

# MINUTES OF CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2009 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLAVERTON, BATH

**Present:** Chris Jump, Peter Fanner, Rodger Sykes, Andrew Sergeant, Clive Abbot, Sam Hopkins (Clerk)

**Also present:** Pat Glynn-Jones, Stephen Green, Philippa Green, David Naylor

	Actions
<p>1. <b>To Note apologies for absence</b> David Batho was unable to attend the meeting</p>	
<p>2. <b>Declaration of Members' Interests</b> No interests were declared</p>	
<p>3. <b>To accept and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2009</b> The Minutes were accepted and signed</p>	
<p>4. <b>To receive the Chairman's Report</b> Three points noted from the Parishes Liaison Meeting held on 10/6/09:-            a) Mr Glen Chip is the Strategic Director, Customer Services, of Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council and can be contacted with any problems we have relating to B&amp;NES.            b) Mr Richard Look, Business Continuity and Emergency Planning Manager, will circulate an updated template relating to Civil Emergencies. <b>It was agreed</b> that the Parish Council will consider the Claverton Village Emergency Planning when the update is received.            c) Avon's Wildflower Grasslands Project. It is expected that the project currently working in Chew Valley will focus on the Limpley Stoke Valley next year. They would seek to involve the Parish Council at that time.</p>	
<p>5. <b>To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report</b>            a) The bank balance is £7445.87 – previous balance £8054.33;            b) <b>It was agreed</b> that Councillors would be informed if training bursary's become available.            c) <b>It was agreed</b> that a grant of £150 pa would be made available for the production of the Village Newsletter, this would allow for some colour printing as well as black and white. The grant will be reviewed along with other annual contributions at the Annual Parish Meeting. <b>It was agreed</b> that Sam will contact Michelle to confirm that this will meet the needs to edit the Newsletter. It is important to retain the Village Newsletter; to which the Parish Council is one of the contributors. It should not become the Parish Council Newsletter.</p>	<p>Sam</p> <p>Sam</p>
<p>6. <b>The agreed Standing Orders were distributed to Councillors.</b></p>	
<p>7. <b>To receive the Planning Committee Report</b>            a) Signing of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18/5/09 was deferred as an objection was raised regarding the lack of discussion noted. Whilst the minutes adequately portray the meeting, <b>it was agreed</b> that Chris would consider his notes to see if more comments could be added.            b) Progress with Planning Applications                I. The Byre – The fence along the A36 has been reduced to 1metre. <b>No further action is required.</b>                II. The Stables in a field off Lime Kiln Lane – This application is just outside the Parish but <b>it was agreed</b> that the Parish Council would make an on-line comment. Clive will let Sam have the planning application reference and the Planning Committee will compose a comment for her to lodge with B&amp;NES.            c) The Walled Garden Application – a Public Session formed part of this agenda item. Mr and Mrs Green (the Applicants) had been unable to attend the meeting on 18/5/09. They both gave reports on why the Parish Council should not be represented to endorse its objection to the development within the Walled Garden at the B&amp;NES DCC meeting being held on 8/7/09. After discussion, <b>it was agreed</b> by a majority vote that Richard should represent the Claverton Parish Council at the DCC meeting. <b>It was further agreed</b> that Richard would read out the objection submitted in response to this application with no further comment.                End of Public Session            d) Bath &amp; North East Somerset Local Plan – Councillors are aware that Sam now has all the maps and documentation.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Clive/ Peter/ Andrew/ Sam</p> <p>Richard</p>

8.	<b>To receive Transport Committee Report</b>	<b>Actions</b>
	a) Bathampton Meadows Park & Ride - this application has not yet been called in for public enquiry by the Secretary of State but the movement to oppose the application is still very active. <b>It was agreed</b> that David continue with this.	<b>David</b>
	b) i. The two Halt Signs have been replaced but one is incorrect. Once the poles have been repainted, <b>it was agreed</b> that Richard would affix the new reflective tape.	<b>Richard</b>
	ii. Tony from InterRoute will cut the strips of grass on the A36 in the correct place within the next week or two. <b>It was agreed</b> that Richard would oversee this.	<b>Richard</b>
	iii. It was noted that some of the waste bins in the lay-bys' have been replaced but there is only one bin in the lay-by to the north of the Village. <b>It was agreed</b> that Richard would make enquiries about this.	<b>Richard</b>
	c) Meeting with British Waterways – Councillors have read the minutes of this meeting.	
	i. BW have changed their views regarding the collection of data. It was unclear how this data would be used by BW. <b>It was agreed</b> that Claverton PC would not, at this time, collect further data to add to that supplied by Bathampton Parish Council.	
	ii. Two residents have approached the Parish Council regarding the excessive parking on Ferry Lane; the recent hot weather has attracted visitors to the weir which has exacerbated the existing problem. Richard has tried to contact the Police Beat Manager but this has proved difficult. <b>It was agreed</b> that Richard would arrange a meeting with the police and see how they can help with this problem.	<b>Richard</b>
	d) Support for the Parish Councils Airport Association – <b>it was agreed</b> that no support would be offered and Sam should write to the Secretary using wording from David's email which would be forwarded to her by Richard.	<b>Sam/ Richard</b>
	9. <b>University of Bath</b>	
	a) Councillors have read the minutes of the meeting and <b>it was agreed</b> that Chris will attend the next meeting on 15/09/2009. It was confirmed that, as requested, the University had written a letter supporting Claverton Parish Council in their initiative to reduce the speed limit on the A36.	<b>Chris</b>
	10. <b>To receive feedback from the SLCC Meeting 3/7/09</b>	
	a) All Councillors received the circulated minutes of this meeting and it was agreed to use the new style Agenda and call to meetings in line with NALC guidance.	
	11. <b>To consider involvement with a suggested Hydro-Electric Generator at Warleigh Weir</b>	
	a) Whilst this is considered to be a very interesting project, it is not appropriate for the Parish Council to become involved. British Waterways are already employing similar schemes and <b>it was agreed</b> that Sam would give Graham Young, who suggested this project, contact details within British Waterways who can give advice on who 'owns' the water around Warleigh Weir.	<b>Sam</b>
	12. <b>To consider English Heritage decision regarding Areas at Risk</b>	
	a) Councillors have all seen the latest response by English Heritage forwarded by David and <b>it was agreed</b> that he should follow this up upon his return from holiday.	<b>David</b>
	13. <b>To consider attendance of the ALCA AGM ON 23/09/2009</b>	
	a) Councillors consulted their diaries and none are available to attend this AGM. <b>It was agreed</b> that Sam would notify ALCA.	<b>Sam</b>
	14. <b>Date of the next Council Meeting</b>	
	a) Tuesday 1 September 2009 to be held in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm	

Signed.....

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