

# CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### Present:

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

**41/11. Open Forum - None**

**42/11. Apologies for Absence - None**

**43/11. Declarations of Member Interests - None**

**44/11. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

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

### Matters arising from the minutes:

Restricted funds and projections against budget – carried forward to 8<sup>th</sup> November meeting.

Relaxation of Planning Regulations (commercial to residential) – Cllr Batho noted that some other Parishes have made comments similar to ours about change of use of farm buildings in the Green Belt.

**45/11. Correspondence –** noted as per the attached list.

It was agreed that the Police Non-emergency telephone number be put in the Newsletter. Cllr Beria to pass information to Marian.

It was agreed that the website domain name registration renewal should be done via the 1and1 account.

**46/11. Financial Officers Report**

The following cheques were signed:

100087 – Mazars – external audit	£60.00
100088 – A Griffiths - salary	£187.11
100089 – Melina Traub – Web site 1 <sup>st</sup> payment	£250.00
100090 – J Lippiatt – village mirror	£106.00
100091 – N Brinkhurst – Village maintenance	£300.00

Receipts: £0.00

It was agreed to make a first payment to Melina Traub for the excellent work carried out on the Parish Council web-site. (see Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 reference 83/11.)

**47/11. B&NES Core Strategy**

Cllr Batho reported that the Inspector has undertaken the preparatory stage of the Examination in Public (EIP) and sent a number of critical comments to B&NES. In view of the extent of these comments, the Inspector has agreed to delay the EIP to January 2012.

Some issues raised by the Inspector will require amendments to the Core Strategy. These amendments will be considered at the B&NES Full Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September, following which there will be a public consultation from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> October. B&NES will also invite comments on the potential implications of the Government's recently published draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on the soundness of the Core Strategy. NPPF to be discussed at the B&NES ALCA Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Batho to attend.

### Actions

AJG

AB

DB

#### 48/11. Localism Bill

Cllr Batho summarised the main measures likely to affect Parish Councils. Royal Assent of the Bill is expected by end year. Bill to be discussed at the B&NES ALCA Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Batho to attend.

DB

#### 49/11. NHS B&NES AGM

Cllr Beria attended the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July. She summarised the AGM, which covered the achievements of the Primary Care Trust for 2010/11; the changes and challenges they have been subject to; an operating and financial review, service developments; and the planned change of the PCT to Community Interest Company (CIC).

#### 50/11. B&NES Small Grants Fund

Cllr Abbott reported that applications can be submitted to B&NES for up to £5,000 but that specific criteria have to be met. It was felt that a contribution to the development costs of the PC web-site could fit the criteria, and this will be pursued by Cllrs Abbott and Beria.

CA/AB

#### 51/11. University of Bath Residents Forum

Cllr Mackintosh attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September. He reported that discussion focused on how the University is being affected by legislative changes regarding funding for students; the Master Plan which is being drafted to 2026, including the planning application for a temporary coach shelter; and a new Centre for Arts (architects currently being selected).

Cllr Mackintosh raised the issue of getting Claverton Hill gritted in the Winter months. The University are in support of this and will make a representation to B&NES. They also stated that they are keeping their web-site up to date on the matter of speeding on Claverton Hill.

#### 52/11. Planning Committee Report

11/02812/LBA – The Old Rectory internal alterations. The planning committee agreed to comment as for a previous application, that they were not in a position to comment.

Installation of Solar Panels - The Statutory Town and Country Planning Order (2008 No, 675) was copied to all members and Cllr Abbott summarised key aspects.

CA/AJG

Draft 'National Planning Policy Framework' – Cllr Abbott reported on a consultation paper which canvassed radical changes to the planning policy framework. . There is a deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> October. Concerns have been raised by important national organisations such as the NT and CPRE. They have flagged up the need to protect green spaces, particularly those not covered by the AONB or other national designations. The Government states that it has no intention of removing the Green Belt and AONB planning constraints. The matter is likely to be discussed at the VPA meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Peter Duppa-Miller (ALCA secretary) will be attending a Government Workshop in Bristol on 15<sup>th</sup> September and reporting the findings at the B&NES ALCA meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Batho will attend the ALCA meeting. It is expected that the NPPF will be published by the end of 2011.

DB

#### 53/11. Freedom of Information Act - Claverton Publication Scheme

The FOI scheme was circulated to all members. It was agreed to add Village Verge Maintenance to the list of services offered. All were in favour of adopting the publication scheme. It will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

DB/AB

#### 54/11. Transport Committee Report

Cllr Wright summarised the revised allocation of responsibilities within the Transport Committee.

RW

Village/Claverton Hill – Winter contingency plans – Prior to the B&NES Cabinet Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September, Kelvin Packer (Service Manager Highways & Parking) was informed of our interest in being part of a pilot 'Snow Warden Scheme' proposed for this winter. Cllrs Richard Wright and Mark Mackintosh have put their names forward to be volunteer snow wardens to help clear snow and ice in the village roads and footways. Under the scheme, B&NES will provide training, salt and an appropriate spreader.

In an initiative co-ordinated by the Parish Council, the American Museum, Cats & Dogs Home, University of Bath and Parish Council have all written to B&NES (Kelvin Packer) requesting that The Avenue and Claverton Hill be included on the winter gritting routes.

B&NES decisions on the final gritting routes and membership of the 'Snow Warden Scheme' are expected in October.

Thanks were given to Cllrs Mackintosh and Wright, and Cllr Abbott for his considerable assistance.

A36 Speed Limit – Cllr Batho reported that he wrote to Roger Symonds (B&NES Cabinet Member for Transport) about Rosemary Wells's 'near miss' and also referred to it in his 6<sup>th</sup> August letter to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP. In this letter he was asked to persuade the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport (Mr Mike Penning MP) to ensure that the HA expedites implementation of a 50 mph scheme (including VAS) by delegation to B&NES. The supporting letter from B&NES was also sent to Jacob Rees-Mogg on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Batho will meet him at his Saltford surgery on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

DB

A36 - Highways Agency Road Maintenance – Cllr. Wright has been chasing the Highways Agency to complete the work to the rumble strips and blocked drain. He awaits a response.

RW

Ferry Lane – Cllr Wright reported on the continued parking problems (confusion) near to Ferry Lane Bridge. It was agreed to re-visit the issue, following clarification of plans for a joint Bathampton Fishing Association/K&A Canal Trust car park at the bottom of Ferry Lane.

RW

PACT Meetings, change proposal – Cllrs Mackintosh & Wright will attend a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September in Bathampton to discuss the Police proposal to change PACT meetings to smaller local focus groups.

RW/MM

Transport Reports (AQ Action Plan, JLTP3 freight, AONB Highways Guidelines) – It was agreed that Cllr Mackintosh would review the reports in the longer term. Item to be removed.

Bath Transportation Package – Cllr Batho reported that B&NES had issued its 'Best and Final' bid for funding to the DfT. Details of the bid can be found on the B&NES and West of England Partnership websites. It was noted that the Bathampton Meadows P&R has been removed!

HGV Ban - Cllr Batho reported that the B&NES Cabinet meeting agenda (15<sup>th</sup> September) includes an item to approve an 18 tonne weight restriction (for a period not exceeding 18 months under Section 1 of Traffic Regulation Act 1984) on the A36 in the left hand turning lane on the A36 Bathwick Street approach to the A36 Beckford Road junction and in the central right turning lane on the A36 Beckford Road approach to the A36 Bathwick Street with an exemption for emergency services. It will also include a U turn ban at the Bathwick Hill roundabout. Note and B&NES link circulated.

Public Transport Liaison Group (11th October 2011) – Cllr Batho reported that the forum is for the exchange of information and views between the Council, public transport operators and users. The meeting will be chaired by Roger Symonds (Cabinet Member for Transport) and focus on strategic issues. Cllr Batho may attend.

DB

## 55/11. Valley Parishes Alliance

Cllr Batho noted that Paul Crossley (Leader of B&NES) will attend next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. A briefing note, including discussion issues, is being prepared.

DB

### Transport

A36 Sub-Committee -The proposed content and timing of a letter to the Highways Agency will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bath Transport Commission - meeting planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> August was cancelled - no reason given. The future of the Transport Commission will be raised with Paul Crossley on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Kennet & Avon Canal

MSSG – The next meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Batho will attend.

DB

VPA Website - Three people have quoted. Decision on which designer to use will be made on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**56/11. Broadband Service**

Cllr Sykes reported that there is some progress and that he continues to try and contact BT. B&NES have been supportive but have not got approval of a budget. Cllr Sykes to contact B&NES Cllr Neil Butters who is also looking into broadband service in Bathavon South Parishes.

RS

**57/11. Parish Council website**

Good progress is being made. Everything is uploaded, except Cllr photos, Minutes, Representations and the Claverton Publication Scheme. Thanks were given by all to Cllrs Abbott and Batho for their input.

Cllr Beria raised that, due to the increased content of some web pages, Melina Traub had undertaken more work than was originally quoted for and that work remains to be done. All agreed to spending up to an additional £200 if necessary. Cllr Jensen requested that a direct link to the Claverton Pumping Station be included on the site. Cllr Beria to check with Melina about Google Analytics. All members gave thanks to Cllr Beria for her hard work. The website is expected to go 'live' by end September.

AB

**58/11. Exchange of Information**

Cllr Wright stated that rubbish is accumulating next to the Open Access land. It was agreed that he should contact B&NES.

RW

Cllr Batho informed the meeting that the proposed Boundary Commission changes could see Bathavon North & South Parishes moving into the Bath Constituency.

It was noted that the funeral of Linda Legge would take place on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date of next Council meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Future Council meetings:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Signed.....  
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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