

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 9th July 2013 at St Mary's Church

Present

Councillors: Chris Jensen, Anna Beria and Glennis Naylor
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
 Other: None

Apologies for Absence - Thomas Sheppard, Mark Mackintosh, Rodger Sykes

Declaration of Member Interests - Cllr Beria declared interest relating to proposed discussions in relation to Thyme Barn. Clerk granted dispensation on 20th June 2013. A copy of dispensation is kept with the Register of Councillors interests

Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2013 and extraordinary meeting held on 20th June 2013.

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	Actions
<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Acceptance of office for Chairman and Vice Chairman</p> <p>Cllr Jensen signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form for his role as chairman and Cllr Beria signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office for her role as Vice-Chairman.</p>	
<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Cllrs reviewed the correspondence list for the month, circulated in advance by clerk.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed correspondence regarding email received from Sue Douglas, Network Rail. Sue advised clerk that on Friday 5 July 2013 the Maintenance On Call team were called to Claverton at 17:19hrs to investigate a reported cow on the line. No cows were found on the line but there were cows in the adjacent fields. Fencing was found to be OK. On Sunday 7 July 2013 at 12.47hrs the Off Track Maintenance On Call team were called out for cows on the line at Claverton Crossing. The team had real problems getting to the crossing due to the amount of vehicles and people on Ferry Lane. When they eventually got to the crossing they found that the field between the canal and the river, where the cows were grazing, was full of up to 200 people. They were advised by the Pway team who had arrived earlier that it had been double that amount but many people had left. The cows were being chased around the field by both people and loose dogs and were obviously frightened of the crowds of people there. The cows had caused damage to fencing trying to escape. The Off Track team put up a piece of fence on pumping station land between 2 sheds as the cows were going between them and they could then brave the low water and get onto the railway. Some people were acting irresponsibly and there were too many of them for our staff to be able to control the situation.</p> <p>The footpath crossing gates were being held open, people were crossing in front of trains, some were climbing and damaging fences, walking along the track, ignoring the crossing signs, stopping to chat on the crossing and letting their dogs chase the cows. Dogs were running along the track as they were not on leads and were getting through the gate as it was opening so often. The Off Track team have repaired the damaged fencing, but there may be a recurrence of large numbers of people crossing the railway and making use of the private field on sunny days, which is really an Operational issue for the railway and a control issue for the landowner.</p> <p>Sue suggested that there is a multi agency level crossing awareness day. Cllrs agreed this is necessary and Cllr Jensen will coordinate.</p>	

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<p>Financial Officers Report</p> <p>Clerk confirmed new signing arrangements with Barclays now in place.</p> <p>Clerk noted to bill received from Nick re cutting services. Cllr Jensen to follow up.</p> <p>Following receipts presented and the following cheques were signed at meeting by Cllrs Jensen and Beria:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ALCA</td> <td>- Training, Chairing skills attended by Cllrs Beria and Jensen</td> <td>125</td> <td>£80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Mary's</td> <td>- Use of church facilities for all PC meetings 2013/14</td> <td>126</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>- Postage and flowers for AGM guest speaker</td> <td>127</td> <td>£25.90</td> </tr> </table>	ALCA	- Training, Chairing skills attended by Cllrs Beria and Jensen	125	£80	St Mary's	- Use of church facilities for all PC meetings 2013/14	126	£250	Clerk	- Postage and flowers for AGM guest speaker	127	£25.90	
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<p>Receive Planning Committee Report</p> <p>Clerk distributed Planning Correspondence file for review. Cllr Beria 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>13/02151/CLEU - Manor Farm - Use of cabin as residential - Cllrs decided to make no comment to BNES on Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use.</p> <p>13/02120/FUL - Basset Farm - Erection of two storey extension - Planning Committee supported application</p> <p>13//00047/HOUSE - Thyme Barn - Erection of new garage and glazed link - Planning inspector visited and supported appeal.</p> <p>Thyme Barn - Solar Panels - no planning application submitted to date. No recent developments to report. Cllrs concerned at lack of response from BNES. Clerk and Chairman to follow up. Additionally Cllr Beria will draft letter to Member of Parliament</p> <p>13/01556/FUL - Trelawney - Erection of porch - Permission obtained, Planning Committee had supported the application</p>													
<p>Broadband Update</p> <p>Cllr Jensen provided short update from Cllr Sykes, who sent apologies. Collecting final pledges and working to resolve outstanding questions</p>													
<p>Ordinary Meeting Frequency</p> <p>Cllr Jensen asked Cllrs to consider moving from six Ordinary Parish meeting to ten. Meetings currently second Tuesday of every other month. Cllr Jensen suggested a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month (excluding August and December). Aim is to make running of PC more efficient and avoid need for a significant number of extra-ordinary meeting. Decision will be made at next ordinary meeting</p>													
<p>Valley Parishes Alliance/CRT update</p> <p>No recent CRT developments. Cllr Jensen will keep PC informed of any developments</p> <p>There was VPA correspondence with regard to recent Cow Stampede. However no action to be taken by VPA. Anna to attend September VPA meeting, subject to availability, as Cllr Jensen is unable to attend</p>	CJ												
<p>Green Setting of Bath WHS Workshop</p> <p>Cllr Beria attended meeting representing the VPA on "The setting of Bath" workshop and updated the cllrs. Objective of meeting was to gauge support for possible bid to Heritage Lottery Fund to conserve and enhance setting of Bath. VPA could certainly play a major role in preparing the bid.</p>													

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<p>Transportation Update</p> <p>Clerk reported no new Watchman reports filed. Chris Jensen will remind members of community in the next Newsletter update</p> <p>Cllr Jensen will follow up with BNES re verge cutting</p>	
<p>Village Website</p> <p>Cllr Beria arranging additional training for Cllr Beria and Clerk who will progress improvements/developments to website already agreed with Parish Council. Clerk confirmed PC minutes on website.</p>	AB/LW
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>Repair of village benches. Cllr Jensen to follow up</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Future Council Meetings: Tuesday 10th September 2013, Tuesday 12th November 2013

Signed

Date

Cllr Chris Jensen

Chairman, Claverton Parish Council