

# CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2009, AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

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**Present:** Chris Jump, Peter Fanner, Richard Wright, Rodger Sykes, David Batho.

**Also present:** No members of the public were present

### **Members' Interests.**

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any interest they may have in any issue arising at this meeting, which might conflict with the business of the Council. No interests were declared.

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Clive, Andrew and Sam

### **2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2008 were approved and signed. Matters arising from the Minutes are included in the report below.

### **3 Clerks Report**

Sam had sent a report for consideration at the meeting.

She had found the Regional Conference of the Society for Local Council Clerks at Swindon on 4/12/08 useful and **it was agreed** that she should attend the next regional meeting at a cost of about £45.00.

The documentation on the Freedom of Information act would be discussed at the next meeting. Included with this and sent to the councillors for reference will be the concise document containing the Parish Council's Standing Orders

### **4 Responsible Financial Officer's Report**

- **Precept:** The application for the 2009/10 precept of £4000 has been submitted, this includes a budget of £500 for occasional employment of a handy person to help maintain the condition of the village.
- **Bank Balance** - £6685.18 (previous balance £7376.56). Expenditure since the last meeting was on the Clerk's salary, hosting the presentation of the Bath University Master plan and the membership of the Bath Preservation Trust.
- **VAT:** The parish council is exempt from VAT and can reclaim any VAT paid. Councillors are reminded to give VAT receipts to Sam if they make any purchases..

### **5 University of Bath Master Plan**

Following the presentations on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008, a letter outlining the Parish Council's views on the Master Plan had been sent to Prof Alan Day. **It was agreed** that Chris will check with Dr Jennifer Joynt on the University's plan to comment on the responses they had received from their consultations. He would also ask about the arrangements proposed by the University to have a regular dialogue on matters concerning the Parish Council and other organisations.

### **6 Planning Committee Report**

Peter presented the attached planning matrix. The planning committee had produced a draft of a letter to David Trigwell, the Head of Development and Control at Bath and North East Somerset Council, asking for a meeting to explore concerns that the Parish Councils written submissions were not always fully considered when making decisions on planning applications. This was discussed and, once finalised, will be sent to Mr David Trigwell.

**Actions**

Sam

Clive/Sam

Chris

Chris/Sam

## 7 Transport Committee Report

Since the last meeting the Transport Committee had circulated a number of reports, charts and emails. They have met to review progress and agree an action plan. All these were discussed and received the support of the Parish Council

*In summary:-*

- **Safety on the A36** – Traffic Survey data from InterRoute and the University had been supplemented by a traffic survey at the foot of Claverton Hill in which several villagers took part. A letter had been sent to Prof Alan Day asking for the University's support for the application for a speed limit on the A36 through the village. The views of the Police will be sought and further technical data obtained with some help from traffic consultants. It is hoped to assemble a case submission to the Highways Authority later this year.
- **Wider Ranging Transport Issues** – David reported on the status and activity on the Park and Ride A36/A46 Link, proposed Freight Consolidation Depot and the public enquiry on the Westbury Bypass. He actively represents the Parish Council on a number of bodies which discuss these longer term items and the Parish Council **supported** the work he is doing.
- **Canal** – A trial case at Bristol had opened the way to the removal of improperly moored boats by the Kennet and Avon Enforcement officers. The committee will focus on keeping Ferry Lane free of parked cars.

## 8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10 March 2009 at 7.30 pm, St Mary's Church.

Dates for the rest of the year are:-

- Tuesday 12 May 2009
- Tuesday 7 July 2009
- Tuesday 1 September 2009
- Tuesday 10 November 2009
- Tuesday 12 January 2010

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