

# CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### Present:

Councillors: David Batho (Chairman), Clive Abbott, Chris Jensen, Anna Beria, Rodger Sykes  
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths

**29/12. Open Forum** - None

**30/12. Apologies for Absence** - Mark Mackintosh, Richard Wright

**31/12. Declarations of Member Interests** – Cllr Sykes regarding Planning Application 12/02514/FUL (home owner).

**32/12. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and Planning Committee Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

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

### **Matters arising from the 8<sup>th</sup> May Ordinary Meeting minutes:**

NPPF/Localism Act (Neighbourhood Planning) - Carried forward. Cllr Mackintosh to look into key matters arising from the NPPF and Localism Act.

Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) - paper to be considered for next VPA meeting

**33/12. Correspondence** – noted as per circulated list.

Letter from Audit Commission – noted that future Claverton PC external audits would be free of charge under the new proposals due to the size of the annual income.

**34/12. Financial Officers Report**

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

100111 - A Griffiths – salary & expenses	£284.27
100112 – Mrs Jensen – Jubilee Paperweights	£165.25

Receipts:	£0.00
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The bank reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was received.

**35/12. Localism Act - New Code of Conduct for PCs**

It was unanimously agreed to defer adopting the new NALC Code of Conduct until B&NES have resolved their issues, made clear their own Code of Conduct and circulated the relevant forms. AJG to advise Vernon Hitchman (B&NES Monitoring Officer) that the decision to adopt has been deferred until September.

**36/12. University of Bath - Residents Forum (12<sup>th</sup> June) and proposed developments (2012-2014)**

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Batho circulated information notes. It was noted by the PC that the tennis courts are not being turned into a car park as per previous plans.

Cllr Beria attended the Consultation to Residents and neighbours on new projects at the University of Bath on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, where the architects who have put forward plans for three new buildings presented their proposals. It was noted that the footprint of the campus has not increased, and that the development of the conference hub would be in the Summer months, when the students have left.

### Actions

MM

CA

AJG

### 37/12. Parishes Liaison Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Cllr Batho attended. The minutes were circulated prior to the PC meeting. It was noted that the locations of telecom cabinets will be included in Parish Online; there was a good presentation on the new B&NES website which is due to go public at the end of July; and a long discussion took place on Hydraulic Fracturing (Cllr Batho provided the link to the British Geological Society website - [www.geolsoc.org.uk/shalegas](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/shalegas)).

### 38/12. Planning Committee Report

Separate minutes have been recorded for all planning applications.

12/02021/FUL - Erection of agricultural building - Watership Farm. It was noted that the application for an agricultural building for drying hops was being reviewed by the Highways Agency with regard to potential traffic issues on the A36. The Highways Agency has requested that B&NES do not make a decision on this application for 3 months whilst they review the situation. The PC submitted 'comments' only.

12/02391/TCA - Tree Works - Tithe Barn End / 12/02529/TCA - Tree Works - Manor Farm Cottage – The PC supported both applications.

12/02514/FUL - Erection of timber building/workshop – The Glebe House. The PC supported the application.

12/02690/FUL – Extension and solar panels – Orchard Cottage. The PC submitted 'comments' only.

### 39/12. Transport Committee Report

#### Village/Claverton Hill Winter Plans - Snow Warden Scheme/Claverton Hill gritting

Cllr Mackintosh has responded to the B&NES snow warden scheme questionnaire. Letter to B&NES re winter gritting of Claverton Hill outstanding.

MM/RW

#### A36 Speed Limit

A briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Batho met with B&NES (Roger Symonds), who has agreed to approach the Transport Minister (Norman Baker). Cllr Batho has written again to the Highways Agency asking them to revisit making the Claverton scheme a stand-alone project.

DB

B&NES Transport Improvement Programme (2012-2013) – It was noted that the B&NES listed Claverton Down scheme (£5k) is for consultancy costs to study putting in a roundabout at the Claverton Down Rd/Norwood Ave junction - earliest implementation 2013/14.

A36 - Highways Agency road maintenance – Cllr Batho has emailed the Highways Agency to request that the new Atkins/Skanska contract provides for cutting the grass verges as frequently as necessary to give safe access to, and egress from, all three junctions (follow up enquiry also sent by Cllr Wright). The Highways Agency has also been asked to consider delegating the work of cutting the grass verges to the PC (PC control of problem and reduced costs).

DB/RW

'Traffic in Villages - A Toolkit for Communities' – Cllr Jensen circulated a link to 'Traffic is Killing our Village' and reviewed the publication - 'Traffic in Villages - A Toolkit for Communities'. It was noted that most options don't apply to the A36 trunk road situation.

Unfinished repairs to the road in School Lane - have now been completed.

### 40/12. Parish Online

B&NES have yet to upload the VPA data (shaded VPA area and Wiltshire Green Belt).

MM

### 41/12. Valley Parishes Alliance

VPA Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July - The minutes of the meeting were circulated and taken as read.

Kennet & Avon Canal – The Canal & River Trust (CRT) took over responsibilities for canals from British Waterways on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. There is to be a public launch of CRT on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Moorings/Neighbourhoods/Enforcement recommendations are still awaited.

CJ

Consultations – B&NES Green Infrastructure Strategy and City of Bath World Heritage Site Setting SPD – All members voted and approved the documents submitted by the VPA.

**42/12. Broadband Service**

Cllr Sykes reported on his continuing dialogue with B&NES and BT regarding the 'Connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband' programme and other options to improve Claverton's broadband service.

RS

**43/12. Parish Council website**

Cllr Beria has been updating the website. The trend of visitors to the site has increased. Cllr Beria to liaise with Melina Traub on re-organising some of the files on the site. There is now a link to the VPA website on the PC welcome page, and the new Code of Conduct, once adopted, will need to be uploaded.

AB

**44/12. Village Benches Refurbishment**

Cllr Wright has volunteered to clean and wax the benches.

RW

**45/12. Exchange of Information** – It was noted that the Parish Cluster meeting takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Cllrs Jensen/Wright to attend.

RW/CJ

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next Council meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Future Council meetings:**, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Signed.....  
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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