

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held on 10th November 2021 at St Mary's, Claverton

Present:

Councillors: Anna Beria, Martin Mitchell, Julian Stirling, Sarah Shore, Mark Mackintosh Glennis Naylor and Vi Jensen
 Clerk: Lesley Watkinson
 Other: Ward Councillor Neil Butters

Open forum - None

Apologies for Absence – None

Declaration of Member Interests – Councillor Stirling declared an interest in Claverton Pumping Station where he volunteers and will not take part in any discussion or decisions regarding the Pumping station.

Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2021 and the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17th September 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2021 and the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting were agreed as accurate and signed by the chair of Parish Council, Councillor Beria.

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<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>A parish resident has volunteered to assist the Parish Council update and improve the Parish Council website. The Parish Council thank Marian Mackintosh for taking on the task.</p> <p>Clerk awaiting a response from BNES regarding a valuation figure for bus shelter for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Clerk took signatory documentation to Barclays and returned personal documents to councillors Jensen, Mitchell and Shore.</p> <p>Following removal of the additional bins BNES had delivered to the bottom of Ferry Lane, Councillor Mitchell to wrote to BNES waste management team to identify next steps.</p>	LW
<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>Clerk advised that Parish Council were not informed about an application for floodlights at the University of Bath. When queried by Clerk, BNES confirmed that it had considered the application as minor works and did not notify us as the site is not within the Parish boundary. However the Senior Planning Officer, Emma Watts, advised that Claverton Parish Council was still welcome to submit a comment.</p> <p>Councillor Mitchell will arrange meeting with PCSO to discuss management of parking at Weir during bathing season.</p> <p>Councillor Shore volunteered to represent Claverton Parish Council at Bathavon Forum - Climate Group.</p> <p>Ward Councillor Butters advised that Claverton Pumping Station wish to apply for Ward Councillor funding for their fund-raising appeal to rebuild a storage shed. Councillors gave their support (Councillor Stirling present but did not participate in discussion and decision making). Parish Council will consider making a donation to appeal as the Pumping Station is a major asset on the Parish. Clerk to advise on power to spend.</p>	Clerk

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<p>Planning report</p> <p>The following two Planning Applications were reviewed at Planning Meeting on 17th September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/04031/FUL - Vineyards Farm - Replace existing tarmac surfaced tennis court and metal and wire fencing with a new swimming pool and timber deck surround together with associated equipment • 21/04083 - The Byre - Tree works in a Conservation Area <p>Planning Committee approved both applications and Clerk confirmed that both applications have been permitted.</p> <p>21/01862/FUL - Proposed refurbishment and replacement of existing floodlighting and columns LOCATION: Ball Courts, Sports Training Village, University of Bath Campus.</p> <p>In considering the application, the Committee took account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claverton Conservation Area - The Cotswolds AONB - The Claverton Neighbourhood Plan <p>The review of the application was undertaken at the November meeting of the PC as the PC had not previously been consulted on the application. The review has taken particular consideration of Claverton's dark skies objectives, the existing impacts on this from the present lighting arrangement at the university sports training village, and the review of the technical arguments from the various parties on the planning portal, but particularly the submission from the Cotswold National Landscape. Claverton Parish falls fully within the area of the Cotswold National Landscape and commends the organisation for their submission.</p> <p>It was also noted by Councillors that the current lighting arrangements for the playing areas impact the fields of Bushey Norwood (which are within the Parish of Claverton) to such an extent as to be able to cast shadows when walking adjacent to the woods of the American Museum. In addition the level of lighting results in a level of illumination of the Parish such that it is possible on certain days to walk along the canal tow path without the need for a torch, a fact which is extremely counter to our dark skies objective. The PC notes with concern, but does not comment on, the questions as to the legality of the existing lighting arrangement (i.e. of the illumination of the 3G training strip), and leave this for B&NES to opine on. The PC concludes that it endorses and agrees with Cotswold National Landscape that to conserve and enhance our dark skies, as required by our Neighbourhood Plan, the development proposals should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avoid and minimise new sources of light pollution; and • remove and reduce existing sources of light pollution <p>While the proposed development could potentially offer increased energy efficiency and improved lighting control compared to the current baseline, the proposed development wouldn't necessarily minimise light pollution and, as such, wouldn't comply with our Neighbourhood Plan or the Policy CE5 of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018-2023. The PC supports the Cotswold National Landscape's queries as to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. whether the development would comply with best-practice guidance regarding the reduction of obtrusive light in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs); and 2. the need for the east-facing floodlighting (from columns P7 and P8) that would be provided over the 3G training strip, immediately to the east of the hockey pitches. <p>Similarly the PC objects to the planning application and recommends that planning permission should be refused unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the current / proposed floodlighting of the 3G training strip (i.e. the east-facing floodlights / back-lights on columns P7 and P8) is removed; 2. the light spill from the current / proposed floodlighting is reduced to a minimum to avoid overspill into the surrounding landscape; and 3. a planning condition is imposed which states that none of the floodlighting is permitted to operate between 10pm and 8am. <p>The Planning Committee objects to the application.</p>	<p>Clerk to notify BNES of decision</p>

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<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>Local Councils and communities are being encouraged to take part in the lighting of Jubilee Beacons in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022. Councillor Jensen contacted American Museum to discuss potential for joint celebrations. The American Museum informed that the Parish Council will fund purchase of Beacon and gas cylinder. It was noted that a group of residents are planning on organising a village Street party on 3rd June.</p>										
<p>Receive Financial Officer's report</p> <p>Clerk brought updated cash book and cheque book to the Ordinary Meeting and asked the Councillors to review.</p> <p>The Clerk advised the Councillors that the following cheque was signed (by Councillors Beria and Mackintosh) on 1st October 2021 to settle invoice for agreed refurbishment of Village notice-board:</p> <table> <tr> <td>264</td> <td>J Beresford</td> <td>£264.98</td> </tr> </table> <p>The following invoices were presented for payment at meeting:</p> <table> <tr> <td>265</td> <td>St Mary's (donation for use of church)</td> <td>£350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>266</td> <td>Vi Jensen (Summer Village Event expenses)</td> <td>£65</td> </tr> </table>	264	J Beresford	£264.98	265	St Mary's (donation for use of church)	£350	266	Vi Jensen (Summer Village Event expenses)	£65	
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<p>Feedback from Meetings</p> <p>Councillor Beria will attend next VPA meeting .</p>										
<p>American Museum Christmas Event</p> <p>Councillor Mitchell advised all councillors that the American Museum did not apply for a road-closure order. Clerk to follow up with contact at American Museum regarding distribution of free tickets for preview night for everyone in the Parish.</p>	Clerk									
<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>Councillors noted that a number of Claverton Residents have been disturbed by excessive noise at Cider Barn and American Museum. Noise complaints have been raised and residents are encouraged to keep a log of disturbances.</p> <p>In spring the Pumping station will arrange to clean up and remove graffiti on their property and will ask for community support on completion of risk assessment.</p> <p>Councillor Mackintosh advised Councillors that he has continued to have conversations regarding the potential for a solar powered bus information board on the bus shelter. Nexus Alpha Group will provide some mock-ups (based on the photos taken) of how it will look and come back to Cllr Mackintosh with a proposal. As well as testing the equipment and installation concept, this would be an opportunity for them to showcase the technology to BANES and WECA, and for us to get a display. Councillor Mackintosh is a personal friend of CEO of Nexus Alpha and will continue to facilitate the discussion but will not take any part in Parish Council decisions on whether the scheme, if feasible and acceptable, goes ahead. Councillor Mackintosh will enquire if funding is available from the WECA Rural Community Energy Fund.</p> <p>Councillors Stirling and Mackintosh will attempt repair of village salt spreader.</p>	<p>Mackintosh</p> <p>Mackintosh and Stirling</p>									

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<p>Transport update, including actions re Warleigh Weir and New Public Rights of Way</p> <p>Councillor Shore advised councillors that David Beard from Bathampton PC has now heard back from National Trust and American Museum that they do not support the track in Bathampton Wood/Hengrove Wood being made a new public right of way. Claverton Parish Council will not support the application however will assist in collating evidence of pathway users in Claverton. Councillor Shore will draft item for December newsletter.</p>	Shore
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>None</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Future Council Meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022, Wednesday 9th February 2022

Signed Date

Cllr Anna Beria, Chairman, Claverton Parish Council