

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL 9th SEPTEMBER 2009 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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

The local beat officer P.C. Stuart Peard along with P.C.S.O. Shelley attended the meeting. The meeting discussed the problems being experienced with vandalism at the hall such as the toughened glass in the front door being smashed, gutters and downpipes damaged and even an attempt to rip the security shutter off the building.

P.C. Peard confirmed that they were doing highly visible sweeps of the area and asked if the car park gates could be closed at night and the lights on the outside of the hall be turned off as early as possible.

He confirmed that a suspected drug dealer had been stopped in the village and the case was continuing.

Finally he reported that although 40mph repeater signs had been installed on the A37, Highways had still not painted the white lines despite his first request being on 15th March. He would continue to chase.

The Chair thanked P.C. Peard and his colleagues for all their hard work.

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Ashman, Mr Warren

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

A local resident reported that the grass verge on A37 at its junction with Peterside had been cut back sufficiently to allow cars joining the A37 reasonable visibility.

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

It was agreed that since the school used the car park for parents picking up and setting down, the school would be asked to open the gates each day. It was also agreed to change the programme on the external lights so that they went off at 9.00pm.

A councillor agreed to try to remove the crude graffiti from the bench, slide and changing room wall at the playing field.

The meeting was told that the footings for the extension to the south end of the building were complete and passed by the Building Inspector whose bill would now be paid. A councillor was asked to approach the Sperrings trust for the £5000 grant they offered once building work had started.

The Chair thanked Mr Hutchinson for donating his time to project manage the work on the extension she also thanked him for donating the use of the Plant and Machinery.

A discussion ensued on how the next stage of the extension could be funded and this lead on to the cost of renovating the exterior of the hall. The PC did not have sufficient reserves to fund completion of the extension, the full hall maintenance programme and the allotment project. It was agreed that the Chair would put together various options with costings and Cllr Hutchinson agreed to prioritise the repairs list.

A member of one of the groups using the village hall had reported that the thermostat on the Urn was faulty. It was thought that the urn was reasonably new and this would be investigated.

A councillor queried what control the Parish Council had over the monies generated by the Village Hall. It was explained that the Hall committee had a qualified person as treasurer and that accounts were presented annually. A discussion ensued as to whether there should be a more regular financial report and this would be discussed with the VH rep and treasurer.

It was reported that the Blood transfusion service were now using the village hall on a regular basis and would result in more income to the hall.

It was pointed out the Village Hall was not “signed” – there is no board anywhere stating “Temple Cloud Village Hall”. It was also noted that there was no list of scheduled events in the hall for people to see. Also there was no notice showing standard disclaimers such as – cars are left at the owner’s risk. The clerk would approach B&NES for help and consideration would be given to seeing if the items mentioned could be obtained.

The background to building the extension was discussed with Best Practice in mind. A councillor was concerned that this Council must be seen to be transparent in all it did especially where public money was spent. The problem that the Council encountered was that building regulation approval had run out and a short extension had been granted only on the basis work would be commenced within the planning approval time-scale (September). There would be a builder with Plant & Machinery at the school next door and it was thought very unlikely other builders would be able to quote and be able to do the job within the two week window available. There was no intention to exclude any builders from a bidding process: it was just that the circumstances were exceptional and the Council made its decision based on what was best for Cameley Parish. Not to go ahead would have meant losing the Planning Permission already obtained at some cost to the Parish.

In terms of the Play Area the PC had received an invitation to apply for funds for Play equipment. An application for replacing the largest piece of play equipment has been submitted along with three quotes.

7. MATTERS AWAITING RESULTS:

Defibrillator

Since the response from the Ambulance Service suggested that grants were no longer readily available it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Allotments:

It was agreed that the question of providing allotments needed to be put on hold until the October meeting when the Parish Council would have a clearer idea of the financial situation.

8. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEeping:

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none not otherwise dealt with elsewhere.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications

1. Sarsen Housing Association app to build 20 dwellings following demolition of Goldney House
2. 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.

Outcomes

Ms J Travis app for change of use of existing redundant agricultural building at Temple Inn Lane (Bubbins Brake) to three bedroom dwelling
PERMIT

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A) Payments authorised	Sept	£	Vat
(i) Clerks July wages		252.12	
(ii) Sweepers July		429.65	
(iii) Garage rent July		33.36	5.00
(iv) Clerks August wages		252.00	
(v) Sweepers August		429.65	
(vi) Garage rent Aug		33.36	5.00
(vii) Tax A/M/J		189.09	
(viii) Building Regs		915.00	137.25
(ix) Extension Village Hall		5405.46	810.81
(x) Repairs to wall at The Green		648.00	97.20
(xi) Repair glass at Village Hall		50.00	7.50

B) Payments received

(i) Parish Sweeper July	280.33
(ii) Parish Sweeper Aug	280.33

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair told the meeting that she would be attending the A.G.M. of A.L.C.A. and that she would invite Peter Duppa-Miller from this organisation to attend the next meeting of Cameley Parish Council.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 14th October 2009.

