

MINUTES OF CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2009 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLAVERTON, BATH

Present: Chris Jump, Peter Fanner, Richard Wright, David Batho, Sam Hopkins (Clerk)

Also present: David Naylor, Rosemary Wells

	Actions
<p>1. Apologies for absence Rodger and Clive sent apologies</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Members' Interests No members' interests were declared.</p>	
<p>3. Accept and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 September 2009 Item 6c of the minutes were amended to note that the litter mentioned was, in fact, rubbish including soiled, disposable nappies and household waste. Agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. Receive the Chairman's Report</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Chris had a productive conversation with Paul Burden who confirmed that he was very happy for the Parish Council to continue to use the church for council meetings. As there is currently no member of the Parochial Church Council on the Parish Council, it was agreed that agendas and minutes would be exchanged between the two Councils.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) There has been no response to the notice seeking a replacement councillor. Chris has approached three ladies in the village in an attempt to introduce a woman onto the all male Council. Whilst there is the chance that one or two of those approached may be available in a year or two, a candidate has not been found for the current vacancy. It was agreed that Chris would approach a male resident who could be interested and report back.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) Chris informed the meeting that, as he will have been acting as Chairman for four years, he would not be putting himself forward as Chairman in May 2010. He felt that it was good to rotate the Chair and, by making this announcement now, it gave the Councillors time to decide upon a new Chairman. Chris will be pleased to stand as a Councillor. Peter also said that he would not be standing for re-election in May 2011. If there was interest shown by other residents to become Councillors he would be happy to stand down earlier to allow a new councillor to be in place by the 2011 election.</p>	CJ
<p>5. Receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) The bank balance is £8606.03 – previous balance £6899.23</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) The 2010 precept needs to be applied for by February 2010. Sam had not received the request form and it was agreed that she would prepare a budget to circulate to councillors for discussion at the January meeting.</p>	SH
<p>6. Receive the Planning Committee Report</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Progress with Planning Applications</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. Rectory Coach House – no application had yet been submitted for garden buildings.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. Barn Cottage – this application was supported by the Parish Council.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Open Access at Warleigh Weir; Natural England have confirmed that Stewardship had been granted and they will look into the complaints. It was agreed that Sam would follow this up.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) Network Rail Activities – the area is now looking much better - no further action is required.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d) Long Term Planning:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. Joint Local Transport Planning. David reported on the current situation; the first meeting of the Executive will take place on 11/11/09 this will cover the years to 2017 and it is important to keep a close eye on the outcome of this and future meetings.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. Core Strategy: David gave an update of the meeting he attended on 4 November. The Core Strategy must be responded to by 11 December and it was agreed that all councillors would study the whole document and in particular section 7 which covers rural areas including Claverton. They should then submit comments to a subcommittee of David, Peter and Chris who will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	SH CJ DB PF

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| | a) A36 speed limit and other maintenance matters: David had chased up the Highways Agency who had said that the timing of implementation of a 50mph speed limit through the village was uncertain and, at best, would be in 2012. David will attend the next Partners And Communities Together (PACT) meeting on 10 December to explain the current situation and enlist the support of the police. He will mention that the University have given their support and try to not only bring the change date forward but also reduce the speed limit to 40mph. | DB |
| | 1. Peter raised the condition of the bus shelter and inappropriate use by members of the public. It was agreed that a new glass bus shelter with ledge seat and a better view of the approaching busses should be considered to replace the existing shelter. It was agreed that David would look into the next phase of the showcase bus routes to see whether a shelter would be provided for Claverton. | DB |
| | b) Kennet and Avon Canal: Richard reported that a trial of moorings control would take place between Bath and Dundas in an attempt to solve the problems of unofficial moorings. It was agreed that the Transport Committee will comment on the recent British Waterways consultative document by 31/10/10 and respond to the expected paper to set up a steering group for our area. | RW
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| | c) Bathampton Meadows P&R and Newbridge P&R/BRT: It was confirmed that, on 8/10/09, it was announced that there would be no Public Enquiry so Bath & North East Somerset Council have full Planning Approval. The fight goes on but the options are diminishing. | |
| | d) Public Realm & Movement Strategy & Air Quality Action Plan: Public Realm Document not published and the Air Quality Action Plan exhibition has been postponed. David will keep an eye on this because it does affect Claverton. | DB |
| 8. | CPRE – AGM 14 November 2009: No Councillors are available to attend | |
| 9. | Bath Preservation Trust: David will be attending an Environs meeting on 11 November 2009 where he intends to ask some leading questions on the Core Strategy; to include the lack of a map showing the World Heritage Site within the document and no mention of a buffer zone around Bath. | DB |
| 10. | University of Bath: The Master Plan was submitted to B&NES Planning Department but nothing had been heard by the time of the last liaison meeting so there was limited discussion. | |
| 11. | Avon & Limpley Stoke Alliance: It was agreed that Claverton Parish Council will consider joining this Alliance. There are many questions regarding the logistics of setting up a credible body which would be taken seriously by the policy makers but it was unanimous that Claverton should be involved. It was agreed that Peter and David attend the next meeting on 12 November 2009. | DB
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| 12. | Parish Plan: It may be necessary to compile a Parish document to support membership of the Alliance. This can be discussed when necessary. | |
| 13. | English Heritage decision regarding Areas at Risk: As time had elapsed there was no further comment due. | |
| 14. | Date of the next Council Meeting: | |
| | a) To be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 12/01/2010 at 7.30 pm | |
| | b) Chris thanked the committees for their consistently hard work and wished all present a very Happy Christmas! | |

Future Council meetings: 09/03/10 Tuesday 11/05/10 (to include Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting)

Signed.....
Chairman Claverton Parish Council

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