MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL 9th DECEMBER 2009 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Ms Atkinson (chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mr Ashman Mrs Sherley-Price, Mr Hooper, Mr Dando, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Dean, Mr Warren

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were three members of the public present. The dangerous state of the fence around the play area was mentioned. This is dealt with under minute note No. 5.

It was noted that there was a lot of debris on Mead Way by the entrance to the Village Hall and it was agreed to contact B&NES.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: were accepted and signed

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were none that weren't dealt with elsewhere in the minutes

6. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The dangerous state of the fence was discussed. It was pointed out that a major piece of play apparatus was going to be installed early in the New Year and the question asked was could it wait til then. It was agreed that it should be removed as a safety measure. A local resident would be approached for help in lifting and removing the fence. A notice would be placed in the Parish Magazine.

A councillor had approached Somer Housing asking them to donate a piece of play apparatus such as a rocker. She would also approach Astor Housing who were building on the Goldney House site for a similar donation.

It was agreed to extend the deadline for tenders to be submitted for renovation of the Village Hall due to the late delivery of the Parish Magazine.

The Clerk told the meeting he had received 22 requests for schedules of work and that so far he had received 8 tenders.

It was agreed to set up a sub committee to consider all the tenders and to report back at the January meeting.

A contractor had been instructed to sand and seal the floor to the Village Hall.

7. MATTERS AWAITING RESULTS:

Allotments

The solicitors gave the Council a breakdown of charges.

The Parish Council were disappointed that there had been no response from the original landlower and confirmed they would continue to actively pursue any available land such as the field behind the Temple Inn which might be suitable as a possible site. It was agreed that the Chair would approach the owners.

Bus Shelter

B&NES had agreed to inspect the site opposite The Green to see if a Bus Shelter was feasible on that site.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING:

Cllrs Atkinson and Hooper reported on the latest meeting about traffic movements associated with the Trident site that they had attended with Mendip ward Councillor Tim Warren, Les Kew, Steve Wilcox (B&NES councillors) and Stefan Chiffers (traffic officer).

The main point is that the Trident site employs a lot of people and because of its nature requires delivery vehicles varying from the white vans through to 40 tonne articulated vehicles to bring in the raw material and take out the finished products. The traffic flows were evenly distributed between Marsh Lane, Eastcourt Road and Harts Lane. The designated route for Articulated lorries has always been Temple Inn Lane however evidence showed that some drivers were using Clutton and Harts lane as well.

It was noted that no matter how much locals objected, the bottom line was that B&NES had no money for a new road.

The consensus was to accept the reality and look at ways of managing it. The discussion covered traffic calming measures and revamping the passing places in Marsh Lane plus it was reported that Temple Inn lane would be upgraded and the road relaid. The three local ward councillors would meet to agree how to present a united front on the area and its traffic flows.

In terms of the safety of the residents and especially the children given that it was a school route, Stefan Chiffers from B&NES was prepared to look at providing flashing 20mph signs that operated at school time but it would depend on available money.

Finally Stefan Chiffers confirmed that bollards would be sited on the corner of Temple Inn at its junction with A37 to prevent parking on thge pavement there. He also confirmed that some no waiting signs would be installed on Paulmont rise close to A37 to try and discourage the commuter parking too close to the junction.

The Chair thanked Ward Councillor Tim Warren for his help and support. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Stefan Chiffers thanking him for his help and supporting his proposals.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none that hasn't already been dealt with elsewhere.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications

There were none.

Outcomes

There were none

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A)	Paym	ents authorised Dec	£	Vat
_	(i)	Clerks Nov wages	269.54	
	(ii)	Sweepers Nov	428.72	
	(iii)	Garage rent Dec	33.36	5.00
	(iv)	Honorarium VH Apr 09 – Mar 10	960.00	
	(v)	Grass cutting P. Field 2008	650.00	97.50
	(vi)	Grass cutting P. Field 2009	650.00	97.50
	(vii)	Tender ad	45.00	6.75
	(viii)	A.L.C.A. sub	130.54	
B) Payments received				

(i) Parish Sweeper Nov 280.33

c) Grant

Midsomer Norton Ring & Ride asked that the Parish Council make a grant for next financial year. It was unanimously agreed to grant the above the same as had been granted this year i.e. £200 which would be paid in April 2010.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 13th January 2010