



Meeting

Members of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council are summoned to attend a meeting of the council, to be held remotely, on **Monday 6th February 2023 at 7pm**. Members of the public are welcome, and encouraged to attend, and will have opportunity to address the council.

The meeting will be held remotely in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The Act makes permanent provision for remote meetings (multi-location) and electronic publication of documents. The meeting will be recorded to ensure the accuracy of the Minutes.

Agenda

1. Chair's welcome and introductions
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To receive declarations of interest
4. Co-option of Member
5. Police Matters
6. Public Engagement
 - a. Partnering with the Vale of Glamorgan Council
 - b. To approve the engagement of Francesca Pridding as Public Engagement Officer for the completion of the community involvement and the evidence aspect of a place plan
7. Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters
 - a. Recycling and Waste Management Service Changes 2023/24
 - b. 20mph rollout and Active & Sustainable Travel
 - c. Local Development Plan strategy
8. Minutes
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on:
 - a) 9th January 2023
9. Update
 - a. Community Payback
 - b. Clerk recruitment
10. Discussion Forum – Matters not on the Agenda
11. Finances
 - a) Payments to approve
 - b) Approve honorarium payment to households hosting Christmas lights.

- c) To approve the bank reconciliation to 31st January 2023.
- 12. To receive Planning Decisions and Updates
 - a) Planning decisions
- 13. To consider Planning Applications & Matters
 - a) 61, Cae Newydd, St Nicholas
 - b) Field South of A48, Bonvilston
- 14. To consider
 - a. Response to question at Full Council meeting of Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to Maes y Ffynnon green.
 - b. St Nicholas Village Green Improvements
 - c. Response to Community Boundary Review Consultation.
- 15. Announcements and Next meeting



Supporting Documentation

Vale of Glamorgan Council Matters

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is considering to move to collecting three black bags every three weeks.

It's also proposed to implement a garden waste charge in the form of an annual subscription payment of £36 for 4 sacks per collection, or £54 for 8 sacks per fortnightly collection between March and November. Additional sacks will be collected for an additional charge of 50p per sack, booked online. Subscribers will also benefit from an on-demand service in winter.

If approved, the changes will come into effect from July 1

Matters not on the agenda – Discussion Forum

This is an opportunity for residents to raise matters of concern to them. This replaces the section of the agenda formerly referred to as Public Participation, due to the changes coming in from the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales), 2021. Members of the public will be offered the opportunity to speak, briefly, on all agenda items.

Finances

Payments to approve (*other payments may be added before the meeting*)

Cllr Perry – Expenses – Envelopes and stamps – £6.54

Audit Wales (external audit) 2021-22 - £335.00

Jobs In Wales – Recruitment advertising – £238.80

Hemming Group – Recruitment advertising – £450.00

SLCC Enterprises Ltd (Locum services – December – 464) - £1378.020

Planning Decisions

Application No. 2022/01096/FUL The Old Manse, A48, St. Nicholas Renovation, with single storey extension and conservatory at the rear and two storey side extension. Approved 10.01.2023.

Application No. 2022/01049/FUL The Barn, Greenway Farm, Bonvilston Proposed rear two storey extension. Refused 14.01.2023.



Planning Applications

Planning Application No. [2023/00004/FUL](#) 61, Cae Newydd, St Nicholas - Erect a single storey tiled roof extension to the rear elevation.

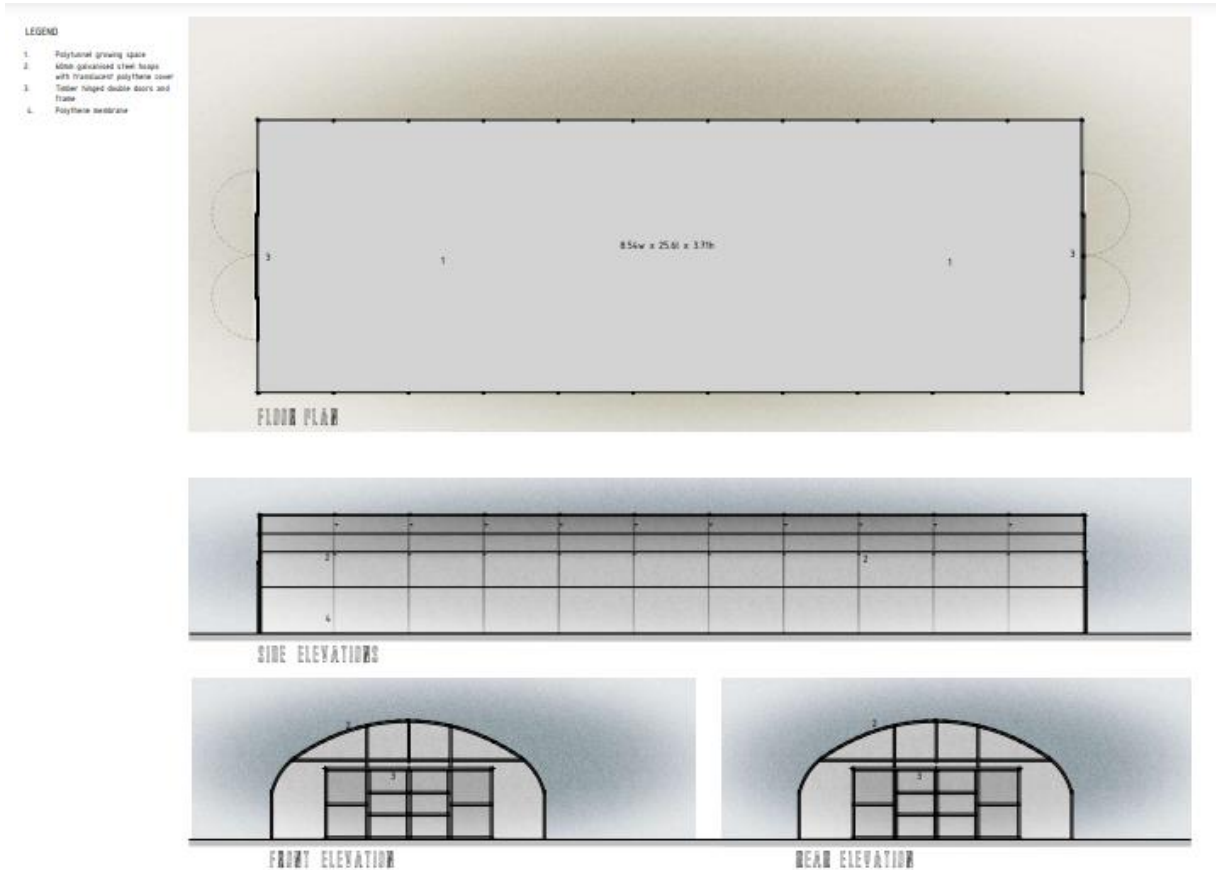
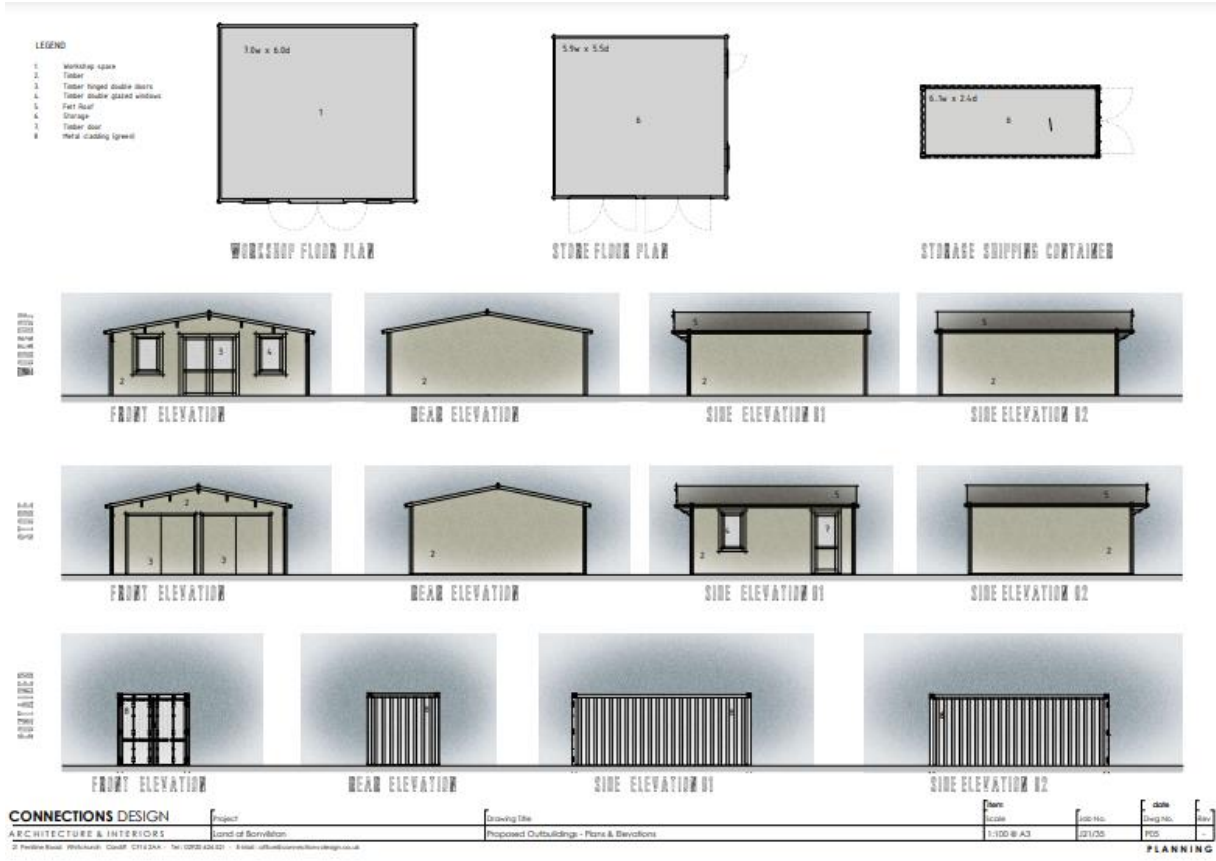


Field South of A48, Bonvilston

Planning Application No [2022/01348/FUL](#)

Development of agricultural storage units and workshop and provision of polytunnels and associated works





Question to the Vale of Glamorgan Council

The following written question was answered at the Full Council meeting of December 6, 2020. The written answer was read out.

Cllr Ian Perry:

Residents of Bonvilston have enjoyed the Village Green at the back of Maes y Ffynnon for 70 years. This is a much loved and used public space. On approaching the Vale Council to own the Village Green, St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council were told that the Vale Council does not undertake Community Asset Transfers, so the Community Council could not acquire the land in this way, but if the land was surplus to requirements, it would be off-loaded, and the Community Council would be able to purchase and protect it for future generations. The Community Council confirmed a desire to purchase the land from the Vale Council in writing.

There was surprise to read in the Final Report for 8 dwellings to replace much of the green space:

The 'do nothing' approach is not especially desirable. Evidence shows that the land is not needed as public open space, and if it were left undeveloped it might become unsightly over time, particularly the area where the garages used to be. Furthermore, vacant land would not have the same positive social and economic effects as the development proposal.

Residents have evidenced that the Village Green is used and Bonvilston has an under provision of Public Open Space that will not be resolved by ongoing development. The Village Green is not "vacant land". St Nicholas with Bonvilston owns and maintains the Village Green at St Nicholas; and maintains it to a higher standard than the areas that are maintained by the Vale Council.

Good reason for refusal of development for the Village Green was given when the planning application was refused in 2021 – the development is unneighbourly. Would the Vale Council like to apologise to St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council for suggesting that should the Community Council own and manage the Village Green at Bonvilston, "it might become unsightly over time"?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services

Can I start by stating that the Vale of Glamorgan Council has nothing to apologise for, particularly when it is delivering much needed affordable housing in our rural villages. In addition, as Councillor Perry is fully aware, the claim of a village green on the land in question failed after the relevant public inquiry and was not relevant to the consideration of this planning application



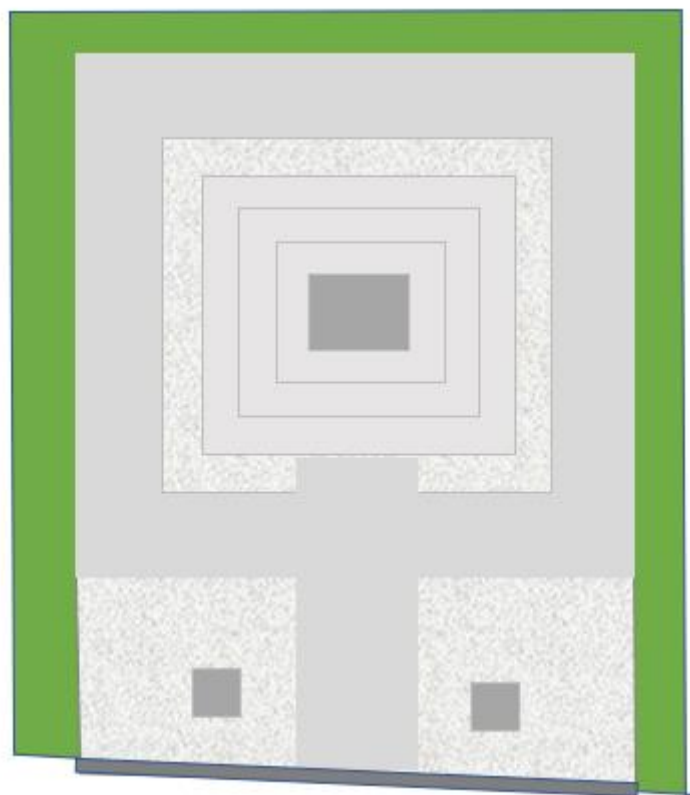
St Nicholas Village Green Improvements

Problems

- No dropped kerb for Memorial
- 1990's utility paving around the Memorial is tired, and obscures the bottom 100mm of the Memorial
- The bollards and chain around the Memorial, which were added in the 1990's need attention
- The surface of the path leading to the churchyard is old and uneven

Potential improvements for consideration

- Replace the bollards and chain around the memorial with an area of cobble or stone chippings to match the memorial of a width of approximately 400mm like the steps (except directly to the front). Restore the bottom step to a full 200mm in height.
- Encircle the cobble or chippings with stone paving (900mm wide) to match or complement the Memorial stone, with a path leading to the road, as now. Paving needs to enable lawnmower to runover the edge to cut the grass with no need for strimming.
- Drop the kerb to the road. To prevent water pooling on the path, replace grass to the sides of the path with stone chippings in reinforcement grid – and edge to grass.
- Add stone cubes to front in place of bollards



Pave the approach to the churchyard (adopted highway, but owned by the Community Council) with tumbled setts. Repair paved area.





Add a topiary yew, perhaps cone of pyramid, to the small triangular area of green, where the present bollards are rotting away.



Community Boundary Review 2023

Timetable

Stage 1 – 8 Week Consultation Period – 1 February to 28 March

Stage 2 – Develop and publish Draft Proposals 8 Week Consultation Period – Summer 2023

Stage 3 –Formulates Final recommendations and submits to Welsh Government – Early 2024

Stage 4 – After 6 weeks WG may make an Order (an opportunity to write to Welsh Government)

Stage 5 – New arrangements come into force for local government election

The aim of the Review is to:

- Ensure that a community has no fewer than 1,000 electors.
- Will not create a community for less than 150 electors.
- Consider strong, evidence-based arguments to create a community that has between 150 and 1,000 electors
- Ensure that each community that is created is represented by a minimum of 7 councillors.



The Communities created will fall into one of three categories; Rural, Urban or Mixed.

Rural Communities (including St Nicholas with Bonvilston): Rural Communities would have a level of variance that is around 1 councillor per 150 electors.

Consideration will be given to consultation responses that propose:

- Small divergence from the council size policy
- Community tie arguments that justify atypical levels of electoral equality

Representations will be judged on the quality of evidence presented.

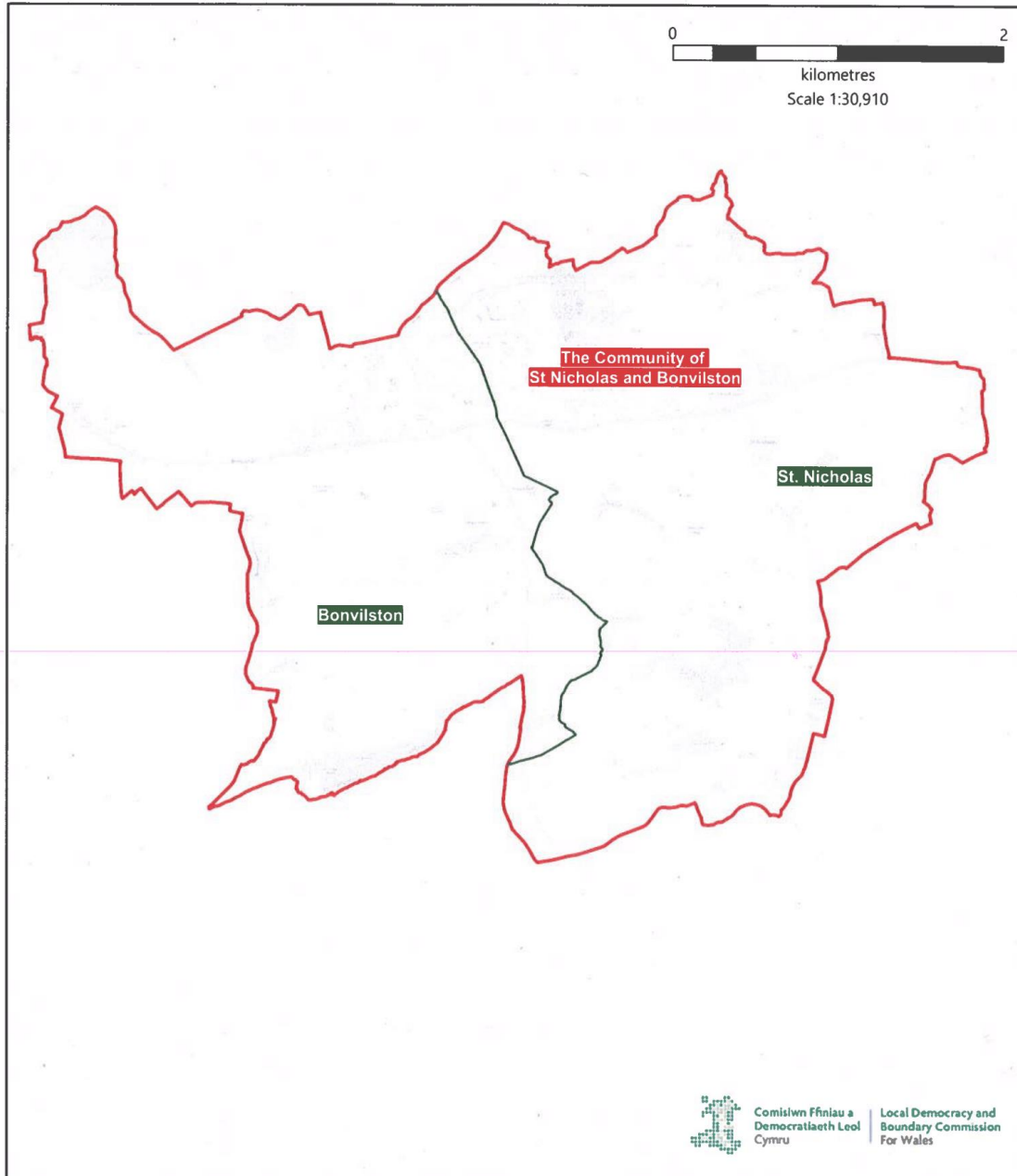
Representations which support are as important as those which oppose.

Effective representations will:

- Take account of Commission policies
- Suggest an alternative as well as setting out an objection
- Consider consequences of the alternative



St. Nicholas and Bonvilston




 Comisiwn Ffiniau a Democratiaeth Leol Cymru
 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales

St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community Council (Rural)								
Wards	Existing				Projected			
	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per Councillor	Variance	Electors	Community Councillors	Electors per councillor	Variance
Bonvilston	374	4	94	-38%	754	4	189	26%
St. Nicholas	496	6	83	-45%	558	6	93	-38%
	870	10	150		1,312	10	150	

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