

MINUTES OF CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2010 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLAVERTON VILLAGE

Present: Chris Jump, Richard Wright, David Batho, Rodger Sykes,

Also present: David Naylor, Rev Paul Burden

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| 1. | Apologies for absence
Clive Abbott and Mark McIntosh sent apologies | |
| 2. | Declaration of Members' Interests
No members' interests were declared. | |
| 3. | Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 January 2010
These were accepted and signed by the Chairman. | |
| 4. | The Rev Paul Burden
Chris welcomed Paul and thanked him for supporting the Parish Council by allowing the use of the St Mary's Church for Council Meetings.
Rev Burden reported on the current issues concerning the Parochial Church Council and confirmed that he is delighted that the Parish Council uses The Church for meetings. The curate, Rev Rob Thomas, is to leave and take up his own parish in Trowbridge. He will be greatly missed in the community and it was agreed that Chris should send best wishes to Rob from the Parish Council. Paul is concerned at the lack of time available for him for parish visits as Rob wouldn't be replaced in the near future. The fabric of The Church is of concern as repairs to the roof are necessary and scaffolding will shortly be erected. Work has started on the renovation of the wall surrounding the Walled Garden and some of the graves have had to be covered to protect them during the renovation. The construction of the new access is expected to commence in mid-April 2010.
Paul praised Michelle Shepherd for keeping the Churchyard tidy and discussed the problem being faced in connection with badgers. Ralph Allen's tomb is to receive attention as is the notice board.
Paul also mentioned the success the PCC had experienced with the Asha project and confirmed that they intend to raise funds to continue the support towards the university education of students.
Grants would be sought to cover some of the above. | CJ |
| 5. | Chairman's Report | |
| | a) Annual Meetings:
It was agreed that Chris would speak to the new Director of the American Museum, Richard Wendorf, to see whether he would be interested in giving a brief talk at the start of the meetings. It was also agreed that a flyer should be delivered to all parishioners to promote the meetings. | CJ
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| | b) It was agreed that Sam would prepare and send Chris a Notice advertising the vacancy for a Councillor following the sad death of Peter Fanner. Chris would put this on the Notice Board. | SH |
| | c) Chris confirmed that he would not be standing as Chairman at the Annual Parish Meeting and, after discussions with all councillors, it was agreed that David Batho would be proposed as the new Chairman. David indicated that he would be prepared to take on this task. | |
| | d) Councillors had seen a brief résumé of Andrea Griffiths, Clerk of Limpley Stoke Parish Council and it was agreed that Chris would contact her to arrange for a meeting with him and David. It was made clear to Sam that the decision to replace her was hers as Councillors were happy to continue supporting her through this difficult time. Sam felt the Parish Council needs a pro-active, enthusiastic Clerk to support them and the opportunity of employing Andrea was too good to miss. | CJ |
| 6. | Responsible Financial Officer's Report | |
| | a) The bank balance is £7328.14. Previous balance £7603.83. | |
| | b) It was confirmed that Bath & North East Somerset Council had set the Claverton Village precept for 2010/2011 at £4000.00 to be received in two equal payments. | |
| | c) It was agreed that the grant in support of the Claverton Village Newsletter would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that Sam would contact the editor, Marion McIntosh, to discuss this prior to the meeting. | SH |
| | d) It was agreed that a donation to Victim Support would not be appropriate. Sam will respond to the request. | SH |

	Actions
<p>7. Planning Committee Report</p> <p>a) Progress with Planning Applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lime Kiln Lane – as expected this had now been approved. 2. Coach House, American Museum – Chris and Clive will make a site visit on 11/3/2010 to discuss the planning application. Listed Building Consent has already been received. <p>b) Long term planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP) – David had provided pre-reading for Councillors. It is obvious that this is not a 5 year plan as the date being mentioned now is 2026 in line with the larger Strategy documents. 2. Core Strategy – David had provided pre-reading for Councillors. A revised draft will be sent to Parishes in November 2010 followed by Public Consultation. 3. Public Realm Movement Strategy (PRMS) – David had provided pre-reading for Councillors. This will shortly be published. The Link Road is still mentioned. <p>c) Parishes On Line:</p> <p>Chris had been briefed by Mark and advised Councillors that a student had been allocated to establish boundaries. Mark will liaise with her to see what further help might be available.</p>	<p>CJ/ CA</p> <p>MM</p>
<p>8. Transport Committee Report</p> <p>a) A36 speed limit: Still being discussed and being watched carefully, David has been informed that it is part of a bigger scheme and had also been raised at the Parish Cluster Meeting. The rumble strips are worn. The saving to be made by not replacing these would effectively reduce the cost of implementing a speed limit. The Highways Agency Budget should be known at the end of March and they will be approached again. It had been suggested at a PACT meeting that speed guns be issued and used to monitor speed on the A36.</p> <p>b) Kennet & Avon Canal – a steering group is to be set up in March/April 2010.</p> <p>c) Bathampton Meadows P&R and Newbridge P&R – Two claims are now in against B&NES and the Secretary of State. David had provided a great deal of pre-reading to Councillors to keep them informed. There are many fund raising initiatives taking place to fund this. The CPRE has an article, using David's information, on their website.</p> <p>d) Any other transport matters – The Ramblers Association will be marking it's 75th Anniversary and the 200th anniversary of the canal with a canal walk and it was agreed that Chris would contact them and offer support on 13 May 2010 when the walk comes along the Kennet & Avon Canal at Claverton.</p>	<p>CJ</p>
<p>9. Bath Preservation Trust: It was agreed that it is worthwhile to subscribe to membership of the BPT and this will be proposed at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	
<p>10. Parish Cluster Meeting: David had sent an update to the meeting and advised that a paper is being prepared in the next three weeks.</p>	
<p>11. University of Bath Residents' Forum Meeting: Alan Day explained that he had not received any feedback from B&NES regarding the Master Plan. There is still no response to the question of speeding down Claverton Hill.</p>	
<p>12. Valley Parishes Alliance: All progressing well. The next meeting is 10/3/2010. It was agreed that Claverton Parish Council will pay the proposed annual subscription of £100. An official launch of the Alliance is being planned for the end of April 2010.</p>	
<p>13. Date of the next Council Meeting/Future dates: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting To be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 11/05/2010 commencing at 7.0 pm. Future Council meetings: Tuesday 13/07/2010, Tuesday 14/09/2010, Tuesday 9/11/2010</p>	

Signed.....
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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