

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL 14th OCTOBER 2009 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Ms Atkinson (chair), Mr Ashman Mr Hooper, Mr Dando, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Dean, Mr Warren

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Sherley-Price

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

One resident expressed his support for the provision of Allotments in Temple Cloud. Other issues; a) it was noted that there were more cars parking in Paulmont Rise Close to its junction with the A37 and this was causing a hazard to cars leaving Paulmont. It was agreed that apart from one the rest were probably Bristol Commuters who parked and caught the bus. As long as the cars were taxed they were entitled to park legally however they were thought to be too close to the junction. The local PCSO had already been informed. The District Councillor promised to raise the matter with Highways when they were in Temple Cloud during the first week in November. It was also suggested that all residents of the road who felt deeply about the matter should all write individually to B&NES. b) The amount of rubbish outside the Chinese takeaway was mentioned. It was agreed that this was not the Village Operatives job – he has the entire Village to deal with and that the takeaway had to take some responsibility. It was agreed that the Clerk would write and ask if the proprietors would put up a notice in the shop and he would also ask B&NES to empty the bin by the takeaway more regularly. c) The branches overhanging the pavement from the area behind the takeaway were discussed.

It was agreed that this was the responsibility of the landowner. The Clerk would write to the owners.

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 Chairman and the treasurer of the above were present and reported that:- The keys for the security shutters have now been delivered and it was confirmed that once all the user contracts were signed, the security shutters could be used all the time.

The outside lights have been reset to go out at 10.00pm but will be amended manually depending on when the hall is in use. The Chair of the Village Hall will check with the Insurance Company that turning lights off at night didn't make the insurance void.

Vandalism at the playing field was on the increase and it would appear to coincide with Police visits decreasing. The Clerk would consult with the local beat PC.

There has much evidence of Badger activity around the playing area with holes dug in the turf and Badger faeces everywhere. This was reported to B&NES who were sending someone qualified to inspect and advise.

Teenagers with hammers and chisels had been caught in the act of trying to break the concrete floor of the foundations to the extension. This is premeditated criminal damage and in future anyone seen would be reported to the police.

The faulty urn was discussed. It was decided that this was a matter for the Village Hall committee to sort.

The floor in the main hall is in need of sanding and sealing. After some discussion it was agreed that a polished wooden floor was necessary because of the amount of use by children with no shoes on. One quote was in and two more would be sought.

The treasurer took the meeting through the draft accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009. She explained how new procedures provide a transparent system making it very easy to check on all transactions and monitor cash etc. She confirmed that the Village Halls drinks licence had been renewed.

Then the meeting moved on to future costs and financial planning. The chair of the Parish Council had already circulated councillors with a breakdown of Assets/Income and potential outgoings which included Allotments, floor repair, building extension plus internal finishing and maintenance costs for the Village Hall. The shortfall was between £20,000 and £25,000.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had a legal obligation to provide land for allotments for parishioners however it didn't have to be within the village. She also told the meeting that the PC had the right to compulsory purchase land for allotments. There was no obligation on the PC to clear the land or prepare it however after discussion it was agreed that the land in question (on the main road accessed by a five bar gate, and formerly a nursery) had lain unused for 20 years and would need machinery to clear it which was beyond the reach of individual parishioners. There was also a question about a rabbit proof fence because without a fence no-one would want to take on an allotment. It was agreed that an estimate for such a fence would be sought. There was discussion of an alternative site but since it had a badger sett it was agreed that it was not a suitable alternative. The meeting agreed to proceed with allotments at the agreed site.

The discussion then turned to potential source of funding. A Parish Councillor had found that Viridor, (a company involved with landfill) provided some funding to projects within 10 miles of a landfill site. It was agreed that the councillor would pursue the issue with a view to seeking funding for the allotment site. He pointed out that one of the provisos was that a grant should be sought before any work had started on the proposed project. He would seek clarification because the PC needed to put up funds to pay for the landowners legal costs and were unsure if so doing constituted starting. It is possible that the same scheme might be a source of funds for the village hall extension.

The list prioritising work needed for renovation of the Village Hall would be available w/c 19th October.

A Parish Councillor had discovered that B&NES has an Anti Graffiti Wagon and had contacted them. They agreed to visit the playing fields.

7. MATTERS AWAITING RESULTS:

Defibrillator

There was no time to discuss the provision of a defibrillator and this would be an agenda item at the November meeting.

Signage on Village Hall Car Park

The Clerk had finally been able to contact Parking Services at B&NES who promised to help. **Ongoing**

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEEPING:

It was reported that the walking bus route needed some brambles clearing. The village operative would be asked.

The District councillor reported that data on traffic flows through Temple Inn Lane and Marsh Lane were available and that he would have the full stats in due course. He would report back at the next meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Setter and Lee confirmed that in the past 18 months there were seven occasions that a defibrillator cabinet had been accessed. There are 15 cabinets in the Chew Valley.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications

There were none.

Outcomes

Mr W Free seeks approval of reserved matters with regard to existing outline planning permission for the redevelopment of The Old Wool House site, Peterside to provide 5 dwellings WITHDRAWN – INVALID

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A) Payments authorised	Oct	£	Vat
(i) Clerks Sept wages		269.54	
(ii) Sweepers Sept		428.72	
(iii) Garage rent Oct		33.36	5.00
(iv) External Audit		138.00	17.25
(v) Tax J/A/S		189.09	
(vi) Grant to PCC		500.00	

B) Payments received

(i) Parish Sweeper Sept	280.33
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12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair had attended the A.G.M. of Avon Local Councils Association and told the meeting that she felt that in joining Cameley PC would benefit from the opportunity to network with other Councils and be able to learn from their experiences. The Council would also be able to call on the assistance of A.L.C.A. in any matters that needed additional expertise. The cost was 22.19p per elector. She pointed out that it would only work if a representative from Cameley attended the meetings. The Clerk agreed to attend. The Council discussed the matter and agreed to join for the next six months and reassess at the end of this period.

The bank had asked that a letter of authority from Cameley PC be sent to the bank authorising them to deal with the Clerk. It was explained that since the clerk is not a signatory to the bank account, legally he can't have anything to do with the bank unless authorised by the Council. The Clerk would provide a letter for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Parish council.

The Parish Council formally adopted Standing Orders and a copy was distributed to each Councillor.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11th November 2009.