

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 8th January 2014 at St Mary's Church

Present

Councillors: Chris Jensen(Chairman), Mark Mackintosh, Anna Beria, Thomas Sheppard and Glennis Naylor
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
 Other: None

Open Forum - No members of public attended.

Apologies for Absence - Rodger Sykes

Declaration of Member Interests - All Cllrs present declared a direct pecuniary interest relating to proposed discussions in relation to setting of the 2014/2015 Parish Precept. Clerk considered request and granted dispensation to discuss and vote on setting the Parish Precept in order that the business of the Parish Council be transacted . 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 13th November 2013.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th November 2013 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

	Actions
<p>Matters arising from the minutes Parish Council supportive of concept of Claverton Conservation Society. Cllr Beria to ask interested party to write item for newsletter to ascertain interest within the Parish.</p>	AB
<p>Receive and Discuss Correspondence The Cllrs reviewed the correspondence list for the month, circulated in advance by clerk.</p> <p>The Cllrs noted the forthcoming closure of the A36 and will raise at next VPA meeting concern that heavy lorries are causing serious damage to the A36 resulting in disruptive closures. Cllr Beria to draft letter to VPA . Cllrs also expressed concern regarding lack of official communication and consultation.</p> <p>The Cllrs asked Clerk to write to BNES to raise concerns with regard to forthcoming closure of Brassknocker Hill to raise concerns about inevitable use of Claverton Hill.</p> <p>Clerk to sent letter to Mr J Lippiat to acknowledgement of copy of his letter to BNES</p>	AB LW LW
<p>Financial Officer's Report Clerk confirmed bank balance. Clerk circulated Parish councillors Cash Book and recent bank statements and checkbook.</p> <p>The Cllrs reviewed the cash book and the 12/13 budget. Cllrs noted that over the past number of years the Parish Precept had been reduced significantly. The cllrs voted to maintain the Precept at £3,000 for 2014/2015 (same as 2013/14 and 2012/13).</p> <p>No invoices presented at meeting however the following checked had been signed in December: M Traub - Web Hosting 133 £20</p>	
<p>Receive Planning Committee Report No planning updates</p>	

	Actions
<p>Broadband Update Cllr Sykes will update Parish Council at next Ordinary Meeting</p>	
<p>Valley Parishes Alliance/CRT update Cllr Beria represented Claverton Parish Council at Meeting of VPA held on 4th December and updated the Cllrs on the following:</p> <p>The VPA has made a formal response (to which David Batho had contributed) to the Towpath Mooring Plan (aimed at changing culture of how boaters use the canal. The Cllrs are grateful to Mr Batho and Mr Wright for their work in this area.</p> <p>There is a Habitats Mapping initiative. Cllr Beria will draft an item for the newsletter to asses if there are any members of the Parish interested in helping with this initiative</p>	AB
<p>Maintenance issues including footpath and benches As previously discussed, Kissing Gate requires coat of paint and repair and Jubilee benches also need refurbishing. Cllr Jensen obtained quotations. Parish Council will apply for WCI funding to cover part of cost. Cllrs agreed to spend up to £1000 on the repair/refurbishment.</p>	LW
<p>Transportation Update, including actions arising re Warleigh Weir Item held over till next meeting</p>	
<p>British Legion Poppy Appeal All Cllrs agreed that they would like to support the Parish in World War One commemorations. Commemorations may include: a summer village get-together, research of members of Claverton who were actively involved and lost lives in WW1 and planting of Poppies. LW to draft item for newsletter to inform the Parish and ask for volunteers to support projects.</p>	GN/LW
<p>Exchange of Information None</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Future Council Meetings: Wednesday 12th February 2014, Wednesday 12th March 2014

Signed

Date

Cllr Chris Jensen

Chairman, Claverton Parish Council