

CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2009, AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present: Chris Jump, Peter Fanner, Rodger Sykes, David Batho, Andrew Sergeant, Clive Abbot, Sam Hopkins (Clerk)

Also present: Philippa Green, David Naylor

Members' Interests.

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any interest they may have in any issue arising at this meeting which might conflict with the business of the Council.

- No interests were declared.

1 Apologies for Absence

Richard Wright

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2009 were approved and signed.
Any matters arising from these Minutes are included in the report below.

3 Clerks Report

- Angela Wilson has decided not to take up the post of Clerk (see AOB)
- The Freedom of Information paperwork is still on-going and will be incorporated with the Standing Orders being reviewed by Clive; **it was agreed** that there is no urgency in this matter but it will be completed as soon as possible.
- A letter thanking the Parish Council for their assistance with parking issues has been received from Mr Franks of Monkton Combe.

4 Responsible Financial Officer's Report

- **Bank Balance** - £6675.13 (previous balance £6685.18).
- **Precept:-** The precept of £4000 has been agreed by Bath & North East Somerset Council, of which £500 has been allocated for the occasional services of a Handy Person for miscellaneous work within the Village. Chris had arranged for Nick Brinkhurst to do this work and Richard will co-ordinate out what needs to be done.
- **ALCA Membership:** A cheque was raised for £22.64 to cover 2009/10 membership.

5 University of Bath Master Plan

It was agreed that Chris will write to Prof. Alan Day to ask for a response to comments raised by the Parish Council in a letter following the presentation on 28/10/08. He will also ask for an update on the University's plans to arrange future liaison meetings.

6 Planning Committee Report

- Clive described the Inspector's comments on the appeal against the refusal of Planning Permission for a stable block on land near Lime Kiln Lane. The appeal had been refused because of the difficulty of access from Claverton Down Road. It is possible that a further appeal might be made.
- Status of other planning issues
 - The Byre – Site Meeting 11/3/09
 - Walled Garden – pre-application is with B&NES, full application planned for 04/09
- Meeting with David Trigwell regarding planning procedures. As Chris will not be present at the meeting on 26/4/09, **it was agreed** that Peter will chair the meeting. The Planning Committee will pre-meet (probably w/c 14/4/09) to decide a meeting strategy and prepare a brief agenda extracting items from the Parish Council's letter.
Sam will contact Angela Umpleby to confirm availability of the church for the meeting.

Actions

Clive/Sam

Richard

Chris

Peter/
Clive/
Andrew

Sam

Actions

7 Transport Committee Report

- **Safety on the A36** – InterRoute have produced a detailed report for the Highways Agency regarding safety on the A36 between Bath and Salisbury. The report referred to the meetings with Claverton Transport Committee and records consideration of a 50 mph speed limit over a stretch which includes Claverton Village. **It was agreed** that David will follow up the InterRoute report. Based on the reply from the Highways Agency, the committee will recommend what further action will be taken.
 - **It was agreed** that the views of the Police will be sought regarding enforcement of a speed limit on the A36.
 - **It was agreed** that David would respond to Prof. Alan Day's days letter offering Support, but declining financial support, in the fight to reduce the speed limit on the A36.
- **B&NES proposed Park & Ride at Bathampton meadows**– The Parish Council have submitted its objections to the Park & Ride proposals at Bathampton Meadows. It is expected that B&NES Council will consider this in May. A letter will be prepared in readiness to request the Secretary of State to call in the application for Public Enquiry if needed.
- **Other Transport Matters** – The Link Road between the A46 and A36 still appears on transport plans and the Parish Council need to be vigilant over the next few years.
- **Access onto A36 from the north of Claverton Village** – David suggested that a mirror would be beneficial when using this access; a trial should be carried out

David

Richard

David

David

8 Matters Arising/Any Other Business

- **Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting** – will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at the **earlier time of 7.00 pm** at St Mary's Church. **It was agreed** that Clive would contact the new Police Beat Manager, PC Simon Glanfield and ask him to speak at the meeting accompanied by Brenda Eastham, the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison person for Claverton Village. Philippa kindly agreed to put an item in the Newsletter (April and May) to encourage attendance by parishioners.
- **Annual Audit** – Chris reminded Councillors that the internal audit would be required to enable the external audit to be undertaken. It was agreed that Chris would speak with Bill Howe and Sam would contact Mazars.
- **New Clerk** – As there has been no response to the articles regarding a replacement Clerk, **it was agreed** that Sam would take a six month sabbatical if a stand-in can be found. If not, Sam will continue to support the Parish Council in a diminished capacity for four to six months.

Clive

Chris/
Sam

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm, St Mary's Church.

Signed.....

Date.....