

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm on 14th JULY 2010
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

1. PRESENT: Ms Atkinson, Mr Ashman, Mr Hooper, Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Gray, Mr Dando, Mr Dean, Mr Warren

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs Harvey

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were four members of the public present.

Two represented the dog training club and they had come to discuss the Parish Council's letter which informed all renters of the village hall of new charges for the Village Hall. They put their point of view to the meeting and suggested that if the new charges weren't reduced then it was their view that clubs such as theirs would leave. It was pointed out that at current rates the hall was losing money just by opening and that it was inappropriate that hall users should be subsidised to such a large extent by Council Tax Payers in Cameley Parish. Subsidising the use of the village hall by non-residents of Cameley Parish was even more difficult to justify to tax-payers. The Chair urged more local residents to use the hall which would enable the rates to be lowered again.

Other issues raised were the encroachment of the Beech Hedge along the main Road between the Square and Long Close. It was becoming a hazard to users of the pavement. It was agreed that the hedge was the responsibility of the landowner and the Clerk would try and contact them. A councillor reminded the meeting that the Highways department's responsibilities for roads also included any footway along the carriageway therefore they should be approached and asked to investigate on the matter of the safety of pedestrians. The continued dog fouling of Peterside was mentioned again. It was also pointed out that the access to the Public footpath on Cameley lane (just after leaving Temple Cloud) was obstructed. The Clerk would ask the village operative to sort.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The June minutes were agreed and signed.

6. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

The Clerk reported 1) that the footpath behind the garage had been cleared. 2) that the cheque had been sent to the British Heart Foundation and 3) that the series of potholes on Temple Inn Lane outside Oaklands had been reported.

7. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that when EDF were approached to end our Electricity supply contract, EDF pointed out that under the terms of the contract signed in 2002, there was a cancellation fee of £500. A copy of the signed contract has been

requested and the Clerk has been asked to follow up. The Chair would furnish the Clerk with a reference.

The cost of the suspended ceiling was in hand and the source of grants was being investigated. In terms of a gas supply actually getting anyone out to give an estimate was proving difficult. The Clerk was asked to write to the Sperring Trust to chase up the grant that had been promised. Cllr Gray would provide the Clerk with a copy of the offer letter from the Sperring Trust.

As mentioned previously (members of the Public) the Council had received a letter from one of its users, the Dog Training Club. It was pointed out that the Council had very carefully looked at how much it costs to run the hall and this had resulted in the new tariff of charges to which the Dog Club objected strongly. It was agreed that the Parish Council/Village Hall Committee are not looking to make money but just want to breakeven. It was pointed out that decreasing the fees to the dog club members when some didn't even live in the parish would not be fair on local residents whose precept would have to be used to subsidise any shortfall. It was hoped that the installation of an insulated, suspended ceiling and new heat source would help lower the costs. In a vote the Council voted in favour of implementing the new price tariff with one abstention. It was agreed that the new price structure could be reviewed at a later date when the improvements had been done. The Clerk was asked to write to the Dog Club representative explaining the position.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING:

The issue of safety and awareness was discussed with particular reference to the village operative. It was pointed out he also worked for the contractor Connaught and would have received safety training. The Clerk would confirm.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning Application: The Council discussed planning application 10/02718/LBA which is for internal and external alterations at 7 Cambrook House for the provision of a new staircase to loft, insulated ceiling lining, loft floor strengthening, perimeter plasterboard and stud partitioning, insulated lining to party wall and provision of three new rooflights.

Cameley PC generally follows a policy of supporting, or having no objection to, householders maximising the enjoyment and development of their property providing this does not contravene planning policy, cause insupportable problems for others in the parish, or is detrimental to the general environs of the village.

In this instance Cameley Parish Council have no objections as the application complies with the above policy.

Ad Hoc committee: It was agreed that the Parish Council has a duty to discuss each and every application and to allow any interested party the chance to take part in the process. It was agreed that if it was not possible to include any application in a monthly meeting because of time constraints or in August when there was no meeting that the Clerk could call a planning meeting as required. The meeting would be advertised on the notice board and would require a minimum of three councillors to be quorate.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payments authorised	June	£	Vat
(1)	Clerks June wages	269.54	
(2)	Sweepers June	460.45	
(3)	Garage rent July	33.36	5.84
(4)	Petrol for mower	51.06	8.93
(5)	Tax A/M/J	212.92	
(6)	Venture Tyres	150.00	26.25
(7)	Repairs to strimmer	33.62	5.88
(8)	ALCA course fees	25.00	
(9)	Petrol Expenses mower	51.06	8.93

Payments received

(1)	Parish Sweeper July	286.44
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Authorisation of Invoices

It was agreed that a list of invoices to be paid would be published with the agenda and put on the notice board three full days before the meeting in question.

It was also agreed that the clerk would bring the invoices pertaining to each cheque to the meeting for signature.

It was agreed that the Clerk is authorised to pay the village operative and the Clerk during the August recess.

Councillors Expenses; It was agreed that it is not unreasonable if a councillor should attend a meeting or go on a training course elsewhere to claim reasonable travelling expenses. This was agreed with one abstention. A rate of 40p per mile was agreed and it was also agreed that a claim for parking charges would be deemed acceptable.

11. Information Exchange

The Chair told the meeting that she was examining all aspects of the Village Hall from its concept through to completion but she did not have much documentation. The meeting was told that there were boxes of documents in various places and that they could be found and handed over.

She confirmed that the Village Hall appeared to be owned by the Parish Council.

The ownership of the car park on Playing Field Lane was queried. The general consensus is that the Parish Council own it and the Clerk was asked to consult land registry. Cllr Dando would provide a definitive map to the Clerk.

A request from the local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Mr Hemmings for more residents to join the circulation list was passed on to the meeting.

12. The Next Meeting is on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.30.