

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 13th MARCH 2013 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were six members of the public present.

A resident, new to the Parish, reported that vision, when exiting Eastcourt Road onto the A37 the footpath was impaired by overhanging bushes. Clerk would deal.

He also mentioned the footpath that runs up from Eastcourt Road, through the old quarry that comes up by the Village Hall. He reported that there appeared to be broken glass and other rubbish which needed clearing to make it safer and it could be used more often. A Councillor with local knowledge told the meeting that the glass factory had used the old quarry as a dumping ground in the past and that over time the glass was rising to the surface and that this was a problem with no easy solution. It was agreed to discuss this footpath at the next meeting.

Another resident reported that surveyors had been working in the field between the Telephone Exchange and Meadway and he wondered if the Parish Council knew anything about it. He was told that the Parish Council had not been told anything. However a Councillor had approached one of the surveyors and can report that the area was being surveyed with the intent of submitting a planning application for houses. He was unable to ascertain which builder was involved nor how many houses were planned. A resident suggested that any new houses would create more traffic which in turn would make getting out of Temple Inn Lane onto A37 even worse. It was pointed out that any planning application would have to take into account road capacity.

There were reports of contractors vans speeding on Temple Inn Lane. The Clerk has previously asked B&NES to paint 20mph signs on the road and he would try again.

The business meeting opened at 7.45 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Gough

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Cllr Atkinson had met with Mr Wilson to inspect the potential allotment site on Eastcourt Road. The consensus was that if cleared and a better access sorted then it could be a feasible proposition and the meeting voted unanimously to accept the owner's offer of the land. This is subject to agreeing terms and conditions.

The drain at the junction of Peterside with A37 was reported as still being blocked – this despite assurances from B&NES Highways that it would be done as a matter of priority in February. Clerk would speak with Mr Chiffers from B&NES.

Speeding: Clerk asked for help and the Mobile Camera has done at least one period outside the Doctors surgery. In terms of the hand held speed gun, PC Kate Humphreys has offered to train councillors in its use. Six councillors volunteered to take the training course and the Clerk would arrange

Clerk has ordered the batteries and pads for the Defibrillator.

Clerk has approached Steffan Chiffers at B&NES re a Pedestrian Crossing, Clerk has written to Chew Valley School about children crossing A37 after alighting from the school bus. It was confirmed that parents had received a letter concerning this matter.

The status of a potential traveller's site in Temple Cloud was questioned and district councillor Tim Warren reported that nothing had been decided on any potential sites throughout B&NES area.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting was told of a near miss at the pedestrian crossing (from the garage side to the pub) when a large lorry with long flat bed trailer travelling at what appeared to be in excess of 30 miles per hour failed to acknowledge the crossing and red light and stop. Fortunately, the parent realised the lorry was not stopping and was able to prevent her son from crossing. The consequences if she had not would have been fatal. This incident has been reported to the police; unfortunately a number plate was not noted for further action. The local beat police have been notified and where possible they will increase their presence at the crossing at school times.

The local beat police are aware that the Parish Council are concerned about the speed of the traffic through the village and are ready to support the parish council in a community speed watch scheme.

6. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The Councillors had already seen a safety inspection report on the Play Area which highlights some safety issues. As a consequence the swing seats and chains will be removed and the faulty equipment replaced. The soft impact surface was reported to be in bad repair and the Clerk would check on the warranty period.

7. FINANCE:

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks wages Feb	269.54	
(2) Sweeper wages Feb	425.13	
(3) Garage rent Mar	33.36	6.67
(4) Stationery/Printer Ink	164.40	32.88
(5) Clerk Imprest	60.00	
(6) Village Hall Refurb	8550.00	

B) Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper Mar	286.44
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The Chair told the meeting that despite the Parish Council not intending to raise the precept above last year's level, Council Tax bills show that the Parish element of the council tax has increased. This is as a result of a misunderstanding/communication failure between BANES and Cameley Parish Council. A change in Council Tax benefit and a reduction in the number of residents in Cameley paying Council Tax has increased the cost to those who do. B&NES had provided a grant to enable the precept to be reduced, however this information did not reach the Parish Council. It is anticipated that the grant will still be paid.

It was agreed to use this grant to fund improvements to the play area in response to the safety inspection mentioned previously.

8. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND ROADSWEEPING

It was reported that last year that cars parking in Paulmont Rise close to its junction with A37 were causing a dangerous situation. Highways responded by painting a white lane keep clear zone on one side. It is now reported that these cars are now parking on the other side of the road and are causing a similar situation. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Highways again. The cars in question are not residents but commuters catching the bus.

9. CHEW VALLEY BROADBAND

The meeting was told that "The Chew Valley Broadband Group" which formed in January 2013 is pressing for superfast broadband for all. It has recently expanded its remit to include the Temple Cloud and West Harptree exchanges. This means the group which was already campaigning for users on the Compton Dando and Chew Magna exchanges now covers around 20 parishes. It is the group's stated aim is to provide a focal point for broadband issues within the Chew Valley. They have asked that each Parish Council send a representative to their monthly meetings. Cllr Tony Hooper volunteered to attend the next meeting on Monday 8th April.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The meeting was told that from April 2nd residents of B&NES will need a free electronic Resident's Permit to use the Recycling Centres.

11. NEXT MEETING will be 10th April at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm