

CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2011 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present:

Councillors: David Batho (Chairman), Richard Wright, Anna Beria, Rodger Sykes, Mark Mackintosh
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths
Also present: Members of the public

Open Forum

It was raised that the 'No Through Road' sign for Ferry Lane is not very visible, and it isn't clear that there is no parking available before cars drive down the lane. Cllrs. commented that additional signage should be avoided.

Apologies for Absence – Chris Jump, Clive Abbott

Declarations of Member Interests

There were no declarations made.

57/11. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings 14th and 24th September 2010 and the Parish Council Meeting 9th November 2010

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

58/11. Correspondence - as per the attached list.

An email was circulated from Cllr. David Lavington (Chairman of Batheaston PC) regarding B&NES "Treasure and Transform" Seminars during January. Cllr. Batho to attend some of these.

Newly printed Annexes (Transport and Planning Committees) to the Standing Orders were handed out by AJG.

59/11. ALCA Special AGM, The Way Forward, 1st December 2010

Cllr. Batho attended the meeting. The agreed outcome was that ALCA would continue but in a revised format with a new management structure. Cllr. Batho proposed staying with ALCA for the time being. All voted and agreed.

60/11. Financial Officers Report

The following cheques were signed:

100069 – A Griffiths – Clerks Salary	£263.44
100070 – N Brinkhurst – Village Maintenance	£250.00
100071 – SLCC – VAT for conference attended	£9.62
100072 – 1and1 Internet Ltd – Domain registration	£10.56

Receipts: - There were no receipts for the month.

The bank reconciliation to the end of December 2010 was circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed by all present.

Finalise Budget for 2011/12 and set Precept – The budget was presented which included a reduction in the precept of 12.5%. The budget was approved by all present. It was voted on and agreed that the Precept for 2011/12 would be set at £3,500.

61/11. B&NES Draft Core Strategy

On 2nd December B&NES Councillors approved the draft document. Cllr Batho attended a B&NES – Parish & Town Council briefing on 21st December. A consultation, centred on the legal compliance and soundness of the Core Strategy, is now running from 16th January to 3rd February. This will be discussed in detail at the VPA meeting on 13th January, but each B&NES PC should make individual representations, as all representations will be considered

Actions

DB

AJG

by the Inspector. All present voted and agreed that Cllrs. Batho and Mackintosh would review the document and draft the response on behalf of the PC.

DB/MM

62/11. Planning Committee Report

Planning applications:

10/05240/LBA - The Old Rectory – Internal alterations. The PC would respond as per the previous application.

AJG

Planning Decisions by B&NES:

10/02351/FUL – Farleigh Cottage – Erection of garage and demolition of existing garage and shed – The Application has been withdrawn.

63/11. Transport Committee Report

Speeding Traffic on Claverton Hill – Cllr. Mackintosh to request that University of Bath send out reminders to students at the start of each new semester.

MM

Winter Experience – The snow and icy conditions were discussed. Claverton Hill was very slippery, and was eventually closed after a number of cars had skidded. Cllr. Wright to prepare an action paper to look at addressing this issue, for the next meeting. Cllr. Wright liaised with B&NES to keep the grit bins full. The Highways Agency will be dealing with the pot holes, flooding spring and white lines on the A36.

RW

PACT Meeting - 8th December – Cllr. Wright attended. The main issue discussed was the A36 speed limit, which is supported by the police.

A36 Northern Lay-by– Cllr. Wright visited the site with a Highways Agency representative who has agreed to clear the overgrowth and rubbish by the end of January. The Police will put a notice on the blue van to be moved, as it will impede the Highways Agency work.

Bathampton Angling Association - parking – Cllr. Wright met with the Angling Association fishing warden who advised that parking on the hard standing area of the field near the northern lay-by is not likely to continue. Cllr. Wright to check this information with the association secretary.

RW

A36 Speed Limit – Jacob Rees-Mogg MP acknowledged Cllr. Batho's letter. Following a request from Cllr. Batho, B&NES Cllr. Charles Gerrish commented again on the matter at the 10th December West of England Joint Transport Executive Committee meeting (JTEC). Cllr. Batho is pursuing the matter with Peter Dawson (B&NES Group Manager Planning Policy & Transport) in advance of the 21st January JTEC meeting.

Bath Transportation Package – Cllr. Batho attended the B&NES Council meeting on 16th November, at which it was agreed to set up a Transport Commission chaired by Transport for London Commissioner Peter Hendy, a resident of Bath, The role of the commission will include a review of the BTP. It is anticipated that the VPA will be invited to have a representative on the Commission.

B&NES Air Quality Action Plan – The document is still not published.

Natural England Permissive Open Access Land near Pumping Station – Cllr. Mackintosh is getting quotes for producing the sign and will chase Natural England for funding.

MM

64/11. Valley Parishes Alliance

Joint Local Transport Plans (2011-2026) – The West of England Partnership JTEC approved the JLTP3 on 10th December and recommended it be adopted by the four unitary authorities. B&NES will consider it at the 20th January Council Meeting. It is unclear if all of the VPA representations have been included as the supplementary documents have not yet been amended. It was noted that the plan still includes the BTP and reference to further rapid transits and Park & Rides, although there is no mention of an A36 Park & Ride. Although it is not shown on the transport vision map, the plan contains a reference to the A36/A46 link road as being a scheme/aspiration to be developed though the life of the JLTP3.

The VPA response to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan was submitted to Wiltshire Council.

Bath World Heritage Site Management Plan (2011-2016) – The revised plan was approved by B&NES council on 16th November. It is now being reviewed by English Heritage (on behalf of DCMS) prior to being taken forward to the UNESCO WH Committee meeting in June 2011. A number of the VPA comments were included in the revised plan and Cllr. Batho, in discussion with Tony Crouch (Bath WHS Manager), has made further recommendations for English Heritage to consider.

Kennet & Avon Canal – Cllr. Batho and Keith Rossiter (Bathampton PC) attended an MSSG meeting on 10th December, at which the MSSG Vision Statement written by Cllr. Batho was approved. The next meeting is on 28th January, at which it is anticipated that mooring zones, enforcement and towpath environment will be discussed

DB

The next meeting of the VPA is 13th January (agenda circulated to P Cllrs).

65/11. Bath Preservation Trust - Environs SC

Cllr Batho resigned from the Environs SC Committee on 22nd November.

66/11. Parish Council website

Cllr. Beria produced a mock-up of how the website could look and put forward recommendations for 3 companies to quote for producing the site. The Working Group to expand on the mock-up prior to getting the quotes. Cllr. Beria to circulate the mock-up to all P Cllrs..

AB

67/11. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Thursday 7th April at 7pm and would be advertised in the Newsletter. All members to email Cllr. Batho with ideas for a speaker.

ALL
DB

68/11. Exchange of Information

Cllr. Wright advised that the Trustees, on behalf of the Charity Commission, will be putting out a consultation document on 21st January regarding the future development of the Recreation Ground.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Date of next Council meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2011

Future Council meetings: Thursday 7th April – Annual Parish Meeting, Tuesday 10th May – AGM, Tuesday 12th July 2011.

Signed.....
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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