

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 11th DECEMBER 2013 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Chair of the Residents Association commented on the fact that an e mail from her to Cameley Parish Council had not received a response – the Clerk apologised and promised to investigate and to e mail his response.

The business meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Hooper (vice chair), Mrs Harvey, Mr Hemmings, Mr Hutchinson, Mr Welsford, and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Mr Dando, Mr Gough, Mrs Parfitt and Ward Councillor Mr Warren

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

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

4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk told the meeting that on Tuesday 3rd he had received an offer of training on the Speed Gun to be held on Thursday 5th. The Clerk had responded pointing out that such short notice was annoying in that this was the first time he had received a response to his previous e mail sent some three months previously. It was left that another training session would be organised in the New Year.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The Chair told the meeting that Broadband would be installed in the Village Hall on 10th January by TalkTalk.

6. PLACEMAKING PLAN

The Chair thanked Joanne Swift for the Character Assessment that she had completed – the Parish now had two assessments. The meeting was told that with 10 areas identified as potential sites for large scale housing developments there would be a need for between 40 and 60 volunteers required to carry out character and settlement assessments. The feeling of those present at the meeting held on 1st December to discuss the Placemaking process agreed that B&NES must do something about the junction of Temple Inn Lane with A37. and that B&NES shouldn't consider any application that would increase pressure on this junction until they had sorted out the safety issues at the junction. The Parish Council agreed that this was a safety issue that B&NES must tackle and the meeting decided that the

Parish Council views would be made known to Planning. Councillors Atkinson and Hooper agreed to put together a letter which they would circulate to all Councillors and once agreed would submit this to B&NES.

7. FINANCE:

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks wages	269.53	
(2) Sweeper wages	441.67	
(3) Garage rent	36.17	7.23
(4) Printer Inks	35.00	7.00

B) Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper	292.17
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8. PLANNING

The Parish Council considered application 13/04701/LBA at 3 Cambrook House for internal alterations to first floor bedroom. After due consideration the Parish Council unanimously supported the application.

The Clerk had circulated a letter to all Councillors from a resident about the fact that public participation was withdrawn from additional meetings of the Parish Council. The Chair reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had requested that all residents who wished to comment on the agenda items(s) put their comments in writing so that Parish Councillors would have all points of view prior to the meeting. This was public participation which ensured all who wanted to, had their views known. This followed a similar instance for the outline application for 70 properties on land off Temple Inn Lane which had worked well. This form of public participation was fully compliant with current Standing Orders and the Parish Council's decision to use this method was taken after consultation with, and advice from, Avon Local Councils Association. Regretably there had been earlier occasions when "public participation" had been unruly and some residents of Cameley were unable to limit their contributions to 3 minutes or less, or one comment, as allowed for in Standing Orders. This behaviour had meant that other residents did not have time and/or felt intimidated about making their views known.

The Chair then welcomed Simon Prescott and David Tingay who had come to talk to the Parish Council about a possible development on the old Garden Nursery site on the A37. They showed the meeting an outline sketch of the site featuring 10 three bed semi and detached properties. They explained that the site was not part of the A.O.N.B. and was free from technical restraints and that coming along to the meeting was their first step to starting a conversation with locals. Parish Councillors then questioned both Simon and David, made some suggestions and voiced concerns.

Several councillors suggested that the village was more in need of two bed bungalows than three/four bedroom family homes. Amongst concerns were the fact that this was ribbon development and the fear was that it would create

a northern edge for further development and the fact that access was onto a fast straight stretch of the A37. The Chair thanked them for coming along and asked if they could stay on to answer any questions from residents.

9. CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Connecting Communities is a pilot initiative to create “cluster groups” across B&NES in order to facilitate partnership working between Bath and North East Somerset Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Fire and Rescue Service, Bath and North East Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Curo with local communities.

The Parish Council were concerned that Cameley Parish Council had been placed in the Somer Valley group rather than in the Chew Valley group.

The organisers have suggested a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange this.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Cllr Hooper told the meeting that the owners of the Old Court House were delighted to provide the electricity for the Christmas lights.

Cllr Hemmings told the meeting that he was finding it difficult time wise to update the website and would it be possible to train other people? The Clerk suggested that it would be logical if he could put agendas and minutes on the site and he would be happy to receive training.

13. NEXT MEETING will be on 8th January at 7.30pm in the village hall

The meeting closed at 9.00pm