

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 9th MARCH 2016 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were four members of the public present and all four took their turn to speak. The first topic was about the area between the Temple Inn and Oaklands on Temple Inn Lane. The wall in this area is in a state of disrepair and gradually falling into the field. Of more concern was the build-up of rubbish dumped there by persons unknown and the state of the hedge which was already encroaching on the pavement. Cllr Parfitt told the meeting that several years he had cut back this hedge and with help he was happy to do so again. Since the landowner's whereabouts were unknown, the Clerk would contact the farmer who held the Grass keep rights about the rubbish and the wall. The next topic was the Village Hall and Kate Atkinson spoke on behalf of the Temple Cloud Village Hall Project Committee (TCVHPC). She noted that the January Minutes of the Parish Council mentioned two parties in December when in fact there was only one. The other meeting had been in November however it was agreed by the Parish Council that this was an error and this would be put right in the March Meetings minutes and in the next submission to both the Chew Valley Gazette and the Clutton & Temple Cloud News. She went on to say that once the PC had turned down the grant request to cover running costs at the February meeting it was her understanding that the PC would probably be unable to reverse this for at least six months. Since the TCVHPC had to operate under Charity Law which does not allow it to subsidise a public body such as the Parish Council and had therefore issued an invoice for the Parish Council's use of the Village hall. A further invoice had been issued for costs incurred managing the Playing Field on behalf of the Parish Council. However these invoices were not listed on the March Agenda so unfortunately they couldn't be discussed. This was addressed by the Chairman later in the meeting under Finance. She went on to tell the meeting that an estimate for the supply and fitting of the lobby doors and safety lights in the car park had been included in the paperwork submitted. The Chair confirmed that there was some money included in the reserves for the lobby doors. Finally Kate confirmed that the hall is fully licensed and the hall's facilities will be more widely advertised. The third member of the public mentioned that the pot holes in the Village Hall car park represented a Health and Safety issue. Cllr Parfitt was able to reassure him this was in hand thanks to the generosity of Oakus Contractors. This issue was discussed further later in the meeting under Village Hall. Finally, a member of the Temple Cloud in Bloom group asked about their request for a grant and the Chairman was able to reassure that this was in hand.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr Hooper (Chair), Mr Cockerham, Mr Hemmings, Mr Morris, Mr Parfitt, Mr Sebright, Ms Swift, and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mrs Musins and District Councillor Mr Warren.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were approved.

4. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING

Footpath sign post Cllr Hemmings reported that the public footpath sign in the field behind the scrapyard was still down. **Action: The Clerk would chase Public Rights of Way.**

ALCA Accreditation: At the February meeting Parish Councillors had agreed to proceed with accreditation and the Clerk was asked to prepare a briefing paper for circulation before the next meeting. Due to circumstances this was put back to April meeting. **Action: ongoing**

Defibrillator: The Clerk confirmed that the new defibrillator Cabinet, batteries and pads had been delivered to Ian Gough at the garage and that he would install shortly. **Action: Completed**

Litter Bins; It had been agreed that the Clerk would purchase two litter bins, one for the play area and one for the Village Hall car park. The Clerk explained that he had put this off because he had been approached by several residents about dog walkers “scooping the poop” but then leaving the bag behind in the Playing Field Lane verge or hanging on bushes there! This was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed to purchase a third bin to be sited on Playing Field Lane close to its junction with Temple Inn Lane. It was confirmed that all three bins would be emptied by the village operative. **Action: Clerk to order three bins.**

5. TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

The Chair told the meeting that the Parish Council had received paperwork from the TCVHPC which included several invoices which the Parish Council had not been expecting and he proposed asking the Finance Working Party to look at the paperwork and after suitable discussions, come back to the April meeting with their proposals for full discussion by the Parish Council. This was agreed by the parish Council. **Action: Clerk to add to April’s agenda.**

The Parish Council then discussed the state of the Village Hall Car Park and in particular the presence of potholes. Cllr Parfitt told the meeting that Oakus had delivered one load of road plane-ings but were waiting for the weather to improve so that they could carry out road contracts from which the plane-ings came from. They were hopeful that this would be very soon at which time they would provide the machinery to spread and level the car park.

Action: Cllr Parfitt would keep in contact with Oakus

The discussion then carried on with regards to the “sport” of “donutting” by some inconsiderate car owners causing damage to the surface and creating the potholes. This anti social behaviour isn’t just of concern in the car park, but also to residents of Meadway and Temple Inn Lane with the same drivers speeding through the estate, putting pedestrians at risk. It was agreed that once the surface was level this would encourage more of the same and the idea of locking the gates was discussed. It was pointed out that the use of the car park by parents delivering and picking up pupils was very important and any closure during these two periods would exacerbate the current traffic problems. The general consensus that it would be best to keep it open however a compromise would be the locking of the gates at dusk and reopening them before school opened. Further discussion would be required.

The question was then asked as to who was responsible for the car park? It was agreed that no-one knew either way. The land on which both the Village Hall and Car Park sit is owned by the Parish Council but was it leased to the Temple Cloud Village Hall Project or not? The Clerk would check whether there was any paperwork in his archives or with the Village Hall and/or the Playing Field Committee. **Action: Chair and Clerk to investigate.**

6. FINANCE: It was agreed to pay the following:-

Clerk	£303.83
Road sweeper	£428.49
Defibrillator Cabinet	£420.48 + Vat
Batteries/pads for Defibrillator	£ 74.40 + vat
A.L.C.A. subs	£213.14
Grasscutting 2015	£750.00 + Vat

The Chair told the meeting that he had renewed the contract for hosting the domain name with the current company at a cost of £6.00 plus vat to cover the next two years.

The Clerk showed the meeting how the budget for 2015/2016 financial year compared to the actual figures as of 9th March.

The Clerk told the meeting that the implementation of the Living Wage would impact on the Village Operatives wages. The Clerk would ask the Council's bookkeeper to implement the new level on 1st April as required by law.

The Parish Council were told that a teacher, Mrs Lodite was leaving after many years' service at Cameley Primary School and it was agreed to authorise Cllr Cockerham to spend £50 on a present and card which the Chair would present in person.

7. PLANNING: The Parish Council discussed the following **Planning Applications:-**

16/00521/FUL: Brook House, Peterside, Temple Cloud Bristol BS39 5AB

Proposed erection of two storey rear extension inc minor alteration following demolition of existing single storey rear extension. After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal. **Action: Clerk to write to B&NES planning.**

16/00849/FUL: The Old Post Office, 1 Greenbank Cotts, Temple Cloud Bristol BS39 5DF

Proposal to erect a single storey extension. After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal. **Action: Clerk to write to B&NES planning.**

8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON:-

1. Chew Valley Forum 22nd February 2016

A full set of papers were sent to all PCs prior to the meeting however the Chair highlighted the points he thought deserved attention:-

- a. Charles Gerrish the BANES Finance Cabinet Member announced a rise in Council Tax of 1.25%. he did announce extra funds for the regeneration of Playgrounds but was sparse with information.
- b. Green Spaces Strategy update. Was given by Paul Pearce, Parks Project manager and in relation to our Parish was out of date. A written response required.
- c. Chew Valley Transport Strategy was presented by Peter Dawson from BANES. He started by apologising for delay. At that point perhaps he should have sat down and said nothing. Instead he rambled on to the discontent of all present, including Cabinet Members who wanted to know why his actions were not in line with Manifesto commitments? He promised to return for next meeting.
- d. Finger posts. How many do we have? Pensford and Publow are restoring theirs!

2. Parish Liaison. 24th February 2016

An Agenda with full links was distributed to all PCs prior to the meeting. The Chair told the meeting that this was a waste of an evening! There appeared to be a conspiracy amongst the Top Table to complete the meeting in record time. Deborah White (A.L.C.A) has complained on behalf of us all and fingers crossed lessons are learned.

3. West of England Joint Spatial Plan-Parish Working Groups 25th February 2016

The Chair told the meeting that there was a good turn out with Lisa Bartlett, Director of Planning and Liz Richardson, Cabinet Member for Planning both present and 2 themes quickly emerged; Duty to Cooperate and Housing, Housing, Housing! The Chair then told the meeting that he has a copy of the Powerpoint presentation should anyone wish to read at a later date. The timetable is daunting, the Draft Plan will go to consultation June 2016 with adoption by Early 2018. When you look at the strategic map for BANES it is clear that Parishes like Cameley are very vulnerable with no Green Belt protection. It was reiterated that the 4 W of E councils are still 29,000 short of target.

One slide was titled Call for Sites which would seem to indicate larger development here than anywhere else outside of Towns and Cities. Despite pushing for answers, no reassurance was given. On a later slide called "Mapping the Strategic locations Cameley Parish appears again. He urged all PCs to engage with the system and do some research because this will have precedence over any Neighbourhood Plan which must put a question mark over further PC involvement with the process. Alternatively, it may be seen as a level of protection we need.

9. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold this year's Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm just before April's Parish Meeting. **Action: The Clerk would invite the usual groups to submit a report of the previous years activities.**

11. NEXT MONTHLY MEETING will be on Wednesday 13th April at approx. 7.30 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm