once it is approved.

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**22/10 Proposals regarding the use of the Ward Councillors' Initiative fund**

In the light of the information set out in the report circulated by the Clerk, it was **agreed** that the best use of this money would be the completion of the project of renewing the equipment in the Play Area. The clerk undertook to let Cllr. Willcox have the relevant details.

**Clerk**

**23/10 Proposals affecting the future of ALCA**

The Chairman reported that following the decision by the ALCA AGM to amend its subscription structure, the larger Councils had withdrawn from the Association, leaving large hole in its finances. It was proposing that for the coming financial year the subscription for the smaller councils should remain as agreed at the AGM, but that the larger Councils would only pay the subscription payable in the current financial year. This would leave ALCA in deficit for next year, which would be met out of reserves, but it was unclear how the situation could be resolved for the following financial year.

The Chairman invited Councillors to take advantage of the training programme offered by ALCA. It was **agreed** that the Chairman would attend the course for Chairmen, and that the Clerk should attend that covering Audit and Finance. The Clerk agreed to circulate more information about the course for Councillors.

**Clerk**

**24/10 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:

1. The Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club, inviting nominations for its Community award. Cllr. Parfitt nominated Aubrey Willcox and this being unanimously **approved**, he got the job of preparing an

**AP**

appropriate citation, to be passed to the Clerk for forwarding to the Rotary Club.

2. Mr. French thanking the Council for its £25 allotment prize and expressing surprise at receiving it.
3. Stuart Peard of Avon and Somerset police, advising that women should be aware of a number of handbag thefts which had occurred in Wells.
4. Stuart Peard of Avon and Somerset police, updating the Council on recent burglaries in and around the village.
5. Cam Valley Wildlife Group, enclosing its newsletter.

## 25/10 Highways

1. Cllr. Pickman reported that Bovril have a fund for communities to help them enhance their environment. Applications must be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup> and the Chairman undertook to submit an application if an appropriate one could be drafted. **TM**
2. Cllr. Parfitt reported that he was informed that the scheduled drain maintenance would take place in the next two weeks.
3. Cllr. Parfitt reported that he had been unable to contact Trina Cummings, but that another officer had told him that they had surveyed all the potholes and carried out repairs recently. On inspection it was clear that some serious ones had been missed and Cllr. Parfitt had been invited to conduct his own survey and notify B&NES of the results. **AP**
4. Cllr. Phillips reported that he had received complaints about the vans and cars parked on the pavement outside Low Cost Vans on Upper Bristol Road which obscure pedestrians' view of oncoming traffic. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should notify the PCSO. **Clerk**

## 26/10 Reports of Sub-Committees

The following reports were received:

1. **School:** Cllr. Veale reported that a teacher had been recruited to cover maternity leave; that the School had been asked to increase its planned admission numbers from 21 to 25 from 2011, that the School Improvement Partner had described the provision at the school as 'outstanding'; and that the 5 new pieces of playground equipment are to be installed before the summer.
2. **Leisure Area:** There has been no response from B&NES about the draft lease. It was **agreed** that the Council should write to the relevant Strategic Director to complain. **Clerk**
3. **Village Hall:** Cllr. Bailey reported that the Village Hall committee was keen that the Chairman should attend the next meeting of the committee and that there is no problem about the Council receiving the minutes of its meetings. He also reported that the notice board had been erected on the side of the hall, on the left approaching the door; and that there is now a fire and safety book to be signed by all who use the hall, and a requirement that the fire exit signs be illuminated and pointed out to those attending meetings in the hall. **TM**
4. **Flood Warden:** Cllr. Parfitt expressed the hope that the forthcoming drain maintenance work would relieve the problem at the bottom of Clutton Hill.
5. **Footpaths:** Cllr. S. Marwood reported that B&NES had notified the Council that the diversion of the footpath at Willow Farm had been implemented, and that no action was to be taken in relation to the footpath at the scrap yard off Eastcourt Road. Cllr. Marwood undertook arrange for the information about the 'Parish Agency Scheme' (under which parish councils undertake to cutting of surface vegetation along public rights of way in exchange for an annual fee) to be circulated. **SM**

**Close: The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.**