

CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at

7.30pm on Wednesday 14th December 2016, St Barnabas Church, Temple Cloud
www.templecloud.org.uk

PRESENT: J Cockerham, T Hemmings, A Hooper (Chairman), M Musins, J Sebright, J Swift and T Turner.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE J Howell (Clerk) and six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from D Morris and accepted.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting and invited to raise issues or matters of interest.

A resident attended in support of the grant application submitted by Temple Cloud Village Hall Committee to resurface the car park. The resident said that they use the hall for the Women's Institute (WI) and many of the members are elderly and find the surface of the car park difficult to cross with walking sticks and a lack of exterior lighting. The Chairman confirmed that it was the intention of the Parish Council to address this matter as set out at the November meeting. A resident raised that a large sheet of glass had been dumped at the bus stop on the seat which could have caused an injury. Two residents raised a complaint regarding the muddy pavement outside the Biggs Development on both Temple Inn Lane and also the Main Road. Such was the extent that the resident said they had to walk into the main road to pass. The same resident also raised illegal parking on the pavement of a 'Towens' lorry and also other vehicles associated with the new Biggs development. The Parish Council spoke of the work that had been undertaken to address some of the issues associated with the new development which has included making a new point of contact with Red Oak Taverns, using the Neighbourhood Policing team and escalating matters to BANES Council. A complaints log has been set up and will be managed by the Clerk. The Clerk updated the meeting that enforceable times appear to only include those agreed at the outset and not the delivery times which both sites have stated they will try to comply with. Finally, a resident informed the Parish Council that the trees on the Main Road opposite the Chinese Takeaway have now been cut back which enables the double decker buses to use the bus stop once more.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Clerk would raise the issue of muddy pavements with Red Oak Tavern.
- ii) That the Clerk will make contact with 'Towens' regarding the illegal parking.
- iii) That the Clerk will continue to update and maintain the complaints log for both developments on Temple Inn Lane and where possible involve BANES Highways for illegal parking and BANES Planning Enforcement for breaches of agreed working or delivery hours.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Hooper declared an interest in agenda item 12. Grant application for St James' Church and 13a. St Barnabas Church invoice due to links with both Churches. A Hooper stated he would not take part in voting on either matter.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting dated 9th November 2016 were approved.

5. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report had previously been circulated and questions invited. There were none.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Tim Warren gave a report on the challenges during the year to date. This included the Mayoral referendum, the Devolution Deal, Virgin Care, reductions to the Council Budget and the West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP). Tim Warren said that despite already having the Core Strategy in place which is in effect until 2026, BANES opted to be part of the JSP to ensure no further housing demands were placed on the Council and that they would have met their obligations up to 2036 without having to identify any further development. Discussion also took place around infrastructure and a lack of public transport. Tim Warren shared that a franchise deal where companies were offered to run a combination of profitable, average and loss making routes would be his preferred way to address this issue.

7. WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT SPATIAL PLAN AND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Discussion took place around the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Transport Strategy and the Parish Response to the second phase of consultation was agreed. The response includes that Cameley Parish Council agree with the Joint Spatial Strategy's assessment - that Clutton and Temple Cloud are not suitable for any further development nor perform well as sustainable locations for accommodating housing growth. It will also address the Transport Strategy - it is also true that due to the limitations of public transport, Villagers are heavily reliant on travelling by car. The A37 is a heavily used route and with increased housing proposed at Whitchurch this is only likely to worsen. The Parish Council would welcome efforts to improve public transport links between Temple Cloud, Bristol and Bath especially when considering development which will bring even more road users to the A37. Increased development must be supported by the appropriate infrastructure to accommodate this.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will draft the response based on the discussion and circulate to the Parish Council for comment before the response is submitted by the 19th December 2016.

8. DRAFT 2017-18 Budget

The draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting and questions were invited. There were no questions.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors review the draft budget and submit any questions to the Clerk before 5th January 2017 when the Finance Working Group will meet for ratification of the budget.

9. PLAY AREA & PLAYING FIELD CONSULTATION

The Council thanked residents for attending the recent Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 3rd December 2016 and reminded all that the consultation for the wider use of CIL money and the Play Area project is open until 31st January 2017.

An online survey designed to shape the plans for the Playing Field is available on both the Parish Council website and the new Cameley Parish Council Facebook page. Residents can also contact the Clerk to request a paper copy.

Attempts have been made to engage with the Football Club who were absent at the Coffee Morning. Posters have been displayed on the pavilion, the noticeboards and also on the website. The draft Football Agreement was reviewed and subject to clarity over rates being £30 per game the agreement was approved.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Clerk will provide the Open Spaces Working Group with a summary of responses from the Play Area survey to date.
- ii) That the Clerk will ask the Football Club to sign the Football Agreement for the remainder of the season and inform them that no further monies are due for the season. The new fees of £30 per game will come into effect from next season.

10. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

An annual inspection of the play equipment is now required. Three quotations have been obtained and were reviewed.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will arrange for 'Play Inspection Company' to carry out the annual inspection at a cost of £62.50 plus VAT.

11. VILLAGE HALL

An update was provided by the Chairman regarding the recent meeting with Thatcher and Hallam to investigate the legal standing and governance of the Village Hall and Car Park.

RESOLVED:

That the precis of the meeting will be circulated to Parish Councillors for consideration and the matter will be added to the January Parish Council Meeting agenda.

12. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Finance Working Group provided a summary of recommendations regarding the three Grant Applications, that the grant application from Clutton and Cameley Parochial Church Council for £450 be approved for grass cutting and the two grant applications from Temple Cloud Village Hall Project – to renovate the Village Hall floor and resurface the Village Hall Car Park be placed on hold until the lease position can be regularised. In addition, it was reported that neither grant application was for urgent work and for the next financial year.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Parish Council approved the grant for £450 to Clutton and Cameley Parochial Church Council.
- ii) That the Parish Council place the two grant applications from Temple Cloud Village Hall Project on hold subject to the position of the lease being agreed.

13. FINANCE

All items were approved for payment and cheques presented for approval were accepted. The bank statement, bank reconciliation and comparison of spend reports were accepted.

14. LAND FOR RECREATION

The Parish Council considered the proposal to investigate the purchase of additional land for recreation. This is supported by results collated at the Coffee Morning. The interest to explore this idea further appears to be shared by residents and Parish Councillors alike. District Councillor Tim Warren voiced support for this idea. Consideration was given to the land beyond the Playing Fields and also on the other side of the Village where no recreation facilities exist. In addition the suggestion of obtaining land for the purpose of allotments was discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council will make a direct approach to the landowner regarding two parcels of land to determine whether they would in principle be willing to gift or sell the land to the Parish Council and report back at the January meeting.

15. FUTURE MEETING VENUE

The location of future Parish Council Meetings was discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will make efforts to book the Temple Cloud Village Hall for the next Parish Council Meeting.

16. CORRESPONDANCE

The Clerk updated the meeting with correspondence received from Jeremy Johnson, Technical Manager of David Wilson Homes. The development's show home is expected to be open in mid-February 2017 with first occupancy expected around the end of March 2017. The site office will be closed from 23rd December 2016.

17. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

A Councillor raised a complaint about parking on the pavement on Meadway. A councillor highlighted concerns raised by a resident about the junction at Peterside and a request that the Parish Council consider installing a mirror at the junction. This is to be added to the CIL list for consideration. A Councillor informed the meeting that a leaflet drop by David Wilson Homes had been completed and that the window cleaning is due to commence in January 2017. A rumour circulating around the Village that the Temple Inn Pub may be used as emergency housing was raised. District Councillor Tim Warren said he had no knowledge of this but would investigate and respond to the Parish Council with a definitive answer. It was also raised that the cost of using public transport to Bristol is extortionate and not viable for family use.

RESOLVED:

A leaflet drop will be completed at Oaklands, the top of Tiledown and Meadway asking residents to be mindful of parking and considerate of pushchairs and wheelchairs.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and wished them all a Happy Christmas.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

A closed discussion took place on two matters.

18. INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED:

That Fair Account would be approached to conduct the internal audit.

19. HR MATTER.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk had successfully completed the probationary period and that the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer is now permanent

The meeting was concluded at 9.30pm.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.30pm.** Venue to be confirmed and will be published on the Parish Council website.

Signed: Date: