MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 11 JULY 2012 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was one member of the public present and he reported that a new fence had been installed across the route of the former public footpath CL1/10 adjacent to the scrapyard. He was concerned that this might signal the expansion of the Scrapyard. A discussion followed and it was agreed that since CL1/10 had been diverted officially in August 2010 the erection of a fence was not illegal. Since there was no evidence of an expansion to the Scrapyard and no application to B&NES, the Parish Council could do nothing. The situation would be monitored.

The business meeting opened at 7.40 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mrs Gray, Mr Hemmings, Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Welsford, District Councillor Mr Warren and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs. Mr Gough, Mrs Harvey and Mr Dando

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Cllr Hutchinson told the meeting that the defibrillator cabinet was about to be installed at Temple Cloud Garage. The Clerk would inform Cllr Atkinson when it was ready so that the Ambulance Service could be informed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had contacted Wessex Water about the problem with drainage at Inglenook in Paulwood Road. The response from Wessex was that there was nothing wrong. The Clerk was asked to write again. District Councillor Warren would also contact Wessex.

A councillor had spoken with the person hoping to set up a commercial nursery in Temple Cloud about possible allotments on the site. However at this stage the Parish Council was not able to get involved and it was agreed to await developments. The Parish Council reiterated that it would listen to any offer of land for use as allotments as long as the terms were acceptable.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

There was nothing to report on the day to day running of the hall.

In terms of the playing field two trees were reported as being dangerous. One was in boundary with Ham Close and was B&NES responsibility and the other was on the opposite side and was the Parish Councils responsibility. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to B&NES about the former whilst the latter would be dealt with by a local tree surgeon.

6. FINANCE:

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments made		£	Vat
(1)	Clerks June wages	269.54	
(2)	Sweepers June Wages	441.71	
(3)	Garage rent July	33.36	6.67
(4)	Prizes for School	41.97	
B) Payments received			
(1) Parish Sweeper July		286.44	

7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING

The state of the hedgerow in Temple Inn Lane between the Temple Inn and Oaklands was discussed. The Clerk told the meeting that he had been told by the Highways Inspector, Steve Simmonds that B&NES were trying to sort this. It was agreed that the Clerk would stay on the case.

8. TO DISCUSS MEMORIAL BENCH FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Council discussed a proposal to provide a new bench at an appropriate site in the parish as a memorial for the Diamond Jubilee. This was agreed. The meeting then discussed two possible sites:- a) south side of the playing field and b) in Eastcourt Road. The playing field site was chosen on a majority vote.

9 TO CONSIDER NEW CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS

The meeting was told that the Localism act makes fundamental changes to the system of the regulation of standards of conduct for parish councillors. As a result Parish Councils would need to adopt a new code of conduct as soon as possible. Unfortunately an important piece of information has not yet been made available by B&NES so a new code of conduct would have to be put on hold. In the meantime councillors were asked to read all the information supplied by the Clerk before the next meeting when hopefully all relevant information would be available.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

It was noted that the clock in the old school was working again. The Clerk would write to thank the owners of the building.

Cllr Atkinson told the meeting that the Parish Council had provided three prizes for the winners of the Clutton School Creative Writing Competition. These were Kitty Lunness, Jordan Richardson and Fran Cade.

Ward Councillor Warren told the meeting that the Stowey Quarry application was still on going as the environmental agency had asked for further clarification from the applicants. A response was awaited.

A councillor living in Mead Way reported that during the "school run" in the morning, he had been blocked in by parents parking across his driveway. The Clerk was asked to write to the school so that they could remind parents to use the Village Hall car park when they drop off in the morning and not to park across people's drives. He would also ask the Police if someone could attend Mead Way during the morning school run and see what they could suggest.

11. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm