

**Claverton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 12th April 2017 at St Mary's Church**

**Present**

Councillors: Anna Beria - Chairman, Glennis Naylor, Richard Mould, Thomas Sheppard, Rodger Sykes, Vi Jensen  
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson  
 Other: None

**Open Forum**

No members of public present

**Apologies for Absence** - Mark Mackintosh

**Declaration of Member Interests** - None

**Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th March 2017.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th March 2017 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chairman of Parish Council.

	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <p>Information on Assets of Community had been distributed to Parish Councillors for their information. Councillor Mould to research further and concluded with councillors agreement that it is not applicable to Claverton.</p> <p>Clerk reported to councillors that there was conflicting advice on whether local Parish Councils can contribute to Fighting funds to represent Claverton on Park and Ride and Link road. Clerk to research further as Claverton Parish Council has contributed in past. Councillor Beria will discuss further with VPA as all Parishes will have same issues.</p> <p>Cllr Beria to buy wine for wine tasting activity at Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk will purchase 6 further bottles of wine, soft drinks, cheese biscuits and bread. May Ordinary meeting is rescheduled for 6.45, before the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.30. Clerk to invite ward councillors to Annual Parish meeting.</p>	<p></p> <p>LW/AB</p> <p>LW/AB</p>
<p><b>Receive and Discuss Correspondence</b></p> <p>All correspondence relating to Claverton has been circulated to the councillors in advance by the clerk.</p> <p>Councillors have been increasingly concerned at recent press coverer with regard to proposed Link road. A local resident has also written to clerk expressing concern that the press is presenting a link road as a 'done deal' to the general public, suggesting that it really is time for the VPA to make some strong public comments on the issue. Parish Council share concern and at the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillor Beria will address the matter in her speech at to alert community. The councillors resolved to continue our dialogue with our Ward councillors and continue advocacy through VPA.</p> <p>All other items covered by agenda.</p>	
<p><b>Financial Officer's Report</b></p> <p>Cash book and cheque book not presented at meeting, though councillors advised that, as previously agreed, the following cheque was signed on 7th April by Councillors Mackintosh and Sykes for Parish Council contribution for Warleigh Weir signage.</p> <p>180 B&amp;NES environmental Services £86.60</p> <p>Before meeting Cllr Jensen asked Mr Bill Howe if he is still prepared to act as Internal Auditor for the Financial Year ended 31 March 17. Mr Howe has confirmed he is willing be Internal Auditor. Clerk confirmed receipt of documents from Grant Thornton. Clerk confirmed first instalment of precept has been received.</p>	

	Actions
<p><b>Broadband Project update</b></p> <p>Councillor Sykes continuing to follow up. Concern was expressed that it is taking too long for Openreach to close out the project. Councillor Sykes agreed to speak to his Openreach contact to put a plan in place to bring project to close.</p>	
<p><b>Receive Planning Committee Report and discuss planning matters including:</b></p> <p>The Planning Committee is keeping in touch with B&amp;NES planning and enforcement departments to keep abreast of their reviews of planning issues in the village.</p> <p>Wendy Chambers (Bathford Parish Council) called to express concern about a mobile home at property in Claverton. Claverton Parish aware and is a temporary measure while legitimate building work carried out at property, Clerk to update Mrs Chambers.</p> <p>Cllr Mackintosh received correspondence from resident expressing concern with recent developments at Orchard Fileds. Resident advised all went through planning (<a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/planningdocuments=16/02983/FUL">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/planningdocuments=16/02983/FUL</a>) and while Planning Committee objected as we felt the application was flawed, BANES permitted it with conditions.</p> <p><b>17/01424/VAR - Vineyards Farm - Variation of condition, 17/10425/COND - Vineyards Farm - Discharge of condition, 17/10417/VAR - Vineyards Farm - Variation of condition, 17/01390/FUL - Vineyards Farm - Proposed new Greenhouse.</b> On the 6th April The Planning Committee met to consider the above need applications. The Planning committee agrees that the proposed variations are sympathetic to the overall property and took proper account of its setting and history of the site as a winery. The Committee agreed that the necessary alterations were needed as a result of technical discrepancies in the original drawings and did not result in anything which detracted from the character of the house or its setting. In addition, the style of the small greenhouse proposed for the centre of the site was in keeping with the overall designs. The Planning Committee supported the application.</p>	LW
<p><b>Feedback meetings</b></p> <p>Councillor Naylor attended VPA Highways meeting. Cllr Naylor advised that there are new route investment strategy studies on how A36 36 is functioning. Highways are conducting severance study. Claverton will respond as soon as pro forma made available. Also, Councillor Naylor to liase with Highways with regard to bus lay-bys at Claverton. Buses often have to stop in the main traffic stream causing hold ups and considerable dangers for pedestrians and alighting passengers, from overtaking vehicles.</p>	
<p><b>Transportation Update inc Warleigh Weir</b></p> <p>Notes that litter at bottom of Warleigh Weir was collected promptly, though Parish Council still awaiting response with B&amp;NES with regard to bins.</p>	
<p><b>Exchange of Information</b></p> <p>Councillor Sheppard announced his intention to step down as Parish Councillor at the May Ordinary Meeting.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm

Future Council Meetings: Wednesday 10th May 2017, Wednesday 14th June 2017

Signed ..... Date .....

Cllr Anna Beria, Chairman, Claverton Parish Council