

Claverton Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held on 12th January 2022 at St Mary's, Claverton

Present:

Councillors: Anna Beria, Martin Mitchell, Julian Stirling, Sarah Shore, Mark Mackintosh and Vi Jensen

Clerk: Lesley Watkinson

Other: Ward Councillor Neil Butters

Open forum - None

Apologies for Absence – Glennis Naylor

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 10th November 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th November 2021 were agreed as accurate and signed by the chair of Parish Council, Councillor Beria.

	Actions
<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>Councillors agreed £15,000 as the estimated rebuild value of the bus shelter for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Clerk notified B&NES Planning Department that Claverton Parish Council objected to the proposed refurbishment and replacement of existing floodlighting and columns at the sports fields by the University of Bath (21/10862/FUL).</p> <p>Councillors Stirling and Mackintosh will attempt repair of village salt spreader.</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.</p> <p>Councillor Shore drafted item for December newsletter advising residents that if they want to support the track in Bathampton Wood/Hengrove Wood being made a new public right of way, they need to help collate evidence of use and should contact David Beard (Bathampton PC) directly.</p>	<p>MM/JS</p> <p>MM</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>A member of the public shared concerns about very white bright lights in the American Museum grounds (presumably high Correlated Colour Temperature LED floodlights) during their Christmas event. Clerk to arrange a meeting between Cllr Shore, Mitchell and Jensen with the American Museum to have a post event briefing and will raise this concern.</p> <p>Following report by concerned member of public, Clerk contacted BT Openreach and land owner of Bluebell Wood to ask them to take immediate action to remove a fallen tree which is currently resting on Openreach overhead cables. Clerk to follow up with Openreach.</p> <p>Councillor Beria advised councillors that at its next meeting, the VPA will consider its own future. It is likely that it will not continue to operate in its current format. The councillors agreed that it is important to have a forum for the communities in the Valley to work together on shared issues.</p> <p>It was noted that December 2021 was the last village Christmas Tree Lighting organised by Mr and Mrs Wright. Parish Council wished to thank them for generously hosting this event over many years, kicking off the Village Christmas Season every year with mulled wine and home-made mince pies. Later in the year, the Parish Council will ask village residents for their opinion and ideas for a possible replacement event.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Councillor Mackintosh told Parish Councillors that a new structure, apparently with wood-burning stove, has appeared at Lime Kiln Lane. Councillor Mackintosh to obtain further information and advise Councillors at next meeting.</p>	MM
<p>Donation to Claverton Pumping Station</p> <p>Clerk advised Parish Councillors that they have the power to donate to the Pumping Station under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Clerk to contact the Pumping Station to confirm eligibility and request additional information.</p>	Clerk
<p>Receive Financial Officer's report and set 22/23 Precept</p> <p>Clerk provided an updated cash book and cheque book and recent bank statements to the Ordinary Meeting and asked the Councillors to review.</p> <p>No cheques presented for payment.</p> <p>Barclays have not approved new mandates. Clerk to follow up with Councillors Beria, Jensen and Naylor.</p> <p>Claverton Parish Council agreed to set the precept of £2,500 for the 2022/2023 financial year. Clerk to send completed form to Amarjeet Dhanjal, Corporate Finance, B&NES</p>	Clerk/AB/ VJ/GN Clerk
<p>Feedback from Meetings</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Village Maintenance</p> <p>Marian Mackintosh is updating the village website. Councillors should contact Marian with corrections and suggestions for improvements.</p>	
<p>Transport update, including actions re Warleigh Weir</p> <p>Clerk advised Councillors that at some point in 2022 Claverton Hill will be closed for resurfacing. Clerk will inform residents when further information is available</p>	
<p>Exchange of Information</p> <p>None</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Future Council Meetings: Wednesday 9th February 2022, Wednesday 9th March 2022

Signed Date

Cllr Anna Beria, Chairman, Claverton Parish Council