

# CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### Present:

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

### Open Forum

There were no questions from the public.

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs. Sykes and Mackintosh

### Declarations of Member Interests

Cllr. Beria regarding Planning Application 10/02351/FUL, Farleigh Cottage.

### 33. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and Planning Committee Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Both agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman and Committee Chairman respectively.

### 34. Correspondence - as per the attached list.

WEP Joint Waste Core Strategy Pre-Hearing Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> October – No attendance.  
University of Bath Local Residents' Forum, 12<sup>th</sup> October – Cllr. Jump attending.  
Peter Duppa-Miller query on road traffic accidents – None to report.

#### Actions

CJ

### 35. Financial Officers Report

The balance in the bank at the end of August was £8,442.75. There was no income in July or August.

The level of reserves was discussed. This to be considered further at budget setting in November.

AJG/DB

The following cheques were signed:

100059 – Mazars – external audit	£58.75
100060 – ALCA – training for AB, AJG in October	£55.00
100061 – A Griffiths – Clerks Salary	£255.98
100062 – C Jump – expenses	£111.98
100063 – ALCA – training for AB, September	£25.00

We have received two quotes for the insurance policy. Came & Co., using AVIVA insurance came in at £320.25 per year (or £304.24p/a for a 3 year long term agreement), Tennyson Insurance using Zurich came in at £205p/a. The previous policy was £381.77 with AON. It was agreed by all present, to change to Tennyson Insurance with immediate effect. This will result in a £30 termination fee for the existing AON policy.

AJG

### 36. Planning Committee Report

#### Progress with Planning Applications

10/02351/FUL – Farleigh Cottage – Erection of a garage & landscaping works following demolition of existing garage and shed (including first set of revised drawings). The Planning Committee held a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July, see Minutes, and found that, although the proposed building was attractive and thoughtfully designed, they could not support the application due to its size and bulk in relation to Farleigh Cottage. A subsequent planning meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September to consider revised plans to lower the roof height but the committee still found the size and bulk too great and were unable to support the application.

Planning Decisions by B&NES:

10/02033/FUL - Orchard Cottage, Warminster Road - Erection of Double Garage - Refused  
10/02023/FUL – Orchard Cottage, Erection of Double Garage – Permitted by Development Control Committee.

B&NES Development Control Workshop 23rd June & Planning Enforcement Workshop 13th July. Reports from B&NES from both workshops have not yet been received.

Bassett Cottage; B&NES Planning Enforcement Case 10/00428/UNDEV – There have been signs of work being undertaken at the derelict farm building adjacent to Bassett Cottage. B&NES Planning Enforcement Officer has visited the site. Planning Committee to follow this up.

CA

Draft Core Strategy – Rural Areas update meeting. Cllr. Batho attended this meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Discussion centred on the Regional Spatial Strategy revocation, the “Community Right to Build” proposals which will be included in the Localism Bill (end year) and Rural Policy C villages (now termed Focus villages) which do not include Claverton. Public Consultation on the Core Strategy is expected around November 2010.

Parish Council Standing Orders – The Standing Orders have been amended to reflect changes to Committee procedures. All present agreed to the changes and adopted the Standing Orders September 2010.

**37. Transport Committee Report**

Speeding Traffic on Claverton Hill

A notice will be put on the University of Bath’s internal and staff web-sites after screening by the Parish Council (Cllr. Batho to verify with Uni). Cllr. Wright has contacted the PCSO (Mike Symonds), who will be making a presentation to the new students during Freshers week, and will raise this matter with them. Mike Symonds has also indicated that the Police are willing to undertake random speed checks. Cllr. Jump will attend the Local Residents Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October and will raise any outstanding issues.

DB

A36 Northern Lay-by Waste Bins

Joanna Brain, B&NES visited the lay-by on 1<sup>st</sup> September with Cllrs. Batho and Wright. She has subsequently confirmed to Cllr. Wright that new bins will be put in the lay-by which will be emptied twice weekly. The lay-by will also be cleaned-up and the overgrown verges cut back.

RW

Lorries in village

It was felt that delivery vehicles were a hazard in the village and that residents need to ensure that suppliers, especially of building materials, are considerate to neighbours when parking, and take extreme care when reversing. Cllr. Wright to check the Ferry Lane sign, as it was reported that it had been knocked down again.

RW

Bathampton Angling Association - parking

There is concern that Bathampton A.A. may have established a car park in the field near the northern A36 lay-by, without B&NES planning permission. Cllr. Wright to investigate this and the status of the A.A. plans to build a car park at the bottom of Ferry Lane.

RW

A36 Speed Limit

Cllr. Batho has sent a letter and report to Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP and B&NES Cllr Charles Gerrish (Chairman - West of England Joint Transport Executive Committee) setting out the need for a speed restriction on the A36. An acknowledgement has been received from Jacob Rees-Mogg, with a commitment to see what steps should be taken. Cllr. Wright has discussed the option of the village undertaking its own speed checks (Speedwatch) and PCSO Mike Symonds is gathering more information for us.

RW

## Kennet & Avon Canal

Cllr. Batho and Cllr. Keith Rossiter (Bathampton PC) will be the Valley Parishes Alliance (VPA) representatives on the BW Mooring Strategy Steering Group (MSSG). Draft terms of reference for the Steering Group are expected ahead of the next meeting on 21st September.

DB

A parishioner voiced concerns about boat moorings in the Ferry Lane section and raised the issue of communication with British Waterways as, after leaving 3 messages on different days, she has still not had any response. Cllr Batho commented that these concerns and related issues, such as parking provision, would be discussed by the MSSG.

DB

## Park & Ride

Bathampton Meadows P&R – The Bath Transportation Package is currently under the Treasury Spending Review which is due to be reported on by end October.

## Joint Local Transport Plan

A draft response to the West of England Partnership on the 2011 – 2026 JLTP 3 has been prepared by Cllr Batho on behalf of the VPA. The consultation deadline is 4<sup>th</sup> October.

DB

B&NES Air Quality Action Plan – yet to be published (expected end September).

B&NES Public Realm & Movement Strategy – the final report has been received and is in circulation to all Cllrs.

## Natural England Permissive Open Access Land near Pumping Station

Cllrs. Batho and Wright, and Tony Parr (Bathford parishioner on opposite bank and most directly affected), met with Nick Nettleingham from Natural England to address issues raised about the Open Access land adjacent to Claverton Pumping Station. A design for a new sign at the field entrance has been sent to Natural England, with an expected response w/c 20<sup>th</sup> September. They are also proposing to put an information lectern in the field. Cllr. Batho to request British Waterways put a copy of the sign on their notice board near Ferry Lane.

DB

## Transport Committee – Terms of Reference

The proposed Terms of Reference now to be agreed at the next meeting. Andrea to forward a copy to all Cllrs.

AJG/  
Next Meeting

Salt Bins – Cllr. Wright confirmed that he will make up 3 drums to sit inside the Salt Bins, before the Winter.

RW

## **38. Valley Parishes Alliance**

World Heritage Site Management Plan (2011- 2016) - A draft representation to B&NES has been prepared by Cllr Batho on behalf of the VPA. The consultation deadline is 7th October.

DB

“Community Right To Build” – The VPA will respond to the initial stage of consultation.

## **39. Parish Online Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> July**

The meeting, attended by Cllr. Batho, demonstrated great improvements to the computer mapping site which could assist the PC in their duties.

## **40. Parish Cluster Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> July**

The meeting was attended by Cllrs. Wright and Batho. A good response has been given to the two questions put forward on lay-by bins and speeding on the A36. See A36 Speed Limit and Lay-by Bins above. Cllr Batho highlighted the value of the PC continuing to attend these meetings.

**41. Bath Preservation Trust – Environs SC meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Cllr. Batho attended the meeting. Discussion focused on the Woolley Valley enforcement issues; the possible Bath Urban extension around Newton St. Loe; and the Bath Spa University development which has stalled because of Prince Charles's lack of support for the proposals. Cllr Batho reported on the Orchard Cottage garage approval, a VCB letter to the Secretary of State (DCMS) about World Heritage protection issues and the PC involvement in VPA representations on the WHS Management Plan, JLTP3 and the K&A Canal MSSG.

**42. Parish Council website**

A specific proposal for a web-site to be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

**43. Consultations**

B&NES Review of Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy - Response given  
Pulteney Bridge Permanent Traffic Order – Response given

**44. Any Other Business**

None

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Date of next Council meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**Future Council meetings:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011

DB/  
Next Meeting

Signed.....

Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

Date.....