

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on 13th March 2013 at St Mary's Church

Present

Councillors: Richard Wright (Chair), Chris Jensen, Rodger Sykes and Glennis Naylor
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
 Other: A member of the public

Open Forum - Member of the public thanked Parish Council for action with regard to canal and advised the Parish Council that graffiti had recently on electric pump on Ferry Lane. Cllr Jensen advised it is responsibility of CRT.

Apologies for Absence - Clive Abbott, Anna Beria and Mark Mackintosh

Declaration of Member Interests - None

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 January 2013 and 29 January 2013 and Planning Committee Meetings of 4 February 2013 and 18 February 2013

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 January 2013 and 29 January 2013 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairmen. The Planning Committee Meetings of 4 February 2013 and 18 February 2013 were held over to next meeting, in absence of planning chairman.

	Actions
<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>Highways - Cllr Wright has been representing the VPA and has been involved in discussions with the CTR and will update Cllrs during this meeting</p>	
<p>Discuss appointment of replacement Parish Councillor</p> <p>The Parish council are aware that there will soon be two vacancies on the Parish Council. Cllr Wright has been attempting to generate interest within the parish. Cllr Wright also will discuss with members of the PCC, as may be advantageous to have a member of the PCC on the Parish Council to facilitate best exchange of information.</p>	RW
<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Parish Council are encouraged that the broadband project is being considered for Ward Councillor Initiative Funding. The Clerk updated the Parish Council. A member of Broadband working party, V Jensen and Cllr Sykes have worked with Clerk to complete the application form. Application form to be submitted and Clerk will invite Councillor Geoff Ward to meet with PC to discuss broadband project in more detail.</p> <p>The Parish Council have been asked by Vernon Hitchman (BNES Monitoring Officer) to consider whether our Council would wish to alter the number of councillors. The cllrs agreed that although the Parish Council do sometimes find it challenging to fill the councillor vacancies, nevertheless the Parish Council are happy with the current number. Our councillors are often busy professionals with other responsibilities and commitments unable to attend every meeting. Seven councillors seems just the right number to ensure "critical mass" when necessary and continuity. Clerk to Feedback to Mr Hitchman</p>	LW LW
<p>Financial Officers Report</p> <p>No invoices presented.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed precept of £3,000 settled with and additional grant of £30</p> <p>Clerk will shared bank reconciliation. Cllrs agreed that continue using Barclay account as it is a critical time for receiving fund and approaching year end.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed 2013/14 budget</p>	

	Actions
<p>Receive Planning Committee Report</p> <p>Clerk distributed Planning Correspondence file for review. Cllr Mackintosh provided a report on recent applications the considered by the Planning Committee and recent decisions made by B&NES since the last Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>12/04616/AGRA - Field Parcel 6823 - Erection of portal framed agricultural storage building</u> Planning committee advised application submitted notice of appeal. Planning committee have informed BNES that Claverton our comments on the original application remain and we have not further comments to add</p> <p><u>12/03055/FUL - East Car Park, Bath Uni - construction of 708 bed spaces, refectory and replacement car parking</u> Planning committee were informed that this application has been permitted however Claverton Planning Committee had not commented on this as it is outside of the Parish, although MM was provided with information on it at the University Residents Association along with other planning matters.</p> <p><u>13/00259/FUL - The Tithe Barn - Erection of Greenhouse</u> Planning committee responded with comments</p> <p><u>13/00453/TCA - ST Mary's Church - Fell Cherry tree</u> Planning committee deferred to the decision of the arboriculture Officer Application subsequently permitted</p> <p><u>12/05653/FUL - Thyme Barn - Erection of garage and glazed link</u> This application was supported by the Planning committee .</p>	
<p>Broadband Service</p> <p>Cllr Sykes updated the Cllrs on the progress of the Broadband project. There remain some open issues. The working party are finalising their discussions with the villagers. Cllr Sykes reported that the Broadband working party have been delighted with the exceptional level of support and commitment within the community.</p> <p>The Broadband Working Party is working with the Parish Council to apply for Ward Councillor Initiative Funding</p> <p>23rd April has been identified as the proposed date for a Parish Meeting about the Broadband Project The date and detail of the meeting will be communicated via the Village Newsletter.</p>	
<p>Receive Transport update</p> <p>Crumbling wall at Claverton Hill is and ongoing issue and Cllr Wright will follow up.</p>	RW
<p>Valley Parishes Alliance/CRT update</p> <p>Cllr Wright updated Cllrs on recent meeting with VPA and Highways. It is clear to Cllr Wright that Highways are keen to understand our concerns and issues re A36. To progress it is critical to encourage everyone in the Parish to use the Watchman report to report any accidents and near misses. Unfortunately none have been completed to date. A copy of the Watchman report will be displayed on the village notice board and the Newsletter Editor will be asked to attach a copy of the form to everyone who gets a hard copy of the newsletter</p> <p>Cllr Wright will continue to work with the VPA and will provide advice and comments to the CRT. There is a final meeting next week and Cllr Wright will put forward recommendations.</p>	

	Actions
<p>Ferry Lane</p> <p>RW spoke to Council this week re cleaning of Ferry land and also discussed painting and re-painting of yellow lines. However confirmed that cutting back of hedge is the responsibility of land owner.</p>	
<p>Village Website</p> <p>Clerk reported that Cllr Beria arranging additional training for Cllr Beria and Clerk who will progress improvements/developments to website already agreed with Parish Council</p>	AB/LW
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>Cllrs discussed business agreed in advance with clerk</p> <p>Cllrs discussed state of Footpath, Bus Stop and Kissing Gate. Cllr Jensen to investigate ownership of footpath. Cllr Sykes confirmed gardener with thoroughly spray the path.</p> <p>Cllr Naylor suggested a speaker for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting. All Cllrs were supporting and Cllr will find out if speaker is available</p>	CJ

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Dates of Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2013 - Annual Parish Meeting
Future Council Meetings: Tuesday 9th July 2013, Tuesday 10th September 2013

Signed Date
Cllr Richard Wright Chairman, Claverton Parish Council