

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on 9th September 2020 via Zoom

Present:

Councillors: Anna Beria, Martin Mitchell, Rodger Glennis Naylor, Vi Jensen and Mark Mackintosh
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
 Other: One member of public

Open forum

- Member of public came to meeting to listen to discussion about proposal for designated bathing status at Warleigh Weir. Member of public strongly objected to the attempt to set up a false dichotomy: of either you are for DBS or you are against clean water.
- Councillors informed that residents have reported that it is difficult for pedestrians to cross A36 from kissing-gate to other side as site lines are poor.
- Local residents are concerned about the future timetabling of the bus services D1 and D1x. The D1x is an express service running between Bath and Bradford with no stopping, this leaves Claverton and Winsley with reduced service, every hour instead of half hourly. The D1x was introduced apparently so that buses with passenger numbers reduced for social distancing would not arrive completely full at Winsley, Claverton and Bathampton. However, there is a concern that a reduced service may be continued long term.

Apologies for Absence - None

Declaration of Member Interests - Martin Mitchell declared that he is a direct neighbour of 'The Piggery'. Councillor Mitchell will not participate in discussion of planning application relating to 'The Piggery'.

Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th July 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th July 2020 were agreed as accurate and signed by the chair of Parish Council, Councillor Beria.

	Actions
Matters arising from the minutes	
Parish Council website is being updated. Work divided between Parish Councillors and Clerk. Councillors working to update.	All
Councillor Beria has not received a response from Highways England regarding cracks on retaining wall along A36 will now follow up with B&NES	AB
Clerk needs to review Claverton policy on website accessibility.	LW
Councillor Mackintosh will continue to make initial enquires with BNES regarding solar-powered bus information signs. This will be a long-term project.	MM
Councillor Mackintosh lopped some overhanging branches as requested.	
Receive and Discuss Correspondence	
All correspondence relating to Claverton has been circulated to the councillors in advance by the clerk.	
Councillors agreed that grit bin covers should be replaced with increased security additions. Councillor Beria to liaise with carpenter and Clerk to progress insurance claim with Zurich Insurance	AB/LW
All other matters covered by agenda items.	

	Actions
<p>Receive Financial Officer's report and adopt updated Financial Regulations</p> <p>Councillors adopted model Financial Regulations. Clerk to update website</p> <p>Clerk will review and update Claverton Parish Council asset register</p> <p>Councillor Jensen to prepare a Claverton Parish Council Risk Management Assessment</p> <p>Most recent bank statements and cashbook presented for review. Two invoices/payments reviewed. Clerk to arrange signature on cheques after meeting: Cheque no 252 Replacement cheque (original 244 and 245 lost) to V Jensen £137.39 Cheque no 251 Zurich Insurance renewal £257.60</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>VJ</p> <p>LW</p>
<p>Reports and feedback from external meetings</p> <p>At VPA meeting 12th August 12.30pm on Zoom attended by councillors Beria and Naylor A36 severance issues discussed and everybody was given the opportunity to put forward their 3 top appropriate crossing sites. The final list was - Bathampton at the top of Down Lane and the two sites in Limpley Stoke/Freshford. It was also clear traffic speed on the A36 remains a major concern and VPA supports calls for a 40mph limit at various sections.</p> <p>Councillors Beria and Mitchell attended meeting with B&NES and Wessex Water. B&NES will ensure that the health and safety of residents and anyone else taking part in wild swimming is prioritised and will pursue discussions with external organisations and the landowner of the island.</p> <p>Councillor Mackintosh attended Bath University Residents Forum. University want residents to know that they are making extensive preparations for return of students. 1000 beds have been set up for quarantine and University will carry out their own testing.</p>	
<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>20/03042/FUL – The Piggery - Erection of 2 extensions and internal alterations to provide additional living accommodation.</p> <p>In considering the application, the Parish Council took account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claverton Conservation Area • The Cotswolds AONB • The Claverton Neighbourhood Plan <p>The application is for addition of a new oak framed extension to eastern end of the property to provide a sun/living room with entrance access to the house from the garden path, and conversion of part of the current storage area (incorporating a reduced bat mitigation area) and erection of traditional stone extension on the southern gable.</p> <p>The Council felt that the proposed finish and the design (heights and footprint etc.) are in keeping with the existing farm building conversion, and align with the Claverton Neighbourhood Plan and Claverton Conservation Area guidelines. The applicants are reported to have approval to use part of the bat mitigation area within the house and retain a smaller bat mitigation area within the structure. The documents on the planning portal do not detail this agreement with the ecologist.</p> <p>The building is not overlooked by its neighbours and it will not overlook neighbours. The building sits within a larger curtilage which is largely laid as lawns and is therefore considered appropriately sized for the plot.</p> <p>The Parish Council supports the application subject to formal sign-off from the ecologist</p>	<p>Clerk to Notify BNES</p>

	Actions
<p>Designated Bathing at Warleigh</p> <p>B&NES have asked for Claverton Parish Council's views on the proposed application to DEFRA for designated bathing status at Warleigh. The Parish Council notes that for a site to be granted the designation, there needs to be a certain level of facilities at the location. There are currently no facilities for visitors or swimmers on or near the island, and the scope of introducing such facilities without a change of use for the land would appear very limited. Claverton Parish Council fully supports the nationwide drive to improve the quality of river and inland waters, recently announced by DEFRA, but would not be able to support an application for Warleigh Weir to become a designated bathing water location.</p>	Clerk to respond to B&NES
<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>Councillor Mackintosh to arrange a village litter pick (without the usual refreshments due to Covid restrictions)</p>	MM
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>Clerk received correspondence from J Frith, St Mary's. Councillors recognise that St Mary's is an important asset to the village.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm

Future Council Meeting: Wednesday 14th October 2020, Wednesday 11th November 2020

Signed Date

Cllr Anna Beria, Chairman, Claverton Parish Council