

# CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

### Present:

Councillors: David Batho (Chairman), Richard Wright, Mark Mackintosh, Clive Abbott, Chris Jensen  
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths

95/11. **Open Forum** - None

96/11. **Apologies for Absence** - Anna Beria, Rodger Sykes

97/11. **Declarations of Member Interests** - None

98/11. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### Matters arising from the minutes:

Annual contribution to the PCC to reflect PC use of St Mary's Church - Cllr Batho wrote to the PCC Chairman. The PC agreed to contribute £250 for 2012/13. AJG to raise the cheque in April.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Claverton was not selected.

Cotswold Conservation Board Annual Forum – Cllrs Batho and Mackintosh were unable to attend.

99/11. **Localism Act (Neighbourhood Planning) Presentation** - Cleo Newcombe-Jones (B&NES Planning Policy Officer) was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Batho had circulated pre-meeting notes. The key points include:

Community Right to Challenge  
Community right to bid (for assets of community value)  
Neighbourhood Planning.

The PC needs to give consideration to the latter two. B&NES has drafted the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol which will be considered on 14<sup>th</sup> March by B&NES Cabinet. Following approval there will be a public consultation and the protocol is expected to be adopted by July 2012. Cllrs Batho and Mackintosh to review the consultation document once published.

100/11 **Correspondence** – noted as per circulated list.

NALC Traffic in Villages, A Toolkit for Communities - To be reviewed by the Transport Committee.

NALC People in Action Conference 2012 – No one is able to attend.

101/11. **Financial Officers Report**

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

100099 - Claverton PCC – Ralph Allen Mausoleum Repairs (12/2/12)	£750.00
100100 - A Griffiths – salary & expenses	£295.68
100101 - Marian Mackintosh – Village Newsletter (2yrs)	£220.00

Receipts: £0.00

The format of the Budget for 2012/13 was approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

The bank reconciliation to 29<sup>th</sup> February was received.

### Actions

AJG

DB/MM

RW/RS/MM

## **102/11. B&NES Core Strategy**

The minutes of the Parishes Liaison meeting of 22nd February included content of the Core Strategy and these were circulated prior to the meeting. The examination hearings took place between 17<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February. Points raised via the VPA were with regard to the Green Belt, City of Bath WHS (buffer zone issue) and A36/A46 link road.

There is one outstanding hearing on 15<sup>th</sup> March to discuss whether the Council has met the 'Duty to Co-operate' requirement of the Localism Act

Inspector's report to B&NES is expected by around end June but could slip if NPPF is published - Inspectors statements on WHS buffer zone and the implications of the revised flood compensatory report (triggered by VPA and other representations) will be of particular interest.

Public consultation on the Placemaking Plan (describes development sites, development management policies and local designations) expected by autumn this year with involvement of local councils before that.

## **103/11. Parish Cluster Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> February)**

Cllr Batho attended the meeting. The key topics discussed included:

A36 - 18 tonne HGV restriction should start end May 2012  
Hydraulic Fracturing in the Mendips - concern about the impact on the Bath hot springs  
A36/A46 link road – concern that it is still in the JLTP3 and Core Strategy.

## **104/11. Parishes Liaison Meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> February)**

Cllr Batho attended the meeting. The Minutes were circulated prior to the PC meeting and taken as read. Topics highlighted: Rural Broadband, Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning and Core Strategy (Cllr Batho question on A36/A46 link road).

## **105/11. University Residents Forum (7<sup>th</sup> February)**

The meeting was attended by Cllr Wright. Topics discussed included the building of 500 extra student accommodations; information on the Master Plan; and an unsubstantiated complaint about dog fouling resulting from the Cats & Dogs Home.

## **106/11. Cotswolds AONB Wardens Reception**

The Cotswolds Conservation Board was asked to confirm dates when a reception may be held, before any PC member would be able to commit to attending.

## **107/11. Planning Committee Report**

Nothing to report.

## **108/11. Transport Committee Report**

A Transport Committee Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

B&NES Snow Warden Pilot Scheme – there was little opportunity to test the scheme due to a lack of severe weather. Cllrs Wright and Mackintosh to report back to B&NES. The PC gave thanks to both for running the scheme.

RW/MM

A36 - Highways Agency Road Maintenance – The dip in the road has been repaired along with surface repairs through Limpley Stoke. The Highways Agency believes the rumble strips to be satisfactory and will review them annually with no work planned at present. Cllr Wright will contact the Agency in May to prompt them to cut back the verges, which is undertaken twice yearly.

RW

## **109/11. Valley Parishes Alliance**

Cllr Batho attended 9<sup>th</sup> February VPA meeting - minutes circulated to P Cllrs.

Transport Sub Committee - Highways Agency (HA) meeting 1st March - Representatives of the five Parishes through which the A36 runs met with three representatives of the HA (South West Directorate) to discuss various A36 problems. Topics discussed - objectives/composition of the VPA, HA organisation, HA scheme prioritisation and funding process, 'Bath to Wiltshire Border Safety Scheme' and applicability of sections 274 and 274a of the Highways Act 1980. Cllr Batho expressed serious concerns about the lack of progress on the 'Bath to Wiltshire Border Safety Scheme', which contains a Claverton speed limit scheme. A letter, outlining the PC's concerns, has been sent to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP.

The next VPA/HA meeting provisionally planned for 18<sup>th</sup> April.

DB

Kennet & Avon Canal – Awaiting British Waterways recommendations on neighbourhoods and enforcement.

DB

B&NES Core Strategy – Rolling Changes Paper – the PC approved the VPA representation 'B&NES Schedule of Rolling Changes to the Draft Core Strategy for consideration by the Inspector'.

#### **110/11. Broadband Service**

Cllr Batho reported in Cllr Sykes absence. There are two strands of PC involvement being pursued - B&NES participation in the 'Connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband' programme (briefing note circulated) and discussions with BT's SW Regional management (explore the possibility of expediting improvements to Claverton's poor broadband service). A reminder to be put in the Newsletter to encourage everyone to fill in the 'Connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband' survey.

DB/RS

#### **111/11. Parish Council website**

Cllrs Beria's summary note was circulated. Highlights - Google Analytics report (website is attracting growing number of visitors), enthusiastic feedback from B&NES Cllr Martin Veal and Charlcombe PC (considering website), Cllrs Batho, Beria, and Mackintosh have now been trained. AJG to contact Melina to arrange separate training.

AJG

#### **112/11. Annual Parish Meeting**

The meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The guest speaker (Luke de Vial - Wessex Water) has been arranged by Cllr Batho, and an article was placed in the March newsletter. Notices have been put on PC notice board and will also go on the Church notice boards.

Follow up article to be placed in the April newsletter.  
House flyer drop close to date of APM.

DB  
All

Invitees to include Paul Burden, American Museum, Pumping Station & B&NES Cllr Ward.

DB/AJG

Refreshments, projector/screen etc. all arranged by P Cllrs and volunteers.

#### **113/11. Exchange of Information**

Pumping Station – Cllr Jensen advised that this is undergoing renovation - inspection visits welcome.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next Council meeting: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April (APM), Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May (including Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

**Future Council meetings:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Signed.....  
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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