

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30pm on 9th FEBRUARY 2011  
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There were two members of the public present.

The business meeting opened at 7.35.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Dando, Mr Dean, Mrs Gray, Mr Hutchinson and the Clerk, Mr Scutt. Mrs Parfitt attended in her role as Chair Village Hall and Playing Field Committee.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr Warren (Ward Councillor) Cllr. Mrs Harvey,

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None were declared

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The January minutes were approved and signed.

**4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

**Defibrillator:** the meeting was told that a) St John's Ambulance had been informed about the defibrillator, b) signs advertising its location would go up in strategic spots around the village and c) that an instruction manual was available to store with the defibrillator. An article would be placed in the magazine.

**Rock Cottage:** the planning application had been refused.

**5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD**

The meeting was told that all portable electrical items had been P.A.T. tested; main consumer board inspection had been booked; fire extinguisher inspection had been booked and that the electrician had met with Clutton Pantomime's electrician to discuss arrangements.

It was reported that the first Hootenanny Gig had gone well and despite little advertising an audience of 80+ had turned up. A further 11 dates had been booked. The meeting thanked Natalie Parfitt for her role in getting the Hootenanny gigs.

It was reported that in bad weather the car park was becoming a morass and it was agreed to discuss this at March's meeting and that the meeting would be told what alternative surfaces were available.

The trees between the playing field and the bungalows in Ham Close were reported as becoming dangerous to players using the pitch. Since the trees were the responsibility of B&NES, this would be reported.

The bushes behind the children's play area were encroaching and it was agreed to approach a professional tree surgeon to cut out and cut back the offending bushes.

## 6. FINANCE

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks Jan wages	269.54	
(2) Sweepers Jan	428.89	
(3) Garage rent Feb	33.36	6.67
(4) Sparkes Hedges	80.50	
(5) HMRC Tax o/n/d	212.92	

### B) Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper Feb	286.44
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**C) Capital Expenditure:** the meeting was told that the Council's printer had failed and it was agreed to purchase a new "all-in-one" printer up to a maximum £120. It was also agreed to purchase an external hard drive to back up all the information on the computer up to a maximum £40.

## 7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEEPING

The meeting was told that the path outside the doctors surgery needed clearing twice a month instead of once for safety reasons given that the surgery was used by the more infirm residents. The village operative would be told.

## 8. ALCA MEMBERSHIP

It was unanimously agreed that it was best to remain a member so that the Parish Council would have access to the legal expertise of N.A.L.C.

## 9. ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

It was agreed to nominate the Chair to receive an invitation to the Royal Garden Party usually held in June/July. Those going are chosen by a ballot.

## 10. WEBSITE

The meeting was told that assistance was needed to help load items onto the site. The Clerk agreed to help and that training. Would be organised.

## 11. PARISH PLAN

The meeting was told that the wishes of residents would need to be canvassed and this would start at the Annual Parish Meeting that would take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Hooper would put together an article for the Village Magazine.

## 12. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The meeting was told that the **Annual Parish Meeting** would be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. This would be followed by the monthly meeting at approximately 7.30pm.

The Clerk told the meeting that there would be an **election on May 5<sup>th</sup>** to elect a new Parish Council for the next four years and this would be combined with the elections for the Bath and North East Somerset Council and a proposed nationwide referendum on the voting system.

The Parish Council would encourage anyone who was considering standing to contact the Parish Clerk to check whether they qualified and to find out a little more about the role of a Parish Councillor.

During the month preceding the monthly meeting the Clerk had circulated the following reports: -

**ALCA** February Newsletter

Summary of **ALCA Management** Team Meeting of 12.01.2011

Minutes of the ALCA meeting held on 29 September 2010.

**Resurfacing** A further £5 million capital investment for highways maintenance to improve road surfaces across the district is being planned by Bath & North East Somerset Council in 2011/12.

**Midsomer Norton Library update** The extensive damage caused by a burst water pipe leading to flooding at Midsomer Norton Library over the Christmas period, means that the library will remain closed until further notice.

**NALC** report on the costs of local council elections and what can be done to reduce them.

Bath & North East Somerset is launching a new **campaign to recruit carers** for an innovative scheme that supports Adults with a learning difficulty.

Libraries launch new **e-audiobook** download service.

**Cam Valley Wildlife Group** Newsletter Jan 2011

**Cam Valley Wildlife Group** Events Programme February, March and April 2011

Frontline services protected as **Council Tax freeze** is proposed.

First 'round' of the **Sustainable Communities Act** completed

B&NES **Bath Record Office** are giving people the chance to get a glimpse of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Bath from the comfort of their own computer.

**13. The Next Meeting is** the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00 followed by the monthly Parish meeting.