MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 14th MARCH 2012 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were ten members of the public present. Temple Cloud W.I. asked if they could plant spring bulbs on the Green and this was agreed unanimously. It was agreed that they would be planted around the edges of The Green. The state of the banks on either side of A37 going south were discussed and it was agreed to ask B&NES to cut them back. Several residents mentioned that the junction of Temple Inn Lane with A37 was a dangerous junction. This was agreed by the Council who will write to B&NES again expressing the concerns of residents and of the Parish Council about safety at this junction. A resident told the meeting that he had asked the mobile library to stop parking on Temple Inn Lane for safety reasons and this was accepted by the Mobile Library Service.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Cllrs Mr Dando, Mr Gough, 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. Mrs Harvey and Mrs Gray

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations.

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

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Somer Housing had finally admitted responsibility for the fence at the top of Playing Field Lane and confirmed that they would replace the missing panel.

Cameley School had confirmed that they were in favour of a Creative writing competition which they would organise with prizes offered by the Parish Council. The school would organise with a completion date of 25th May.

The quote from Setter and Lee to supply a defibrillator cabinet was for £895 + vat plus fitting and provision of an electrical supply. The Clerk had found an alternative supplier and showed the meeting a suitable cabinet priced at 595 Euros. Cllr Hutchinson agreed to check out the options. The meeting agreed to proceed with the purchase of a suitable cabinet and set a ceiling of £600 exc vat. Cllrs Hutchinson and Gough, with advice from the Clerk to make the decision.

The response from B&NES to the Councils request for a Housing needs survey was a request from their officer, Gary Ward, to meet with Cameley PC to gain an understanding into the aspirations and objectives of the Parish Council. Cllr Welsford agreed to contact B&NES and organise a meeting soon. Cllr Atkinson offered to attend, unless she was away.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that the leak from the kitchen had been sorted and that the Hall's fire safety checks had been carried out.

At the previous Council meeting it was agreed that Cllrs Parfitt and Gough along with a resident, Ken Bond, would meet to discuss the Village Hall and come up with suggestions for a way forward. The VH Ctte had therefore expanded to include lan Gough and Ken Bond. The ctte reported to the meeting that they had been looking at various proposals and had visited other village halls to see what was on offer elsewhere. They had several ideas for additional facilities, the priority being improved heating, and were keen to tie in developments with the Diamond Jubilee. The next stage was to spend time producing a business model, with income/costings for the various proposed facilities, but before putting in the effort they needed to know that the Parish Council supported, in principle, the V.H. and would discuss the installation of the proposed additional facilities. This may involve contributions from the P.C. A general discussion ensued and it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council was in full support in principle. It was also agreed that the full council would meet with the VH Ctte immediately after the April meeting, to further discuss the options. As a consequence it was agreed that the April meeting would start at the earlier time of 7.00.

Cllr Hooper agreed to circulate all data pertaining to the village hall that came from the Parish Plan survey before April's meeting.

6. FINANCE:

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments made		£	Vat
(1)	Clerks Feb wages	269.54	
(2)	Sweepers Feb Wages	425.13	
(3)	Garage rent Mar	33.36	6.67
(4)	L G Tidcombe grass cutting	750.00	150.00
Payments received			

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(1) Parish Sweeper Feb 286.44

7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING

Cllr Hooper reported that the Highways Officer Steffan Chiffers had contacted him to confirm that he was finalising next years work schedule and that as it stands there is nothing in the Parish of Cameley. It was agreed to write about "slow down" markings in Cameley Lane, installation of the 20mph signs in Temple Inn Lane and improvements at the junction of the A37 with Temple Inn Lane.

8. TO HEAR REPORT ON MEETINGS CONCERNING LOCALISM AND PARISH LIAISON.

Cllr Atkinson attended both meetings and reported back. In terms of Localism she heard from the a Chief Planning Officer from the CPRE who told the meeting that noone was yet sure how the new legislation would work. The subject of Neighbourhood Plans was discussed and it turns out that any plan would probably take at least 24 months to put together and that it would only be accepted if it was in line with the District Plan! If one was developed then it would have to be put to a referendum in which at least 50% of those voting must be in favour. It was agreed that A Neighbourhood Plan was not a way to stop development - indeed if any development was seen to be sustainable then the presumption was that it would allowed.

At the Parish Liaison meeting those attending were told that the Localism Bill gives communities the 'right to challenge' for the right to take on any service currently delivered by the local authority as long as can do it better. The meeting was told that the Core Strategy has still not been decided.

9. PARISH PLAN

It was reported that the meeting that of the 494 surveys distributed 213 were completed, a return rate of 43%. This was an excellent result. It was confirmed that a copy of the completed results would be available to every household in the Parish, hopefully within the next 6 weeks.

10. DIAMOND JUBILEE

It was agreed that because of the difficulty in putting together a register of children 16 and under that lived in Cameley Parish it was agreed to abandon the idea of an individual gift. A resident had suggested a bench(s) around the village for residents to rest on.

11. WAR MEMORIAL

The meeting was told that after an article in the Chew Valley Gazette and the Clutton & Temple Cloud News, Cllr Hooper had received lots of support. Another article would appear shortly to arrange a public meeting.

12. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The planning application for houses at Church Farm, Clutton submitted by Barretts has been turned down by B&NES planning services.

District Councillor Warren told the meeting that the Boundary Commission website was available for residents to add comments about the proposed changes to the boundary.

12. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 7.00pm. This would be followed by a meeting with a single item – the Village Hall..

The meeting closed at 9.30pm