

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 10th SEPTEMBER 2013 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Clerk made a statement that in the August edition of the Chew valley gazette a letter from Councillor Tony Hooper contained a reference to proposed development at The Temple Inn, Temple Cloud. The Clerk pointed out that as no planning application has been made for this site the Parish Council cannot, and has not, discussed or made any decisions relating to this site. The Clerk apologised to the meeting that he had given the Planning Department a date of 25th September for the Parish Council to discuss 13/03562/OUT when in fact the Parish had not yet discussed a date.

A resident of Temple Inn Lane reported damage to a BT manhole cover on the pavement outside his house. The damage was such that it created a danger to pedestrians. He explained that it was probably caused by one of the school coaches who used Mead Way to turn round and in so doing regularly mounted the pavement where the manhole was situated. His problem was that he could not find who to call to report the matter to since the Police were not interested. Eventually after many calls he was able to get someone to cover the hole. The Clerk gave the resident the Council Connect number and offered to report the damage that evening to B&NES Highways.

Another resident who had helped organise the Village Meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 9th September gave a short report on the meeting called to discuss the possible formation of a Residents Association and to discuss two proposed developments in Temple Cloud.

The majority of residents present when the Residents Association was discussed voted (by a show of hands) agreement that the formation of an Association was a good idea. They were informed of a website to give them further information. www.templecloudresidents.wordpress.com

Full details of the next stage in the formation of the Residents Association will be available shortly. The Parish Council will be kept informed. Once the Residents Association is formed, in order to prevent any miscommunication or misunderstanding, should a member be co-opted onto the Parish Council thus allowing both parties to work together, for the benefit of the village. The second item on Monday was a discussion on the two proposed developments within the village. The meeting was given a short explanation in layman's terms of planning policy along with details of the 2 proposals were discussed. Issues of concerns relating to both proposals were raised by attendees.

The business meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Dando & Mr Hooper (vice chair).

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none.

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

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

The timing of when to discuss 13/03562/OUT was then discussed. The meeting was told by the Ward Councillor that the Planning Inspector was starting his examination of the proposed core strategy on 17th September and that the initial findings from this would be discussed at an ALCA meeting on 25th September. If the Council then discussed the planning application on 25th September as originally thought, the question was asked whether the Council would miss any important information that the ALCA meeting might provide. The Ward Councillor assured the meeting that he would be able to update the Council of any information that was relevant prior to the Planning meeting. It was therefore agreed to discuss the outline application to build 70 houses on land adjacent to Temple Inn Lane on 25th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Residents were reminded that comments from members of the public should be submitted by post or email to the Clerk at least 7days before meeting to ensure all who want to comment can do so and have equal opportunity to have their view considered. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not publish names/addresses of those who submit comments but they must be supplied to the Clerk. i.e. no anonymous letters will be considered. Any letters sent to BANES and published on their website will automatically be read by Parish Council.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

In terms of the Village Hall, the refurbishment of the kitchen was almost finished and had come in within budget. In terms of the Play Area there was the on-going saga of replacing the swings condemned by B&NES in May. The problem was that the swing frames were over 40 years old and no manufacturer made brackets that would fit. A lot of time has been spent trying to find a solution to enable the swings to be reinstated and finally a solution had been suggested which should enable this to happen.

6. FINANCE:

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks wages	269.53	
(2) Sweeper wages	428.49	

(3)	Garage rent	36.17	7.23
(4)	Printer Ink	33.00	6.60

B) Payments received

(1)	Parish Sweeper	292.17	
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7. SECTION 106 PAYMENTS

There was a general discussion on what funds might be available to the Parish to be used on the Parish from any development to land in the Parish.

Section 106 payments were explained as being when a covenant was imposed on a landowner/developer for a particular development to pay for such things as highway improvements or educational shortfalls and in which the Parish had no say.

The other scheme is The New Homes Bonus which is paid to the Local Council and is based on a payment per property built of Council Tax band D rates and lasts for six years. The statement from government is that this money is to go back to the community where the development is taking place. In reality B&NES have been using the money for the base budget and not specifically for the community.

The Parish Council agreed that such money should benefit the community and would at the next meeting agree what improvements the Parish needed..

8. NEXT MEETING will be 9th October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm