

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm on 8th DECEMBER 2010
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was one member of the public present.

The business meeting opened at 7.30.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Dando, Mr Dean, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Hutchinson and the Clerk, Mr Scutt. Mr Warren (Ward Councillor), Mrs Parfitt (Village Hall) attended in their official capacities.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The November minutes were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Village Hall: the Clerk has not written to the Sperring Trust c/o Thatcher & Hallam – awaits a copy of offer letter.

Defibrillator: the meeting was told that a doctor at the surgery endorsed the benefit of having a defibrillator that could be accessed at times outside of surgery hours. The PC then discussed where it should be kept and it was agreed that subject to the Landlords agreement, it would be kept at The Temple Inn. It was suggested that the local branch of St.John's Ambulance who meet weekly in St Barnabas should be approached to see help publicise the defibrillator.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that in the extreme cold weather, the fact that two heaters were out of commission was very noticeable and there had been several complaints.

The issue of ensuring that the lights were not left on was discussed. The meeting was told that a local electrician would be consulted and asked to install a system that would cut the electric supply when the shutters were locked down.

It was reported that the School had made a donation towards its use of the hall and that two new groups would be using the hall on a regular basis.

It was confirmed that the Clutton Pantomime group had agreed to the new terms and would be using the hall in January and part of February.

It was confirmed that the Hall's Liquor Licence had been renewed.

The meeting then discussed the expenses incurred by the person running the day to day administration and it was agreed to grant an honorarium for 2010/2011.

A general discussion followed on various aspects of the role of the Parish Council in the Village Hall and the Playing Field and it was agreed to review these matters in 2011.

6. FINANCE

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks Nov wages	269.54	
(2) Sweepers Nov	428.89	
(3) Garage rent Dec	33.36	5.84
(4) Ring & Ride	200.00	
(5) Land registry fee	40.00	
(6) V.H. Honorarium	500.00	

Monies received

(1) Parish Sweeper Dec	286.44
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Precept

The annual precept has to be set at the January meeting and with this in mind the Clerk had circulated a proposed budget for the Councillors perusal. It was agreed that councillors would go through the figures prior to the January meeting.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

The Council discussed Mr Pole's resubmission to erect a garden shed and a change of use to domestic for a piece of land at North Barn, Cameley. The Council had no objection.

8. TO RECEIVE REPORT on A.L.C.A. S.G.M.

The Special General Meeting was called to consider two options:-

Option A. Continue with ALCA for 2011/2012 - with very significantly reduced expenditure compatible with potential income and with much leaner and more focussed Management Committee arrangements.

Option B. Proceed to dissolve ALCA with member councils joining another county association to maintain many, but not necessarily all, of their current services from ALCA.

The meeting voted 43 for and 22 against Option A. Option B was therefore not put to the vote.

9. TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF A.L.C.A.

The result of the SGM meant that Cameley Parish could not now join the Somerset Local Councils Association. It was agreed after a discussion to await the letter from ALCA as to membership costs and to reconsider at January's meeting.

10. STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a copy of the proposed standing orders which could then be adopted at the January meeting.

11. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

It was reported that:-

A mattress had been dumped in Greyfield View – the Clerk would report to Council Connect.

13. The Next Meeting is on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30.