

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm
14th DECEMBER 2011 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were seven members of the public present. There were comments made about the old website still being accessible and that the Playing Field Charity had not completed a return since the playing field amalgamated with the village hall. A member of the public asked to be considered should an opening appear on the Parish Plan steering group. The Business meeting opened at 7.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Cllrs Mr Dando, Mrs Gray, Mr Gough, Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Welsford, Ward Councillor Mr Warren and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs. Mrs Harvey and Mr Hemmings sent their apologies

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The November minutes were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

There were no outstanding matters that are not dealt with elsewhere in the minutes.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that bollards have been fitted either side of the gate posts to the car park. These were donated and fitted free of charge by Oakus, a local firm. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Dando who was instrumental in this and to Oakus for their generosity.

It was pointed out that the padlock to the security shutter needed to be handled carefully. It was not broken.

The meeting was told that when the playing field committee was amalgamated with the village hall committee, all income from the playing field was reported in the new committee's accounts which are audited. However it has since been discovered that it is not possible to close the playing field Charity so any income received from the playing field must be shown in its annual return. Since the playing field consistently makes a loss which effectively is subsidised by the Parish Council it was agreed to show the following figures in the charity commission return.

	Income	expenditure
	£	£
Year to March 2009	1194	1194
Year to March 2010	400	400
Year to March 2011	400	400

It was agreed to add an item to the January agenda to review playing field charges.

6. FINANCE: It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks Nov wages	269.54	
(2) Sweepers Nov Wages	433.74	
(3) Garage rent Dec	33.36	6.67
(4) Printer inks	53.59	10.71

Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper Dec	286.44
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7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEPING

The meeting was told that from November the village operative was following a prescribed monthly timetable. He already had one for December and that the Chair would prepare one for January.

There have been complaints about the phasing of the traffic lights at Hallatrow which cause huge tailbacks into Temple Cloud at morning and evening rush hour. The Clerk would write to Highways. There were still complaints about the response time on the Pelican crossing outside the garage. The Clerk would write to highways again.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Cllrs Hooper and Hutchinson attended a meeting on the draft Neighbourhood Planning Protocol and then gave the meeting the following report:-

The meeting was led by David Trigwell, Divisional Director BANES for Planning and Transport and he started by explaining the background to Neighbourhood Plans and how they have come directly from the Localism Bill 2011. All the information would be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning.

He said the proposals would lead to a radical devolution of responsibilities and would empower communities with new rights and that many powers should be in force by April 2012. A review of the Core Strategy will take place during January 2012.

He went into some detail on what a Neighbourhood Plan would be: It would be led by the Parish Council and local meetings, not by the Local Authority, it would be as a permissive tool to allow more development but the detailed contents will be up to each Parish Council. It would not be compulsory to do one, but if one were prepared it would then become the Parish Development Plan and it would take precedence over existing plans and would throw significant weight behind planning applications or not.

The message given was that this was an attempt to decentralise power down to the lowest level, but currently not all the detail was available but would be via the BANES website when clarity was also devolved!

9. PARISH PLAN – Update

It was reported that a delay in printing had meant that it was too close to Christmas to distribute the survey. It was agreed to do so in January 2012.

10. TO CONSIDER HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The meeting was told that the Parish Council could arrange for a Housing Needs Survey of the Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact A.L.C.A. for details to organise such a survey.

11. DIAMOND JUBILEE

It had been agreed to consider various options for celebrating/commemorating the Jubilee. Cllr Gray agreed to cost out a mug for every child at Cameley School. Cllr Atkinson would look at costing's for commemorative coins.

Cllr Hooper reported that he had discussed the idea of a war memorial for the Village with both the vicar and the local representative of the British legion. He reported that both were enthusiastic. Currently there were memorials in each of the parish's three churches however it was agreed that a memorial sited in the village would make it accessible to everyone. Cllr Hoper would carry out further research. Ward Councillor Warren told the meeting that he should be able to provide funds towards such an undertaking if it were to go ahead.

12. INFORMATION EXCHANGE – it was reported that:-

The email address for the Clerk is now cameleypc@btinternet.com

BANES were proposing to close the mobile library service and after some discussion it was agreed to write to BANES to express the Council's disappointment and opposition to this move on various grounds as follows:- a) it would be disastrous for the children who were only just starting to use the service now that the Mobile Library had taken to using the village hall car park around the time the school finished in the afternoon, b) there was no public transport to the nearest public library in Midsomer Norton and c) the service provided a social contact point for some very isolated people.

The Clerk asked whether the Parish Council would consider enrolling him in the Society of local council clerks (SLCC). This was to be added to January's agenda.

It was reported that the Scrapyard on Eastcourt was up for sale and that an Airport parking company were interested.

13. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm