

MINUTES OF CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2010 AT GLEBE HOUSE, CLAVERTON, BATH

Present: Chris Jump, Richard Wright, David Batho, Rodger Sykes, Clive Abbott, Mark Mackintosh

Also present: David Naylor, Rosemary Wells

		Actions
1.	Apologies for absence Sam Hopkins (Clerk) sent apologies. The Chairman acted as Clerk.	
2.	Declaration of Members' Interests No members' interests were declared.	
3.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 November 2009 These were accepted and signed by the Chairman.	
4.	Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Parish Council was deeply saddened by the death of Peter Fanner on 28 December. Peter had been on the Parish Council for about 17 years. He was Chairman for seven years and for part of that time, also acted as Clerk. His wisdom, experience, sense of humour and unfailing helpfulness will be greatly missed. b) Chris welcomed Mark Mackintosh who fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Andrew Sergeant. Mark has already been active in commenting on various consultative documents and will be our link with ParishOnline. Mark has received copies of the Standing Orders, the ALCA Councillor's Pack, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He will join Clive on the Planning Committee. c) Correspondence on planning applications should be sent to Clive. d) Sam Hopkins needs to devote most of her time and energy to support her family, and has regretfully tendered her resignation. She has offered to continue as Clerk until alternative arrangements can be made. Meanwhile, all the Parish Councillors, helped by our previous Clerk Jackie Hatton, will keep to a minimum the work that Sam needs to do. e) Chris reminded the meeting that he will not be standing for re-election as Chairman at the AGM on 11 May. A reshuffle of roles will be needed at that time. 	SH
5.	Clerk's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Links with the Parochial Church Council: Agendas and minutes are being interchanged between the two Councils. It was agreed that Paul Burden will be invited to a Parish Council meeting. 	CJ
6.	Responsible Financial Officer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The bank balance is £7603.83. Previous balance £8606.03. b) The precept for 2010/11 was discussed. It was agreed that this should remain unchanged at £4,000. BANES will be notified. 	SH
7.	Planning Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Progress with Planning Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rectory Coach House – no application had yet been submitted for garden buildings. 2. Barn Cottage – this had been supported by the Parish Council and had been approved. 3. Lime Kiln Lane – the Claverton Road stables application (outside the Parish but commented on) has a target determination date of 04/02/10. b) Long term planning: Core Strategy. All Councillors have studied and commented on the BANES consultation document, which will shape the future of BANES over the coming years. Helped by a sub-committee of Peter, Mark and Chris, David had submitted a comprehensive reply. A further phase of consultation is expected in the Autumn. c) Joint Local Transport Plan. This will shape the future of local transport in the former Avon counties to 2017. The Executive is expected to approve the current draft and issue it for consultation around the third quarter of 2010. 	

8. Transport Committee Report

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- a) A36 speed limit: David had submitted a comprehensive paper on the need for action on a speed limit on the A36 through the village to the Partners and Communities Together meeting. He had spoken to the Chairman Martin Beale and our new beat officer Nick Sheppard. Some monitoring with mobile speed cameras in the layby is expected. Councillor Ian Dewey has written to the Highways Authority in support of a speed limit.

This remains a high priority for the Parish Council but little more can be done before the Highways Authority review their budget in March.

- b) Kennet and Avon Canal: David had coordinated our response to a detailed British Waterways consultation document on setting up a Steering Committee of interested parties to review control of moorings along the western stretches of the Canal. The Parish Council welcomed this initiative, the first in the country.
- c) Bathampton Meadows P&R and Newbridge P&R/Bath Rapid Transport - Update: David reported that a limited company, Veracity Bath had been formed. It has made an Application for Judicial Review versus the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Further developments are awaited.
- d) Bath Air Quality Action Plan: With Mark's help, David has commented on this plan.
- e) Snow on village roads: Having used up the grit from the village bin, Richard and Rodger had made valiant efforts to obtain more grit for the village road, but in the prolonged cold spell grit is being reserved for major roads.

- 9. **ParishOnline:** Mark, David and Chris had attended a presentation at Bath Spa University. Mark has signed up as the coordinator for Claverton of a potentially useful, low-cost mapping system. This will enable accurate computer-based mapping of the Parish and allow anything we wish to display, from conservation boundaries to grit bins to be overlaid. Bath Spa University will allocate a student to help to define the Parish boundaries and set up the system.

- 10. **Bath Preservation Trust:** At the meeting on 9th March, David will recommend whether it is worth continuing to be a member of the Bath Preservation Trust. Renewal is normally agreed at the AGM (11th May).

- 11. **Avon & Limpley Stoke Alliance - Update:** David and Peter had attended meetings of the proposed Alliance of Parish Councils, which has the potential to be very helpful to Claverton. It was agreed that David would continue to represent the Parish Council with support as needed from the other Parish Councillors. It was agreed that David's note on the role of The Alliance represented a good starting point for discussion at their next meeting.

12. Date of the next Council Meeting:

To be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 09/03/2010 at 7.30 pm.

Future Council meeting: Tuesday 11/05/10 (to include Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting).

Signed.....
Chairman Claverton Parish Council

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