

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm on 13th OCTOBER 2010
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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PRESENT: Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Ashman, Mr Dando, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mr Scutt (Clerk) Mr Warren (Ward Councillor), Mrs Parfitt (Chair Village Hall) attended in their official capacities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were three members of the public present.

One of them, Duncan Sheen introduced himself as the new landlord of the Temple Inn.

There were many complaints about the re-surfacing of the top half of Temple Inn lane. It was agreed that the both the Ward Councillor and the Parish Clerk would report the Councils concerns to B&NES.

There were comments made about a previous planning application on a barn at Temple Bridge which was to raise the roof and repair the existing barn. However it has been noted that the barn has been completely demolished. The Clerk would report to Planning Enforcement and seek clarification of procedures if the owners wished to carry out any further work on the site.

There were reports of water discharge onto Eastcourt Road from the area by the Scrapyard and the original site of RH Windows. This would be reported to B&NES.

There were reports of tipping in the field behind the original police houses on Temple Inn Lane. This would be reported to the landowner in the first instance.

There were complaints again about notices put up in Cameley Road and on The Green by people attending Cameley Lodge functions and then not taking them down afterwards. It was agreed that The Clerk would approach Cameley Lodge for help. It was agreed that whilst it was not the fault of Cameley Lodge per se, they could help by asking guests on the booking form to remove signs after the event.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Dean,

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The September minutes were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Village Hall:

- a) Electricity supply – Clerk has written to EDF cancelling the contract as from 31st December 2010.

- b) Combined Insurance policy Village hall and Parish Council – the Clerk has asked our insurers about adding the Village Hall to the main PC policy and the response has been to wait until nearer the renewal date. That includes a secondary insurer Zurich.
- c) Suspended ceiling - ongoing
- d) A gas supply is being investigated by Chair of the Village Hall,
- e) Gas central heating – on hold until the cost of getting a gas supply is sorted.
- f) Sperring Trust – the Clerk will write to the Sperring Trust c/o Thatcher & Hallam once he has a copy of original offer letter.

Copper Beech Hedge A37 - Clerk has asked Highways on two separate occasions to sort the hedge as a matter of urgency. Since then the Highways officer has asked for information on the landowner. This has been supplied along with the farmer who has the grass-keep on the land.

Planning - The outline application to build a pair of semi detached properties on land at Ashways Paulmont Rise has been permitted.

Audit – The Clerk reported that the external auditors have approved the annual audit without any comment.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The meeting was told that after a break of a year, the Clutton Pantomime group had asked whether they could use the Village Hall on Friday evenings for rehearsals and for 19th/20th/21st/22nd February 2011 for the actual performances. The matter was discussed at length in terms of how much to charge and what controls could be put in place to ensure all use of TCVH was properly accounted for, invoiced and monies paid.

It was agreed to offer a discounted rate of £10 hour for Friday rehearsals and £100 per day for the four days needed for the performances. The chair of the Village Hall would pass this on to the Pantomime group and would also discuss the lighting arrangements. It was agreed that the Chairs of the Parish Council and the Village Hall would meet to draw up the rental agreement, which would have to incorporate monthly invoicing and strict record keeping of TCVH use.

Other matters reported

- A mattress had been dumped by the Children’s Play Area – the Clerk would ask B&NES to collect
- The safety report on the Play Area resulted in steps being taken to re-fit the access gate and having the hedge being cut.
- An original (c.2000) rental agreement for hiring the hall had been found and it was noted that it included an additional cost for electricity usage.
- The leak from the roof had been repaired.

6. FINANCE

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments authorised	£	Vat
(1) Clerks Sept wages	269.54	
(2) Sweepers Sept	458.87	
(3) Garage rent Oct	33.36	5.84
(4) Mazars	285.00	49.88
(5) HMRC Tax J/A/S	212.00	

Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper Sept	286.44
(2) Precept	8,500.00

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

The Council discussed 10/03532/FUL, an application to erect a new dwelling and garage with vehicular access on land at 3 Tiledown Temple Cloud. 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.

Since there was no overriding objection on planning grounds, Cameley Parish Council supported the application.

The Council did express concerns about the lack of amenity space for both the existing property and the proposed property and this would be brought to the attention of planning services. It was noted that the owner of No. 4 Tiledown had submitted an objection to Planning.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING:

The clerk was asked to put the concerns of Cameley Parish Council to B&NES over the appalling state of Temple Inn Lane after its "re-surfacing".

9. A.L.C.A. A.G.M.

The Chair reported on an ALCA meeting that she had attended which was taken up with reports from a working party about the future of ALCA. She explained that last year the basis for subscriptions was changed to a per head elector basis from a sliding scale which had seen the big councils (W-S-M & K'SHAM) paying less per elector. Not surprisingly all the small PCs voted for the per head basis and outvoted the two 'biggies'. Consequently they left and there is now a shortfall in funding for ALCA.

Options to be considered and voted upon at the ALCA A.G.M on Oct 14th are:-

- a) To wind up ALCA in its current form and split the PCs and re-align with either Somerset or Gloucester—the BANES liaison group would continue to exist so little would change from the current arrangements
OR

- b) Transform ALCA to a 'virtual' organisation with one employee working from home and using electronic communications more.

A third option of increasing PCs subs, perhaps by 50%, was considered impractical as no PCs there thought they would vote to go on increasing subs with the last one paying picking up all the costs. It was also felt, if not expressed by many, that economies of scale, e.g. e-mail/video conferencing etc would be easier to implement in a larger organisation.

After much discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk, who would be attending, was to be instructed to vote for the split in which Cameley would join Somerset. Since each PC had two votes, Cllr Hooper confirmed that he would attend as well.

10. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk told the meeting that the National Association of Local Councils (N.A.L.C.) had circulated a new "model" set of Standing Orders for each council to "personalise" and adopt. Since this model set ran to over 20 pages (the existing standing orders cover just 3 pages) the Clerk proposed that he would personalise and circulate electronically such a copy which would show the changes he was proposing. This would enable councillors the chance to agree or disagree and to produce a set that all agreed with.

11. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hooper would like the Parish Council to consider creating a Parish Plan as many other Councils had done or were in the process of doing. Such a plan would create "a road map" of where the Parish Council wanted the parish to be within an agreed timescale. It would provide parishioners with an idea of what the PC were trying to achieve. If anyone wanted more information then www.parishplanning.co.uk would be a useful source.

He also pointed out that it would be important when considering the categorisation of villages. Temple Cloud was listed as "C" and it was agreed that this was felt to be the correct category but a Parish Plan would help to reinforce this position. It was agreed to add to next month's agenda when this could be discussed further.

11. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The death of Edgar Flower was reported. Edgar had served on the Parish Council for many years and had been a driving force in the Football Team before illness in the 1980's curtailed his active involvement in either. The Parish Council expressed their sympathy to his Widow, Violet and son Mike. Councillor Ashman resigned after just over 5 years on the Council and the Chair thanked him for his service and wished him well. It was agreed that although there were two vacancies on the Council that this Council would continue with seven until May 2011 when there would be an election.

12. The Next Meeting is on Wednesday 11th November 2010 at 7.30.