

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm on 13th APRIL 2011
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Council was asked whether when asked to consider any application for a housing development in the village it would consider the views of the village. The current ward councillor, Tim Warren explained that any such plans would go before the Planning Committee who would consider all views and residents views would hold as much clout as those of the Parish Council whose role is to represent the needs of the Parish as well as its residents. If the residents felt strongly then the more of them that made their views known to the planning authority the better it would be in getting the views across.

A hole in the surface in the play area was reported. The Clerk would contact the company who installed the equipment and the surface.

The concrete surface outside the garage rented by the Parish Council was breaking up. The Clerk would report the matter to Somer.

A tree that was overhanging the goal area on the playing field was removed by B&NES and it was reported that this has left a large gap behind the goal area and that the safety fence might be weakened by its removal. The clerk would ask B&NES to inspect the area on health and safety grounds and ask for a copy of their report and recommendations to be sent to the Parish.

The bushes by the bus stop opposite the takeaway were reported to be overgrowing the pavement. The Clerk would ask Highways to clear as they were obstructing the pavement and were a danger to pedestrians.

It was reported that youths on motor scooters/mopeds were causing nuisance and indeed a hazard in Meadway by riding recklessly across pavements. The Police were aware and had been notified of the registration plates. The Council asked that any residents who experienced such a nuisance to take a note of registration plates and to let the police know on 0845 45667000.

It was reported that a car wash and valeting service was being carried out in the car park of the Temple Inn. The matter was reported to B&NES because the operators did not have the necessary permission to operate.

The business meeting opened at 7.45.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Dando, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hutchinson, the Clerk, Mr Scutt and Mr Warren (Ward Councillor).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The March minutes were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Temple Bridge: The issue of the unauthorised building at Temple Bridge was discussed at length. In brief, the owner of a derelict brick barn had applied for permission to repair and replace the roof which was granted. He then proceeded to demolish the barn and rebuild without the necessary permission. The Parish Council and various residents had complained and Planning Enforcement had visited the site and reported to the PC that it would appear that the owner was restoring the barn to its original size using existing stone and that there no intention to build a new dwelling. They would continue to monitor the situation.

The consensus of the Parish Council was that B&NES were in danger of setting a precedent in that they would appear to have tacitly approved demolishing a building and allowing a rebuild without obtaining planning permission. The Parish Council were also concerned that Planning Enforcement did not inspect the building hidden behind fencing at the rear of the plot. Ward Councillor Warren would talk with Planning Enforcement and the Clerk would write expressing the concerns of Cameley Parish Council.

“A” boards: The positioning of these outside the Temple Inn was still causing concern to users of pushchairs who were forced close to the edge of the road. The Clerk awaits a response from the Police and B&NES. The Parish Council does not object to the boards per se, only to their position.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The Village Hall has new sign at the entrance to the car park and thanks were offered to Councillor Pete Hutchison for supplying and fitting.

It was reported that a pay as you go phone had been purchased and that this would be used for bookings. The new number would be in the Clutton & Temple Cloud News and on the new Village Hall sign. It was agreed to reimburse Chairman Kate Atkinson for the purchase of the above phone.

It was reported that the response to defibrillator training was disappointing.

The original correspondence from the Sperring Trust concerning a grant for the village hall was given to the Clerk who would write to the trust.

A leak from the kitchen to the outside of the hall was noted and the meeting was told that its repair was in hand.

The Clerk reported that when he approached the Parish’s insurers about adding the village hall insurance to its policy they refused because the Village Hall committee had signed a three year commitment with their current insurer. This runs out in April 2013 and would be reviewed at that time. He confirmed that if we had been able to transfer then the saving would have been in the order of 20%.

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

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks Mar wages	269.54	
(2) Sweepers Mar	428.89	
(3) Garage rent Apr	33.36	6.67
(4) HMRC Tax J/F/M	212.00	
(5) ALCA training	15.00	

B) Payments received	
(1) Parish Sweeper Apr	286.44
(2) Precept (50%)	9000.00

7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING

Street sweeping and environment: Cllr Tony Hooper told the meeting that the village operative comes in for flak from some residents for the state of the village. He explained that the operative is only employed for 15 hours a week and with the best will in the world this is inadequate for the area that he is expected to cover.

The meeting was reminded that currently the Clerk was the main contact for the Village Operative and that he kept a monthly log of the areas covered by the operative.

Cllr Hooper went on to ask whether there was anything complementary that could be done and he suggested a "village clean" day once a month/quarter by a volunteer group. Perhaps the school could get involved? Perhaps we could prioritise parts of the village?

A general discussion followed and caution was urged. If the Parish Council organised such a group then the PC would be liable for any injuries/accidents etc.

However it was agreed that this Parish Council felt it was worth pursuing and the Clerk was asked to seek advice from B&NES and A.L.C.A.

Goldney House Site.

The Parish Council were asked to consider a proposal by the developers of the above site to name the road "**Highbury View**". This was unanimously approved. The Clerk would inform B&NES.

The ward councillor confirmed that the 106 agreement for the developers to provide finance for 20mph flashing signs was in place.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

The parish was asked to consider:-

11/00396/FUL Millacott, Stowey Road, the erection of a replacement dwelling as per previous application 8/04633/FUL which was granted. The Parish Council had no objection.

11/00778/LBA & FUL Cameley House, Cameley, Internal and external alterations comprising replacement of existing extension with new orangery to form new kitchen, rationalisation of rainwater goods and waste pipework, alterations to window openings and replacement of windows and internal alterations to simplify the layout. The Parish Council were pleased to support such a sympathetic scheme.

11/00658/FUL (Resubmission) at Rock Cottage Main Road Temple Cloud PERMIT

9. DEVELOPMENTS IN TEMPLE CLOUD AND CLUTTON.

Cllr Tony Hooper had circulated a paper about development in which he described what was currently happening in Clutton and went on to explain that in Temple Cloud the areas under consideration are at Temple Bridge and either side of Temple Inn Lane. He had checked with Cameley School who had a few vacancies but it was expected that these would be taken up by an expected influx when the new development at Goldney House came on stream.

He explained that the reason for his paper was to discuss what was Cameley Parish Councils Policy on development in the village?

A general discussion followed. The Chair suggested that if we are going to support planning policy and the core strategy they we have to think carefully and what we do actually want. She suggested that the proposed Parish Plan was the next logical step where all this can be discussed and a policy agreed on. It was very important that such a policy was agreed to give guidance to any Parish Plan and that the Parish Council view must reflect that of its residents.

10. PARISH PLAN

It was unanimously agreed that there should be a Parish Plan and that there should be a budget set for its implementation. It was agreed that a sub committee of the Parish Council would be set up to agree policy and strategy and budget. Cllr Tony Hooper would chair the committee. Its first meeting would take place on 18th April at 7.00 am.

11. INFORMATION EXCHANGE – it was reported that:-

Cllr Mike Dean has resigned as Parish Councillor and a vote of thanks was given to him for his support during his time on the Council.

12. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7.30pm.