

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 8th November 2017 at St Mary's Church

Present

Councillors: Anna Beria, Glennis Naylor, Mark Mackintosh, Richard Mould
Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
Other: Member of Public

Open Forum - Member of public advised there were two West of England Combined Authority (WECA) meetings in the Guildhall on 30/10. The supporting docs are on the WECA website and both meetings can be viewed on the B&NES webcast site. At the meeting chaired by the Metro Mayor, Steve Mackerness made a statement against the link road, as did a trustee from the BPT. A South of England N-S Connectivity Prospectus has also been published. This prospectus is from WECA/Wilts/Dorset and Poole Councils and is lobbying government ministers to include transport projects, incl an A36/A46 link road, in the next government road investment strategy RIS2 (2020-2025). WECA is clearly zooming in on a link road which would go from the A36 somewhere south of Bathampton, on our doorstep, to either the A363 at Bathford or the A4 Batheaston Bypass - effectively the worst case 'bridge' option straddling the valley. Pressed the Parish Council, with the VPA, to write to Sec of State for Transport expressing concerns.

Apologies for Absence - Vi Jensen and Rodger Sykes

Declaration of Member Interests - Glennis Naylor declared an interest in a planning matter on the agenda. As a proprietor of The Old Post Office, Cllr Naylor will not take part in any discussion or decision when the Parish Council consults on the following planning application (tree works): 17/05054/TCA.

Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman of Parish Council.

Matters arising from the minutes Clerk to continue to chase progress of bus shelter claim. Cllr Mackintosh to chase second quote for website development. Cllr Mackintosh confirmed that BNES do not take responsibility for servicing equipment under Snow Warden scheme.	LW MM
Receive and Discuss Correspondence All correspondence relating to Claverton has been circulated to the councillors in advance by the Clerk. All items covered elsewhere on agenda.	

<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Progress to date</p> <p>The formal notification to designate the parish was received from B&NES on 19th October and has been published on their website.</p> <p>Councillor Jensen and Clerk attended Batheaston's Public meeting on Thursday 12th October. It was helpful in considering how our own public meeting might be managed.</p> <p>Invitations to join Steering Committee have been sent to the American Museum, St Mary's Church, Claverton Pumping Station and Sam Worall (Boating Community). All of which have now accepted. The local residents are Isabelle Flicker, Andrew Sargent and Julian Potts It is hoped to hold the initial Steering Committee meeting on 24 November. Letters will now be sent to other stakeholders informing them of the designation and asking for any comments or input, but they will not be invited to join the Steering Group.</p> <p>Expression of interest application was sent to My Community and has been accepted. The actual grant application will be submitted on 6 November based on the draft budget approved at the PC meeting on 11 October 2017.</p> <p>Another quotation has been received from landscape architects - Hankinson Duckett Associates, but this is in excess of the other quote received. No further quotation has been received from the second web designer. As soon as we are notified that our grant application has been successful the PC will be able to award the relevant contracts.</p> <p>Councillors Jensen and Naylor have been working on the questionnaire which has now been circulated to the PC for their comments. The Parish Council made some comments and these will be incorporated into a final version for the Steering Committee to review. It is intended to deliver the questionnaires on 1 December with a return date of 10 December. It is intended to have analysed the responses by the January PC meeting so that the areas for draft policies can be discussed prior to the Public meeting at end of January 2018.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>As there is no PC meeting in December Cllr Jensen will circulate an update mid-month. There are a number of items to be considered at Parish Council meeting on 10 January 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of the Questionnaire. It is intended to get these to the PC early January so that some thought may given to the outcomes prior to the meeting. • Consideration of the issues and concerns which the community have highlighted through the questionnaire and the broad policies to be included in the NP and discussed at the Public Meeting. • Structure of the public meeting and desired outcomes. • Agreement on which member of PC will chair the public meeting 	VJ/ GN
<p>Financial Officer's Report</p> <p>At meeting, Clerk produced a recent bank statement and the cheque book for councillors to inspect.</p> <p>No invoices were presented at meeting.</p>	

<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>The following applications were considered:</p> <p>17/04970/TCA - The Byre - Tree Works In considering the application, the Committee took account of: Claverton Conservation Area The Cotswolds AONB The Committee considered that the proposed tree works which comprise the felling of a larch, poplar and ash, and the crown reduction of a handkerchief tree and two beech trees was appropriate for the management of trees in the small garden of the property. Particular note was taken of the need to remove the ash to protect the bowing boundary wall from collapse. The committee agreed that the poplar's central location in the garden was inappropriate, and noted that there had been previous attempts to pollard the tree. The larch was similarly poor quality specimen located in the hedge, which had been oddly pruned and was a risk to neighbours' phone lines and inundated with ivy. Whilst the Planning Committee supports the application, it defers to the arboriculture officer for the final consideration on the plans and the crown reduction on the two beeches. Claverton Planning Committee Decision: Support</p> <p>17/04983/VAR - Vineyards Farm - Variation of conditions In considering the application, the Committee took account of:Claverton Conservation Area The Cotswolds AONB Previous recent renovations on Vineyards Farm. The Committee felt that the proposed variations with respect to the conditions on the holiday lets are acceptable and will enable the owner flexibility to use these in conjunction with the house. The proposal not to demolish 'building G' which is essentially an old car port/open fronted farm shed, is acceptable as this building has a functional use, is in existence, and is not visible from any neighbours. The retention of this building for its current utility is also considered to be a sustainable use of the property and resources rather than option of demolition and recycling/landfilling. The Planning Committee supports the application. Claverton Planning Committee Decision: Support</p> <p>17/05154/TCA- Old Post Office - Tree Works In considering the application, the Committee took account of: Claverton Conservation Area The Cotswolds AONB The Committee considered that the proposal to remove the dead hawthorn tree from the verge outside of the Old Post Office is appropriate given its clearly dead state and potential future hazard it present to people using the footpath. The Planning Committee supports the application. Claverton Planning Committee Decision: Support</p> <p>17/05352/TCA - Holly Cottage - Tree Works In considering the application, the Committee took account of: Claverton Conservation Area The Cotswolds AONB The Committee considered that the proposal to remove the cherry plum tree is appropriate given its clearly diseased state and hazard it presents to the residents. The Planning Committee supports the application. Claverton Planning Committee Decision: Support</p>	
<p>Broadband Project update</p> <p>Councillor Sykes continuing to work to achieve closure of Broadband project.</p>	
<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>Councillor Jensen will contact Council Connect and will organise a Village litter pick up</p>	<p>VJ</p>

<p>Transportation Update (inc Warleigh Weir)</p> <p>Councillors all agreed that a letter will be drafted to set out Parish Council concerns regarding the aspiration of B&NES, part of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), that a A36/46 link road, east of Bath, be included in the next Road Investment Strategy. Cllr Beria to work with VPA to draft letter.</p>	AB
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>None</p>	

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Future Council Meetings: Wednesday 14th February 2018 - Ordinary Meeting, Wednesday 14th March 2018 - Ordinary Meeting.

Signed Date
 Cllr Anna Beria, Chairman, Claverton Parish Council