

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm on 11th MAY 2011
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**
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1. Election of Chairman:

It being the Annual Meeting the first item of business was to elect a new Chairman. Nominations were invited: Cllr Tony Hooper proposed Cllr Kate Atkinson. There being no other nominations Cllr Kate Atkinson was declared Chairman and took The Chair. She signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

2. Election of Vice Chairman:

Nominations for vice chairman were invited. Cllr Dando proposed Cllr Tony Hooper. There being no other nominations Cllr Tony Hooper was declared vice chairman. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance as vice chairman.

3. Acceptance of Office by Parish Councillors:

It being the first Council meeting after the election all Councillors present signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office.

4. Register of Members Interests:

All councillors were given the register of member's interests to complete. It was agreed that these should be returned to the Clerk at the next meeting on 8th June.

5. Councillor Vacancies:

These would be considered at the next meeting.

6. Public Participation:

It was reported that the bushes and trees at The Green were in need of pruning and shaping. It was agreed to approach a local tree surgeon.

The subject of the lack of a shelter at the bus stop on the south bound side opposite The Green was discussed. The problem was that it had been considered by B&NES and turned down because the pavement was too narrow. It was pointed out that the bus rarely stopped in the lay-by, preferring to stop a little before so it was decided to write to the Bus company and B&NES to ask them to consider moving the bus stop to the wider pavement and then to consider providing a shelter.

The idea of a village clean was discussed – it was reported that in the past the W.I. had done several such village cleans. However in this litigious society the Parish Council had asked both ALCA and B&NES for advice.

The footpath on A37 south of Eastcourt Road was discussed and it was agreed to ask the village operative to open up the tarmacked surface to make it easier to walk. The footpath behind the garage was becoming overgrown; the Clerk told the meeting that was in hand and would be done within the week.

A question was asked about allotments. The meeting was told that no land was available since landowners were reluctant to tie up land for the length of time needed until the future development of the village was clearer. The Parish Council are open to any suggestions.

It was reported that cars leaving Eastcourt were turning left onto A37 in direct contravention of the law.

The Council had received positive feedback on the new Village Hall sign.

The PC were asked whether the minutes could be placed in the Chew Valley Gazette and it was agreed to commence shortly although they would be at least a month behind.

The A boards outside the Pub were still causing concern. The landlord had been approached by the police on several occasions, the Parish Council and various members of the public. Their siting was forcing wheel chairs and push chairs dangerously close to the A37.

The business meeting opened at 8.00

7. Present:

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

8. Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies

9. Declaration of Interest:

None were declared

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The April minutes were approved and signed.

11. Update from the Clerk on outstanding matters

Temple Bridge: The chair reported that she had an email exchange with a planning enforcement officer about the unauthorised building at Temple Bridge. He was consulting a superior and would report back.

Car valet: The persons involved had left their pitch in the Pub car park.

12. Village Hall and Playing Field

It was reported that the football season had ended and the goal posts at the Ham Close end had been taken down. There would be some work done on the bottom pitch over the coming months.

It was reported that the trees behind the pavilion needed cutting back from the roof.

It was reported that the gate post to which the large gate on Playing Field lane locked to was rotten. It was agreed that this would be replaced shortly.

It was reported that the "Hootenannys" were a success and the audience each gig was increasing. However there was concern that at the last gig, there was a lot of noise created by a heavy bass line and it was agreed to ask future bands to be aware of the potential for noise caused by allowing the bass to be kept high. The PF&VHC were asked to provide a set of accounts before the next meeting.

The addition of an "activity" sheet to the website was discussed. It was agreed to set one up so that any resident could easily see what was available at the Village Hall.

13. FINANCE:

It was agreed to make a donation of £25 to St. John's Ambulance who provided training in the use of the defibrillator. It was agreed by those who had attended the evening that the training had been excellent.

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks Apr wages	269.54	
(2) Sweepers Apr	436.63	
(3) Garage rent May	33.36	6.67
(4) Parish Annual Insurance	1911.35	
(5) Grass cut Play field 2010	750.00	150.00
(6) ALCA annual sub	224.02	
(7) Donation St.Johns Ambulance	25.00	
B) Payments received		
(1) Parish Sweeper May	301.05	

14. PARISH PLAN

The meeting was told that since the last Parish Meeting in April, the Parish Plan committee had met twice and that discussions on the way forwards had been wide ranging. It was decided that the committee would consist of Parish Councillors however outside help and expertise would be brought in as and when needed. A commitment was taken to present the Plan at the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting.

Initially the committee was working towards collecting information from stakeholders in the Parish to gain an insight as to what the plan should cover. It was agreed to use questionnaire both hand delivered and on line. The questionnaire would be designed based on initial feedback from stakeholders.

In order to fund the plan the committee asked the Parish Council to grant then an initial budget of £1500. This was agreed unanimously by the PC.

It was unanimously agreed by the PC to fully support the provision of such a Parish Plan. The chair pointed out that in B&NES Core Strategy it stated that B&NES need to take into account the views of a Parish council and published Parish Plans were a good vehicle in that the Plan reflected the views of the residents.

The next meeting of the committee was on Tuesday 31st May at 7.00pm.

15. INFORMATION EXCHANGE – it was reported that:-

The ownership of the car [park on Playing Field Lane was discussed. It was agreed that although the Council had the correct documents from Land Registry it was not clear who owned the land. Several volunteers came forward to investigate further.

It was reported that gully and manhole covers were being stolen and that if anyone saw anything then this needed to be reported immediately.

A Parish Councillor reported that a local landowner was eager to dispel rumours about future development plans for the village. The PC suggested that the 'public participation' slot at the start of the meeting was a good starting place, if there was sufficient public interest then the allotted 3 minutes per person could exceptionally be extended; or a separate meeting facilitated by the Parish Planning Group or the PC could be contemplated if consultation was required. The PC welcomed any consultation about proposed future development"

16. **NEXT MEETING** will be on Wednesday 8th June 2011 at 7.30pm.