

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 9th July 2014 at St Mary's Church

Present

Councillors: Chris Jensen(Chairman), Rodger Sykes, Thomas Sheppard, Glennis Naylor, and Anna Beria

Clerk: Lesley Watkinson

Other: None

Open Forum - No members of public present

Apologies for Absence - Mark Mackintosh

Declaration of Member Interests - All councillors present, in advance of the ordinary meeting, advised the Clerk that they had an interest to declare relating to the potential upcoming discussions on Village Broadband Project. All Cllrs own properties in Parish

The Cllrs previously resolved (7th May 2013) that the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The power rests with the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2).

After consideration, the clerk granted the dispensations on the basis that it is in the interests of persons living in the authority area. A copy of the dispensation will be kept with the Register of Councillors' Interests.

Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th June 2014

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th June 2014 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman and Chairman of Planning Committee respectively.

	Actions
<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>Cllr Naylor reported that obsolete phone box on A36 as been removed.</p> <p>Cllr Jensen discussed trees (next to verge) with Skanska. The sap of the trees is poisonous and the bark is an irritant</p> <p>Cllr Jensen to follow up with regard to request for pedestrian island on A36 by bus stops.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that residents who cc'd clerk on correspondence to BNES re Thyme Barn development, where notified of appeal.</p> <p>Cllr Jensen advised the councillors that Mr Richard Wright is unable to dedicate the time to join the VPA canal committee</p>	<p>CJ</p> <p>CJ</p>
<p>Receive and Discuss Correspondence</p> <p>The Cllrs reviewed the correspondence list for the month, circulated in advance by the clerk.</p>	
<p>Financial Officer's Report</p> <p>Clerk produced cheque book, recent bank statement and cash book for cllrs to review</p> <p>No invoices were presented at meeting.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that the 13/14 Audit is complete and has been sent to Grant Thornton.</p>	
<p>Receive Planning Committee Report and discuss planning matters</p> <p>The Planning Committee is keeping in touch with BNES planning and enforcement departments to keep abreast of their reviews of planning issues in the village.</p> <p>14/02237/02559/FUL - Vineyards Farm - The Planning Committee met to review a very complex application. The committee felt that the proposed alterations were sympathetic to the property and decided to support the application.</p>	
<p>Broadband Update</p> <p>Cllr Sykes in regular contact with Open Reach. Delighted that cabinets now in place. Western Power have to run power to cabinets and BT to put fibre down.</p>	
<p>VPA/CRT Update</p> <p>No update</p>	
<p>Maintenance issues including footpath and benches</p> <p>Cllrs agreed that Nick will be employed to do extra strimming to improve visibility and therefore safety. Cllr Sykes to follow up with Nick with regard to his availability.</p>	<p>RS</p>
<p>Transportation Update, including actions arising re Warleigh Weir and issues re P&R option and possible A26/A46 link road</p> <p>Positive development re Warleigh Weir. BNES asked RoSPA to carry out an independent risk assessment. Claverton Parish Council will be invited to followup meeting as stakeholder.</p> <p>Cllr Beria plans to attend Open Day re Draft Transportation Strategy</p>	

