

MINUTES OF CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLAVERTON, BATH

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

Also present: David Naylor, Rosemary Wells

	Actions
<p>1. Apologies for absence All Councillors were present</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Members' Interests Clive declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application relating to the proposed stables (item 7 ii)</p>	
<p>3. Accept and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2009 The Minutes were amended to note Clive's declaration of a possible pecuniary interest in the proposed stables. The minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. Receive the Chairman's Report Chris confirmed, with regret, Andrew's resignation; as all Councillors have already contacted Andrew, he will compose an article for the Claverton News thanking him for all his work on the Parish Council. Sam will confirm the date Andrew took office. It was agreed that Sam would prepare a notice of a vacancy to display on the village notice board for 14 days in an attempt to fill the casual vacancy left by Andrew's resignation.</p>	<p>CH SH</p>
<p>5. Receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) The bank balance is £6899.23 – previous balance £7445.87.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Sam confirmed that Michelle was delighted with the grant of £150 to support the Claverton News and £75 had already been paid to cover the first six months.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) The external Audit for 2009 was now complete with no problems. Chris was given the four appropriate pages and notice for displaying on the notice board for the statutory 14 days. Upon inspection of the accounts, it was pointed out that an invoice had not been received for consultation work carried out by Neil Brant. It was agreed that Rodger would provide an email chain regarding this matter and Sam would refer to the minutes wherein an amount was agreed for these services.</p>	<p>CJ RS SH</p>
<p>6. Receive the Planning Committee Report</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) The revised minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18/5/09 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Progress with Planning Applications The development of the Walled Garden was approved by Bath & North East Somerset Council at a Development and Control Committee Meeting. It was agreed that no further action is required. David attended a meeting of the Bath Preservation Trust and it was clear that the views of the Environs Committee were disregarded when the BPT supported this development. There was also no consultation between the BPT and Claverton Parish Council. These two points have been noted by the BPT and will be discussed. David will continue to attend the BPT meetings on behalf of the Parish Council and update it on the response to his comments.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) i. Open Access Field at Warleigh is causing a problem as visitors have been camping, lighting fires and leaving litter. Rosemary told of one narrow boat owner who had twice picked up and disposed of litter. After investigation, it would appear that the land owner, Mr Fear, is in the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme with Natural England and it is his responsibility to adhere to an agreement signed in 2006. There were no consultations with the Parish Council at that time and it was agreed that Sam would contact Natural England to try and obtain a copy of the agreement from Natural England, she will then have a friendly chat with Mr Fear to re-iterate his responsibilities. Sam will then call the Warleigh resident with an update.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Activities of Network Rail – at least one of the communication masts is being erected and, although this will be around 15 metres high, it is between Ferry Lane and Dundas and is not too obtrusive. A question was raised regarding any affect the masts may have on wi-fi and it was agreed that Rodger would carry out some research.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d) The Stables in a field off Lime Kiln Lane – This application is a re-submission for the same building with alterations to the access. Sam would liaise with Peter regarding the Council's comments. It was confirmed that all planning applications which could affect Claverton Village will continue to be considered and discussed even if they are not in the parish.</p>	<p>SH RS</p>

7. Receive Transport Committee Report	Actions
a) A36 speed limit and other maintenance matters: It was agreed that the application to reduce the speed limit will be followed up on a regular basis.	RW/DB
b) Kennet and Avon Canal: British Waterways are treating the area as a special project in respect of moorings and it would appear that the new Enforcement Officer is having an effect on un-authorised moorings. When Richard and David recently walked the canal, there were no boats moored improperly. Parishes need to be vigilant and a volunteer scheme is under discussion. More pressure needs to be applied to B&NES in respect of the double yellow lines in Ferry Lane. 'At any time' signs need to be erected. The traffic has increased since the recent media exposure to Warleigh Weir and access onto the A36 is even more precarious. It was agreed that Richard would progress this.	RW
c) Other village transport and maintenance: It was agreed that Richard will continue to press B&NES to carry out more frequent grass cutting. Richard has spoken to Nick Brinkhurst regarding his initial work on village maintenance.	RW
d) Bathampton Meadows P&R and Newbridge P&R/BRT: Bathampton Meadows P&R is now with the Secretary of State and a decision may be made next week. Newbridge P&R was approved at the B&NES DCC meeting held on 5/8/09. There has been a challenge to the legality of this decision.	
e) Long term planning matters: Regional Spatial Strategy has now stalled in the East of England so it has been suspended in the West. Meanwhile B&NES are still going ahead with their Core Strategy.	
f) Public Realm & Movement Strategy & Air Quality Action Plan: Document should be published in September 2009 with a response to David's letter regarding the Link Road which still appears on the plan. The refusal of the application to build the Westbury By-pass should make it more difficult for B&NES to impose a ban on HGVs in Bath with its implications on the A36.	
g) Any other Transport matters: Air Quality Action Plan (Air Quality in Bath) – David is looking at this as it can affect Claverton Village. David circulated notes with full updates on items 7d – 7g. A copy of this is available from the Clerk	
8. University of Bath	
a) Chris will attend the Residents' meeting on 15/9/09 and it was agreed that, if the opportunity arises, he will press for the roundabout at Norwood Avenue to be discussed and Clive suggested Chris ask for a longer term Masterplan to be considered which would provide a longer term vision of the University.	CJ
9. Avon & Limpley Stoke Alliance: It was agreed that Claverton Parish Council should consider joining this alliance David and Peter will attend the first exploratory meeting (date to be advised)	DB/PF
10. English Heritage decision regarding Areas at Risk: David confirmed that there was nothing to be done as the information provided to English Heritage from B&NES was inappropriate	
11. Date of the next Council Meeting: It was agreed that Sam would list all future dates to minutes.	SH
a) To be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 10/11/09 at 7.30 pm Future meetings:12/01/10 Tuesday 09/03/10 Tuesday 11/05/10 (to include Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting)	

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Clerk to Claverton Parish Council

7 September 2009
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