

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL 13th JANUARY 2010 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Ms Atkinson (chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mr Ashman, Mrs Sherley-Price, Mr Hooper, Mr Dando, Mrs Gray, Mr Dean,

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs Harvey, Mr Warren

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The lack of grit bins anywhere in the village was commented on. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to B&NES requesting the provision of such bins at strategic sites in the village. He would also ask that in times of ice and snow that B&NES grit the road and pavement outside the doctors surgery on the Green as a priority.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: were accepted and signed

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were none that weren't dealt with elsewhere in the minutes

6. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The cost of removing the fence in the play area was prohibitively high because of its disposal costs and it had been repaired temporarily.

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Kelvin Parfitt who regularly keeps an eye on equipment in the play area to ensure that children using the area were safe.

The Clerk confirmed that B&NES did carry out quarterly instructions and that the current report showed nothing of concern.

It was confirmed that Sutcliffe's were the contractor chosen to supply and fit the new piece of play equipment.

The sub committee looking at the tenders came up with a shortlist of three of which one was chosen subject to written confirmation and sight of the contractors Public Liability Insurance.

7. MATTERS AWAITING RESULTS:

Allotments

A local farmer was approached about land for allotments and a parcel of land was mentioned. Cllr Dando will explore the availability of this land.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEEPING:

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none that hasn't already been dealt with elsewhere.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications

App from Mr Richard Jordan to raise roof and repair existing stone and brick barn property on land next to Temple Bridge

Outcomes

The erection of 20 dwellings on the Goldney House site PERMIT

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A) Payments authorised	Jan	£	Vat
(i) Clerks Dec wages		269.54	
(ii) Sweepers Dec		439.30	
(iii) Garage rent Dec		33.36	5.84
(iv) Printer Inks		58.26	8.74
(v) Tax O/N/D		208.17	
(vi) Grass Verges		325.00	
(vii) Imprest		60.00	
B) Payments received			
(i) Parish Sweeper Dec		280.33	

C) Precept

The Clerk circulated all councillors with the estimated expenditure and income figures for the year ended 31st March 2010 and a forecast for the year ended 31st March 2011. These figures showed a large fall in general reserve with funds allocated to the Village Hall and for the provision of allotments being the major reasons. A general discussion followed and it was proposed to increase the precept by £1,000 and it was carried 7 - 1. It should be noted that this is the first increase in the annual precept for 4 years.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Core Strategy Spatial Options;

The conclusions drawn after councillors had attended a meeting on the above strategy were that Temple Cloud was not identified as a sustainable village.

There seems little doubt that Temple Cloud's strategic position on the A37, the size of its population, its capacity and availability of housing (inc social housing) and its commercial activity has been overlooked. The thought that other villages may reap an advantage at Temple Cloud's expense is hard to credit unless this village's views are made known as early and as strong as possible.

It was agreed that The Clerk would lodge a response with the authority stating that the Parish Council was upset at a) Temple Cloud's re-designation as a non-sustainable village and b) that the facts used were inaccurate. Councillor Hooper would submit a detailed response separately. Copies of this can be obtained from the Clerk.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 10th February 2010