

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL 11th NOVEMBER 2009 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Ashman

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The matter of the allotments was raised by a resident concerned that he had heard that the landowner had withdrawn his offer of land adjacent to the A37. This was confirmed by the Clerk. There had been no communication from the landowner, the Clerk had been told by the Parish Councils solicitors. The Clerk had written to the landowner to ascertain his reasons. As yet there had been no response. The meeting asked the Clerk to advertise for any suitable land. He would also approach B&NES. If anyone in the village knew of any such land they were asked to contact the Clerk.

A resident of Peterside told the meeting that despite promises from B&NES, the mechanical sweeper had not done Peterside. The Clerk would chase.

The meeting was shown a petition from 24 residents requesting a Bus Shelter be provided at The Green going south. The Clerk would contact B&NES and First Bus.

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

Councillor Vicki Sherley-Price reported that this Parish had been successful in their application for a grant for replacing the main unit at the Play Area. She confirmed that B&NES would provide 85% of the cost of a main play frame which had to be in place by March 2010. The Parish Council were unanimous in agreeing to fund the remaining 15% of the cost. The chair informed the meeting she had received an offer of an anonymous donation towards the outstanding costs and would pursue/confirm. Vicki was asked to proceed with the preferred contractor. Councillor Cathy Gray would continue to give her assistance. The Chair thanked Vicki for all her hard work in obtaining the grant. It was agreed to talk to Cameley School who were also having new play equipment just to check that there would be no doubling up!

The Chair had investigated alternative flooring for the hall and was seeking alternative quotes to the original one for skimming, sanding and sealing. It was agreed that should she be unable to find suitable alternatives within one week, the original contractor would be asked to proceed before Christmas.

The meeting was presented with a Schedule of external repair and maintenance works for the Village Hall. The clerk was asked to place an

advert in the Somerset Guardian and the Parish Magazine asking for competitive tenders.

Councillor Tony Hooper told the meeting that his request to B&NES for help with graffiti had been successful and that the dedicated graffiti team had cleaned up or toned down the graffiti at the playing field and play area.

It was agreed to ask the School if they could design a sign for the village hall and Councillor Peter Hutchinson agreed to help make it.

7. MATTERS AWAITING RESULTS:

Signage on Village Hall Car Park

The Clerk reported that B&NES were unable to help in terms of providing disclaimers for the car park. The Clerk would investigate.

Allotments – Solicitors Cost

In line with the decision of the landowner to withdraw the offer of land, Cameley Council's solicitor has submitted a bill for £115 for work carried out so far. The meeting agreed in principle but were a little surprised at the size of the bill bearing in mind the quote for sorting everything had only been £500 and the solicitor hadn't seen the draft lease. The Clerk would write and request a breakdown of the cost prior to payment.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEEPING:

District Councillor Tim Warren reported on a meeting he had had with Les Kew, Steve Wilcox (B&NES councillors) and Stefan Chiffers (traffic officer) about a B&NES traffic survey on movement in and out of the Trident Works site. The results showed that in terms of HGV traffic in to and out of the site, all roads leading to and from the site were used. All roads were used for the much larger numbers of light goods vehicles and cars with Eastcourt Road being used by a large number of vehicles. Stefan Chiffers was attempting to arrange a further meeting during the w/c 23rd November for all interested parish and district councillors.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications

There were none.

Outcomes

There were none

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A) Payments authorised		Nov	£	Vat
(i)	Clerks Oct wages		269.54	
(ii)	Sweepers Oct wages		439.48	
(iii)	Garage rent Nov		33.36	5.00
(iv)	Printer Ink		49.79	7.46
(v)	Mower service		256.84	38.53
(vi)	Solicitors bill – Allotments		115.00	
B) Payments received				
(i)	Parish Sweeper Oct		280.33	

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillors Mike Dean and Tony Hooper attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting which agreed that more NW signs were required at a cost of £12 a sign. The experience of members of the Parish Council was that such groups would normally chip in to purchase such signs however should a group write to the Parish Council for a grant, this would be considered, as any request for public funding for local initiatives was.

Councillor Tony Hooper attended a meeting for Town and Parish Councils to hear the options being considered by B&NES for the Core Strategy Spatial Options (planning policy for rural areas). There were various speakers covering topics such as tackling the causes and effects of climate change and the constant use of the word sustainable to cover communities, housing or transport and then back to energy. Affordable housing was a topic which several villages had been able to secure for their villages but failed to secure them for its residents.

The main conclusion he drew from the meeting was that the strategy was confined to the A4 corridor whilst the A37 corridor was not in the plans. In other words transport policy will not affect Temple Cloud as there are no proposals to improve/by-pass A37 nor any proposals to tame/alleviate the nuisance of H.G.V.s on unclassified roads.

The final worry was that Temple Cloud was not identified as a sustainable village. In conclusion, Tony summarised that 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 so far 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.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 9th December 2009.