

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There was none

The business meeting opened at 7.30pm.

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Mr Gough, Mrs Harvey and Ward Councillor Mr Warren

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were none

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

#### **4. TO HEAR A PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL PLANTERS IN THE PARISH**

The Clerk had circulated a proposal from a local resident, Sandra Blair to enhance the village with some floral displays. In her proposal she makes the point that when driving through villages one thing which makes the good ones stand out is the tangible pride demonstrated by their residents as evidenced by the overt tidiness and cleanliness of the environs, the neatness of gardens and the uplifting effect of strategically placed floral displays. Temple Cloud is a well-appointed village in a nice setting but could be improved by a gentle sprucing up as well as a few splashes of colour here and there – to the benefit of both residents and passers by. One way of achieving this would be to site a number of planters around the village and to encourage residents to help deal with litter and general tidying up of the village. This could lead on to participation into the RHS Britain in Bloom competition. Sandra was accompanied by Barry Cruise (Bath in Bloom) and Nicola Ware who is the local advisor for the RHS Britain in Bloom organisation which supports groups by providing help and advice plus compost at cost price and discounted plants. Nicola and Barry both spoke to the Parish Council about the benefits of what was proposed in involving many different parts of the village such as the school, Parish Council, Residents Association, W.I and local businesses to name but a few. They explained that this was the beginning and hopefully would be the start of something bigger. Nicola will also attend the next Residents Association meeting to explain what would be involved in entering Villages in Bloom competitions and some of the advantages to the village. Then after further discussion amongst Councillors and some questioning of Nicola and Barry it was generally agreed that the Parish Council were very happy to support the project. It was agreed that Sandra would put together a realistic cost budget which she would bring to the next meeting of the Parish councils and would write an article for the Parish Magazine.

## **5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD**

The meeting was told that the Broadband in the village hall would be installed on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

## **6. PLACEMAKING PLAN**

At the last meeting it had been agreed that Cllrs Atkinson and Hooper would compose a letter for B&NES planning concerning the Parish Council's participation in the Placemaking Plan. This letter was circulated to Councillors who unanimously approved it. The letter explains the Council's view that they will supply character assessments only for the Placemaking Plan. While not being opposed to sustainable development, no analysis of sites for development would be done as the Parish Council's view is that no further development is possible in Temple Cloud that does not involve adding more traffic to the A37. Safety issues at the A37/Temple Inn Lane junction and traffic speed through the village need to be addressed urgently. The letter invites senior planner(s), highway officer(s) and interested District Councillors to a meeting with Parish Councillors to discuss possible ways forward. As a courtesy and to ensure that the maximum number of interested parties are aware of the Parish Council's views, copy letters would be sent to senior local and national politicians, the Chief Executive and senior managers at B&NES and Julie O'Rourke (B&NES Placemaking Plan liaison with Parish Councils).

## **7. FINANCE:**

It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks wages	269.53	
(2) Sweeper wages	428.49	
(3) Garage rent	36.17	7.23
(4) HMRC tax O/N/D	202.20	

### **B) Payments received**

(1) Parish Sweeper	292.17
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## **8. TO DISCUSS BUDGET 2014/2015 AND SET PRECEPT**

The Parish Council discussed and agreed the budget for next year (2014/2015). They were able to keep the precept at the same level as for the last two years. The Clerk would inform B&NES.

## **9. A REPORT ON A MEETING WITH CONNECTING COMMUNITIES**

The Chair reminded the meeting that "Connecting Communities" is an 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 and the Chair and the Vice Chair had attended a meeting with representatives of Connecting Communities.

In response the organisers argued that Cameley PC would gain a great deal by being placed in the Somer Valley group although the logic seemed to be based on the fact that this was an area policed from Radstock rather than what Cameley had in common with the Somer Valley. The other concern was that Cameley are in the Mendip Ward District (Councillor Tim Warren) whose other three parishes (Hinton Blewett, East and West Harptree) are in the Chew Valley group. This is still to be resolved.

The meeting was told that as a result of this Connecting Communities initiative, the Parish Liaison groups and the PACT meetings are to be abolished. Another area of concern was noted when Connecting Communities mentioned the possibility of “putting Precepts Together” however could give no further information. One plus point was that Cameley parish would have the share of the services of a Parish Ranger but further clarification was not forthcoming. At this point Councillor Hooper expressed his disappointment that no-one from the Parish had come forward as a volunteer to report on the state of footpaths. Such information would be helpful to best utilise the services of a Parish Ranger.

#### **10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

A vote of thanks to Cllr Hutchinson and the owners of the Old Court was passed unanimously for all their contributions and efforts towards the village Christmas Tree. Once again many positive comments had been received.

**11. NEXT MEETING** will be on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the village hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm