

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 10th JULY 2013 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Two residents who live next to Temple Bridge Business Park told the meeting of their dismay at the new barn that was built without planning permission on the boundary of their property. They were told that the Parish Council had objected to the retrospective planning permission. A resident confirmed the street light that was demolished by a car in June south of the village has now been replaced.

The business meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Dando, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hemmings, Mr Hooper (vice chair), Mrs Parfitt, Mr Welsford, District Councillor Mr Warren and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Gough, Mr Hutchinson

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.

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

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Community speed gun training; the Clerk had still heard nothing from the Police. It was agreed that he would write to the head of Radstock Police. District Councillor Warren gave the Clerk the telephone number of the local Speed watch co-ordinator. The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered new swings on 15th June with a delivery date of 12th July.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

There was nothing to report on the playing field. In terms of the Village Hall, the next phase was refurbishing the kitchen. The Clerk confirmed that £3500 had come from the District Councillors Incentive fund to cover these costs. It was agreed that Cllr Atkinson was authorised to spend up to this amount on the kitchen without further recourse to the Parish Council. All receipts are to be given to the Clerk in due course. It was also agreed to authorise a contingency of £500 over and above this amount.

6. FINANCE:

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the Stowey Sutton Action Group in which it was explained that the group would be represented by legal counsel at the appeal and asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to make a donation to the group to help with these cost.

The letter was discussed at length and before considering any help the Clerk was asked to write seeking clarification on a) how much they were looking for, b) what other support they had, c) an explanation of Rule 6 status and d) a copy of section 137 and 139 of the local government act.

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks wages	269.53	
(2) Sweeper wages	428.49	
(3) Garage rent	36.17	7.23
(4) HMRC tax A/M/J	220.20	
(5) RTI accountants cost J/A/S	30.00	6.00
(6) Brown & Sons Strimmer repair	50.00	
(7) Parish Liaison expenses	24.62	

B) Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper	292.17
(2) District Councillor fund	3500.00

7. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND ROAD SWEEPING

It was agreed to ask Highways for 20mph repeater signs to be positioned in Temple Inn lane.

8. PLANNING

Planning Consultants GL Hearn had asked to give the Parish Council an advance briefing prior to a public exhibition in the village hall on 16th July of plans for a residential development of 70 homes in Temple Cloud. The meeting was told that the consultants were using the exhibition to show the land owner's proposal and to seek feedback from the community at large including suggestions for potential community benefits. They stated that the site had already been identified as suitable for residential development by B&NES in its "Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment". It was also stated that since B&NES core strategy had not yet been approved and adopted, such a development would fall under the National Planning Policy Framework which states a presumption in favour of sustainable development. There then followed a period of questioning from Parish Councillors on access, increased traffic movement, any improvements to the junction of Temple Inn Lane with A37, mix of housing and section 106 payments.

The consultants were thanked for coming along to the meeting and for answering questions. The consultants confirmed that this is very much at the proposal stage and that once they had feedback from residents they would be submitting an outline planning application which could be discussed by the Parish Council in the normal way.

The Clerk told the meeting that a resident had put in a complaint to Planning Enforcement about the concrete block wall that had been built outside the flat next to the Chinese Takeaway. The Parish Council discussed this and since it was believed that since the wall would soon be rendered and did not contravene planning guidance, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not take any action.

The Council discussed Planning Application 13/02631/FUL for permission to erect a two storey side extension over existing single storey and single storey front extension at 15 Paulmont Rise. After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection.

9. TO COMPLETE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND APPROVE ANNUAL RETURN

The Chair took the Council through the Governance statement and it was unanimously agreed to approve the annual return. The Clerk would send the return to the external auditor.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Cllr Atkinson attended the Parish Liaison meeting on 19th June and reported that;- several initiatives were starting on GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE and CONNECTING COMMUNITIES and would be piloted through parish cluster groups.; a BT manager attended the meeting and confirmed that they were aiming to have 90% of users connected to fast BB by 2015 – where he was evasive was on the remaining 10% which were likely to be rural villages; B&NES are looking for 73 pitches for travellers spread over several sites; it was noted that Bath City is protected from Fracking but nowhere else in B&NES is. Applications are in for test drilling in Ston Easton and Compton Martin. Concerns were raised not just about what Fracking could do to the geology but also about the toxic waste that a drill site produces and that it will have to be tankered out and disposed of.

11. NEXT MEETING will be 11th September at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm