

CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2012 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present:

Councillors: Richard Wright (Chairman), Mark Mackintosh, Anna Beria, Rodger Sykes, Clive Abbott
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths

77/11. **Open Forum** - None

78/11. **Apologies for Absence** - David Batho, Chris Jensen

79/11. **Declarations of Member Interests** - None

80/11. **Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting held 7th November 2011, Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8th November 2011, and Minutes of the Planning Committee held 15th November 2011**

The Minutes were agreed as accurate records and signed by the meetings Chairmen.

Matters arising from the minutes:

A36 - Highways Agency Road Maintenance – The Highways Agency have informed Cllr Wright that the collapsed and blocked drains are scheduled for repair in February. He is also due to meet with an Inspector from Balfour Beatty w/c 16th January to discuss the rumble strips.

Actions

RW

81/11. **Correspondence** – noted as per circulated list.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Cllr Batho's name has been put forward.

DB

Consultation survey for Police Budget Setting – It was noted that individual responses were being requested and that the PC was not required to respond. Copies were handed out to P Cllrs for completion, if they wish.

82/11. **Financial Officers Report**

The PC received the invoices and the following cheques were signed:

100097 – A Griffiths - salary	£266.33
100098 – HMRC – Employee Tax	£1.80
Receipts:	£0.00

The bank reconciliation to 30th December was received.

Budget/precept setting – refer Item 89/11.

83/11. **B&NES Core Strategy**

It was noted that the Examination hearings are due to commence on 17th January, with participation by Claverton PC representative on the issues of Bath Spatial Area, World Heritage Site, and Green Belt.

DB

84/11. **Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllrs Batho and Jensen attended a 12th December B&NES meeting for local councils to introduce the draft Neighbourhood Planning Protocol. For discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

85/11. **Cotswolds AONB Annual Forum**

The forum focuses on ecological networks, and is being held at the Bailbrook House Hotel, Bath on 2nd March. Cllr Mackintosh has volunteered to attend.

MM

86/11. Consultations

AJG

Polling Districts and Places – It was agreed that the PC would respond, highlighting the limited local transport options and the many elderly residents in the village who need a local polling station in order to provide an effective opportunity to vote.

Library Service 2012-2013 – It was agreed that the PC would not respond to this consultation. The mobile library service does not stop in Claverton.

87/11. Planning Committee Report

11/04392/LBA - Repairs to Ralph Allen Mausoleum – Consent has been granted. Cllr Abbott reported that the Committee supported the application. In addition, the Committee had informally suggested to the PCC that there may be safety aspects to be addressed at this stage, i.e. before repairs begin. Cllr Abbott had written to the PCC accordingly.

11/03847/FUL – Farleigh Cottage, Erection of Garage – Planning permission has been granted. The Committee supported the application.

88/11. Ralph Allen Mausoleum Repairs – Project Funding

AJG/DB

It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a contribution of £750 to the scheme.

89/11. Discuss and Approve Budget, and Set Precept for 2012-13

AJG

A draft budget was circulated. A number of changes were discussed and a revised budget was agreed. It was agreed that the precept would be set at £3000 for the financial year 2012/13, a reduction of £500 compared to 2011/12.

It was agreed that the 2012/13 and subsequent budgets should include an annual contribution to the PCC to reflect Parish Council use of St Mary's Church. Cllr Batho to write to the PCC Chairman.

DB

90/11. Transport Committee Report

B&NES Snow Warden Pilot Scheme - the PC was invited onto the scheme. Cllrs Mackintosh and Wright have been appointed snow warden and deputy warden, respectively. Training has taken place, and the spreader and salt have been delivered by B&NES.

A36 - Highways Agency Road Maintenance – See Matters Arising from the Minutes (Item 80/11).

91/11. Valley Parishes Alliance

Transport Sub Committee - the Highways Agency has agreed to meet the VPA on 1st March to discuss A36 issues.

Kennet & Avon Canal 'The Way Ahead' – the VPA paper (British Waterways/Canal & River Trust Management of Western Kennet & Avon Canal, The Way Ahead) was circulated and approved.

B&NES Core Strategy - flood compensatory storage – the VPA representation was circulated and approved.

Gypsies, Travellers...Site Allocations DPD Consultation – the VPA representation was circulated and approved. The VPA has requested that B&NES take a longer view of site provision until 2026, not 2016 as defined, and also requested a more appropriate method of scoring specific criteria, such as Green Belt and Conservation Areas.

VPA Website – The site was completed, approved by the VPA and launched on 26th November 2011.

92/11. Broadband Service

Cllr Sykes reported on the current status and informed that B&NES has responded to public pressure and agreed to undertake a joint bid for Broadband Delivery UK funding with Somerset County Council, Devon County Council, North Somerset Council, Plymouth County Council, and Torbay Council.

RS

93/11. Parish Council website

Cllrs Batho, Beria, Mackintosh and AJG to be trained to upload files and maintain the site, and share responsibility.

DB/AB/MM
AJG

94/11. Exchange of Information

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – It was noted that there are plans to celebrate, such as holding a barbeque, being arranged by residents.

NALC Conference – AJG to check costs and dates.

AJG

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of next Council meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2012

Future Council meetings: Tuesday 10th May 2012. Annual Parish Meeting, TBC, April 2012

Signed.....

Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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