

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 14th September 2016 at St Mary's Church

Present

Councillors: Anna Beria, Glennis Naylor, Richard Mould, Mark Mackintosh, Thomas Sheppard, Rodger Sykes
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
 Other: Members of public

Open Forum - Member of public reported increasing amounts of waste left after busy days at Warleigh Weir. Large heavy bags discarded including significant quantities of food, including raw chicken and sausages, attracting vermin. Members of public praised BNES for removing rubbish quickly. Local resident does not wish to have a skip sited at Warleigh Weir. Members of public additionally requested official signage at the top of Ferry Lane to advise limited/no parking. Also there is a need to identify the lay-by as a passing place. Members of public expressed concern with regard to recent, repeated vandalism of bus shelter

Apologies for Absence - None

Declaration of Member Interests - None

Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2016.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2016 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman of Parish Council.

	Actions						
<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>Cllr Mackintosh attended West of England Devolution Road Show event on Tuesday 19th July. The Secretary of State would make a decision by end of September.</p> <p>Clerk invited police representative to Parish Council Meeting. Request acknowledged.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that it is the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain the bus shelter and confirmed the Parish Council to have appropriate insurance (Total assets £10,000 - £100 excess).</p> <p>Clerk contacted Sean Walsh at Highways England to find out status of new speed limit.</p>							
<p>Receive and Discuss Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence relating to Claverton has been circulated to the councillors in advance by the clerk.</p> <p>Chris Jensen has resigned as Parish Councillor due to continuing health issues. Clerk to advertise Casual Vacancy and Parish Council to elect a new Vice Chairman at the October Ordinary Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Beria and Naylor updated Parish Council re costs for Memorial Oak Tree. The newsletter will advise date of planting and Remembrance Service Dedication on 13th November. Total cost: £253 (not including memorial plaque).</p> <p>All other relevant items covered by agenda items.</p>	LW						
<p>Financial Officer's Report</p> <p>Clerk did not circulate 16/17 cash book as there had been no changes. At meeting, Clerk produced a recent bank statement and the cheque book for councillors to inspect. The following invoices were presented for payment:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">170</td> <td style="width: 75%;">Zurich Insurance (policy renewal)</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£253</td> </tr> <tr> <td>171</td> <td>Chew Valley Trees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£212.18</td> </tr> </table> <p>Clerk advised Councillors that the 15/16 audit has been returned and approved. Cllr Mackintosh to update website.</p>	170	Zurich Insurance (policy renewal)	£253	171	Chew Valley Trees	£212.18	MM
170	Zurich Insurance (policy renewal)	£253					
171	Chew Valley Trees	£212.18					

	Actions
<p>Receive Planning Committee Report and discuss planning matters including:</p> <p>The Planning Committee is keeping in touch with B&NES planning and enforcement departments to keep abreast of their reviews of planning issues in the village.</p> <p>Solar panels - planning committee have had no response from B&NES planning. MM to continue to chase.</p>	MM
<p>Broadband Project update</p> <p>Cllr Sykes had conference call Sept 9th with BT to get several clarifications and has committed to survey accuracy of proposed fibre runs and existing copper. Once plan is signed off implementation queue is 3-5 months. Cllr Sykes will continue to keep Parish Council informed of progress.</p>	
<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>Confirmed that the Parish Council have historically maintained the Bus Shelter.</p> <p>Cllr Beria contacted Matthew Andres re quoting for repairs of vandalised fence by bus shelter, or possible replacement with metal railings to match kissing gate. Cllr Sheppard advised spare railings available in graveyard.</p>	
<p>Transportation Update inc Warleigh Weir</p> <p>Highways have confirmed that new speed limit work will be carried out in October Clerk to advise local residents via newsletter.</p> <p>Cllr Sykes to order traffic cones to be used by the Parish Council at problem parking times. Anticipated cost £250-300.</p> <p>Cllr Mackintosh to ask BNES to install two bins down Ferry Lane: one before the railway line and one by the lay-by half way up Ferry Lane. Will also enquire about recycling bins and official signage. Need to consult with them on exact locations.</p> <p>Cllr Mackintosh reported back on his conversation with Farmer Fear. He agrees with BANES that crossing is dangerous (worst are trains coming from Bath as there is less visibility), and if he is crossing he likes to have two people (one on watch out of the vehicle). He also says it is more difficult as the gates are not directly opposite each other so it is not a straight run. He phones to confirm crossing time is clear (but said that in the Farmers' Weekly, there was a report this week about two tractors being hit even though they had phoned for clearance). He felt that rubbish this year was much less of an issue than previous years and generally this summer he'd not had to clear more than the few bottles/cans from the field and the stones/branches from fire pits people had set up. On balance he was in favour of a bin even if this might lead people to overfill it, provided BNES could be relied upon to empty it every time it was full. His land, as he understands it, starts at the field gate; therefore the lane and bridge must be C&RT's responsibility and therefore they would be liable for rubbish dumped on the bridge. He thought that there was probably a need for a new sign on the gate to emphasise that litter should be taken home. His Open Access Agreement expired this July and he has not renewed it; but does not envisage restricting access. C&RT are due to come on his land in October to clear out the leat to the pumping station pond. The land was now owned by the boaters or Digger's family.</p>	LW RS MM
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>None</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Future Council Meetings: Wednesday 12th October 2016, Wednesday 9th November 2016

Signed Date

Cllr Anna Beria, Chairman, Claverton Parish Council