

CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present:

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

Open Forum

There were no questions from the public.

Apologies for Absence - None.

Declarations of Member Interests

There were no declarations made.

45/10. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2010 and Planning Committee Meetings 14th and 24th September 2010

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14th September were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The Planning Committee minutes were approved and will be signed at the next meeting (No hard copy was available).

46/10. Correspondence - as per the attached list.

Avon & Somerset Police Newsletter handed out.
Mobile Library Service – A notice was put in the Newsletter about this service, but it generated no interest.

47/10. Financial Officers Report

The following cheques were signed:

100064 – A Griffiths – Clerks Salary	£313.24
100065 – Zurich Insurance – New Policy	£205.00
100066 – A Griffiths – Expenses	£28.20
100067 – Bath Preservation Trust - Subs	*£15.00
100068 – SLCC – conference for AJG	*£55.00

Receipts:

2 nd Half Precept	£2,000
AON/Allianz Insurance Policy Refund	£238.61

*The clerk requested that she attend a SLCC One Day Conference on 2nd December at a cost of £55.00. This was agreed by all (see cheques above).

*The subscription renewal of £15.00 for the Bath Preservation Trust was due and a cheque was raised for this (see above). (See AGM Minutes 11-05-10, ref. 11, for approval).

Half Year Accounts – The accounts to the 30th September 2010 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO. The opening balance for the half year was £7,170 with a closing balance of £7,936. The half year income stands at £2,525 with expenditure of £1,760.

Budget discussion for 2011/12 – A draft budget was discussed and will be re-submitted for approval at the meeting 11th January 2011.

Actions

AJG

48/10. ALCA AGM – 14th October

Cllr. Batho attended. Most of the discussion centred on whether ALCA could continue in its present state. An ALCA working party is looking at the options and a special meeting will be held to consider their proposals. Cllr. Batho will attend this meeting (*Post Meeting note – this has now been confirmed to be held on 1st December*).

DB

49/10. Parish Liaison Meeting – 20th October

Cllr. Batho attended. Topics included the initiative of pictures of each Parish (currently shown at the Guildhall) by Sarah Bevan (Chairman of B&NES Council); the Core Strategy, which will be submitted to a B&NES Special Council Meeting on 2nd December; Review of the Parish Charter, including Planning Enforcement and Development Control workshop reports, final draft due January 2011. During discussion of A & B road speed limits, Cllr. Batho thanked Councillor Gerrish for his assistance in progressing the A36 speed limit. A Winter Maintenance update indicated that emergency salt stocks are in place.

50/10. Planning Committee Report

There were no new planning applications.

Planning Decisions by B&NES:

10/03696/FUL - The Walled Garden - Erection of a detached timber garage /store building – Permit.

10/03243/LBA -The Old Rectory – Internal alterations – Listed Building Consent given.

51/10. University of Bath Local Residents Forum – 12th October (attend by Cllr. Jump)

Speeding Traffic on Claverton Hill - Cllr. Jump thanked the University for the notice (collaborative effort between University and PC) posted on both the University Staff and Student websites.

Parking on the Avenue - Patrols are being made and parking tickets issued. They are also issuing tickets to people who park on Claverton Hill which is a Clearway.

The Masterplan - B&NES have not commented on the Master Plan and proposed to consider it when the planning application for the first part of it is submitted.

52/10. Transport Committee Report

Speeding Traffic on Claverton Hill – See 51/10 above.

A36 Northern Lay-by Litter Bins – Two new bins now in place. A blue lorry has been parked in the lay-by for some months and is now blocking access to one of the bins. Cllr. Wright will (following his discussion with PCSO Mike Symonds), place a notice on the vehicle asking the owner to move it.

RW

Bathampton Angling Association - parking – Cllr. Wright met with the Association Secretary to discuss the 'car park' in the field near the northern A36 lay-by. He has indicated that it is only being used by anglers with permits and they are aware of the planning regulation which states that planning permission is not required *provided* the parking does not exceed 28 days in any given year. They are patrolling the area to ensure no use by other parties, with clamping or removal of vehicles without permits. The Transport Committee to write to the Club Secretary and the owner (Mr Fear) to express the Council's wish to keep it controlled and monitored.

RW

A36 Speed Limit - B&NES Cllr Charles Gerrish (Chairman - West of England Joint Transport Executive Committee) raised the matter at the committee meeting on 17th September. All four unitary authorities gave unanimous support and the West of England Partnership has since written to the Highways Agency to invite them to act. B&NES Transport has also written to the Highways Agency. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP raised the matter with the Department for Transport. The PC campaign was reported in the 23rd September edition of the Bath Chronicle. Cllr. Batho to respond to Jacob Rees-Mogg letter.

DB

Bath Transportation Package – This was not approved in the Department for Transport's 26th October announcement regarding the Comprehensive Spending Review. B&NES must submit an expression of interest (including any scope changes) by the end of the year, with funding decided by end of 2011. DCMS and UNESCO have still to provide a substantive response to concerns raised by VeracityBath regarding WHS landscape considerations and the Bathampton Park & Ride proposal.

B&NES Air Quality Action Plan – Now due to be published in December.

Natural England Permissive Open Access Land near Pumping Station – New sign for the field entrance has been agreed by all parties. Cllr. Mackintosh to work with Nick Nettlingham of Natural England regarding production and installation.

MM

Transport Committee – Terms of Reference - Approved by all present. Andrea handed out copies of the new PC Standing Orders.

53/10. Valley Parishes Alliance

Joint Local Transport Plan (2011-2026) – All approved the VPA consultation response. The next draft JLTP3 is due in November and will include a dedicated freight document. The final plan will be submitted to the four unitary authorities in December/January and published in March 2011.

Bath World Heritage Site Management Plan (2011-2016) – All approved the VPA consultation response. The revised plan will be put before the full B&NES council in November, will then be submitted to DCMS and UNESCO in December/January and is expected to be published by mid 2011.

Kennet & Avon Canal – Cllr. Batho represented the VPA at the BW Mooring Strategy Steering Group (MSSG) meeting on 21st September. Little progress was made on the Terms of Reference of the MSSG and it was decided that a Vision for the Canal needed to be agreed by all parties in order to move forward. Cllr Batho drafted a VPA Vision which was approved at the board meeting on 4th November. At the 8th November MSSG meeting it was agreed that Cllr. Batho would write an MSSG Vision of the canal for consideration at the next meeting on 10th December.

DB

Problems related to a number of boats mooring in the 'No Mooring' zone adjacent to Ferry Lane Bridge' have improved significantly following a number of communications with BW.

VPA meeting 4th November - Andrea Griffiths was welcomed as the new VPA Secretary.

It was agreed that all policy matters must be approved by the individual PCs but representations on consultations, e.g. the JLTP3, can be approved by VPA reps via email with drafts being sent to both the VPA reps and PC Clerks. It was also agreed that the VPA Chairman and Secretary will ensure that all views are considered before submitting final representations and that it is at the discretion of individual PCs whether they make the same representations.

The VPA representations on the JLTP3 and WHS Management Plan were approved. A draft representation on the Wiltshire LTP is being prepared by the Westwood PC rep (Geoff Edwards)

Cllr. Batho drafted a letter to the Bath Chronicle in response to an article regarding an A36/A46 link road. This was approved, and it was agreed that Simon Coombe (Chairman) would draft a similar response to the Wiltshire Times.

The VPA web-site was discussed and put on-hold, pending feedback on the revised Freshford PC website.

54/10. Bath Preservation Trust – Environs SC meeting

Cllr Batho recommended that, following the creation of the VPA and the need to focus on its activities and other PC commitments, he stop attending the Environs SC Meetings. All agreed. The Parish Council will continue being a member of the BPT (see finance above 47/10.).

55/10. Parish Council website

It was recommended to proceed with a Parish Council website. All agreed. A working party will be formed, comprising Cllrs. Batho, Beria, Sykes and Mackintosh. Cllr. Beria agreed to Chair the working party which will formulate firm proposals for (a) an outline design of the website and web designer and (b) the web management team and report at the next Parish Council Meeting.

AB

56/10. Any Other Business

Pulteney Bridge closure to traffic – this has now been put on-hold for 6 months.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Jump and Carol Lorraine for their continuing hard work clearing the four parish footpaths. Cllr. Batho to write to Carol Lorraine on behalf of the Parish Council.

DB

Cllr, Jump expressed his decision not to re-stand for the Parish Council in the May 5th Elections.

Cllrs. Jump and Abbott gave apologies for the January meeting as they are unable to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm

Date of next Council meeting: Tuesday 11th January 2010

Future Council meetings: Tuesday 8th March 2011, 10th May 2011

Signed.....

Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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