MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.45pm on 9th MARCH 2011 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were eleven members of the public present. Concerns were voiced over building on spare pieces of land within the village envelope. The Mendip ward Councillor asked that anyone with concerns should contact him and he would help if he could. Three residents voiced concerns over a building site at Temple Bridge, concerns also shared by the Parish Council who had already complained to Planning Enforcement. It was obvious to a trained observer that the new building was being built to residential standards. It was agreed to contact Planning Enforcement again. A resident complained that Eastcourt Road was in dire need of the mechanical sweeper and the litter picking team — B&NES would be contacted. There were complaints about dog fouling in and around the playing field and Ham Close. The Chair asked the meeting for any suggestions that would help in this matter.

The business meeting opened at 7.45.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Dando, Mr Dean, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hutchinson, the Clerk, Mr Scutt and Mr Warren (Ward Councillor).

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The February minutes were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

There weren't any that aren't already dealt with elsewhere in the minutes.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that the electrician had been able to mend all but one of the broken heaters in the hall. In terms of the electricity supply EDF were still the supplier whilst an alternative supplier was sought. It was also reported that the posts for the new Village Hall sign had been installed and that all that was required now was the basic design for the sign. It was agreed to purchase a pay and go mobile for exclusive use for Village Hall business.

6. FINANCE

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments		£	Vat
(1)	Clerks Feb wages	269.54	
(2)	Sweepers Feb	428.89	
(3)	Garage rent Mar	33.36	6.67
(4)	New printer/hard drive	150.82	30.16
(5)	The Green & Verges	325.00	

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B) Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper Mar

286.44

Training Course: it was proposed that the Clerk would attend a half course "preparing for Audit & General Finance". The cost £30 would be shared with Hinton Blewett PC.

7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING

It was reported that the new landlord of the Temple Inn had put "A" boards outside the pub. The Parish Council had no problems with any business wishing to advertise it self however one immediate consequence was that these "A" boards restricted the pavement and made it difficult for users of pushchairs — it was hoped that a way could be found to make this work. This would be discussed with the landlord.

Parking on the Pavement by the bus stop on the main road was also discussed. It was pointed out that the cars were restricting line of sight for those waiting and also causing some obstruction to users of pushchairs accessing the bus. The offenders would be made aware.

The "No Left Turn" sign in Eastcourt Road was reported as being obscured and the Village Operative would be asked to clear the foliage.

The amount of litter by the bus stop opposite the Chinese takeaway was mentioned. The Clerk would ask B&NES to empty the bin more regularly and ask the Village Operative to keep an eye on the area.

8. PARISH PLAN

It was agreed that there would be a meeting on Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall to discuss a Parish Plan. All residents who would like to be involved would be welcome since this was to be a working party of residents interested in the future of the Village.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered an planning application (resubmission) from the owner of Rock Cottage, Main Road, Temple Cloud to erect a first floor side extension and the replacement/enlargement of conservatory. This is a resubmission. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE – it was reported that:-

Grant for Roadsweeping will remain the same amount as last year.

Bus Route 376 changes – there will be changes to the timetable as some Council subsidies are cut. These changes will be announced shortly.

ALCA new contact details:- Coombe Lodge, Blagdon, North Somerset, BS40 7RE Tel 01761 461 536 <u>alca1@talktalkbusiness.net</u> <u>www.avonlca.org.uk</u>

Proposals for the protection of high quality public services and a **Council Tax freeze next ye**ar have been agreed by Bath & North East Somerset Council.

The Council has received substantially reduced grant from the Coalition Government as part of their strategy to address the national financial deficit. In addition to in-year grant cuts in 2010/11 of £3.6 million announced in June 2010, the Coalition Government has reduced the level of grant to the Council by 16% in 2011/12 and a further 8% in 2012/13 resulting in a total loss of £13.9 million per year in funding by 2013. The Council has been planning for cuts in government grant of this scale for some time and, as a result, it has been able to protect priority frontline services and to make additional investment into delivering its vision for the area.

11. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 7.30pm.

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