

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were eight members of the public present.

The meeting was told that a new fence had been put up on ground behind the barn conversion at Temple Bridge. District Councillor Tim Warren told the meeting that Planning Enforcement had visited the site on more than one occasion and that the matter of the use of the site was in the hands of B&NES planners.

Another resident told the meeting that she was concerned that the Parish Council were considering a donation to Cameley School – she felt that this was not a Parish Council matter and if agreed would set a precedent.

The meeting was told that pedestrians in Temple Cloud were complaining about overgrown hedges restricting pavements. The Clerk said that if he received a complaint he would write to any householder responsible and he would also put a notice in the Parish magazine reminding all villagers of the need to keep pavements clear of over-hanging bushes etc. The business meeting opened at 7.40pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Atkinson (Chair), Mr Cockerham, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hooper, Mr Hemmings, Mr Hutchinson, Mr Welsford, District Councillor Tim Warren and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Mrs Parfitt and Mr Dando,

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** In response to a question from the chair the councillors present confirmed no personal interest in any item on the agenda.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** were approved.

## **4. PLACEMAKING**

District Councillor Tim Warren reported that the Placemaking Plan had gone before Cabinet. B&NES Council were recommending that two areas in the Parish were suitable for 25 dwellings each. These are the site on Temple Inn Lane between the old Police House and Mead Way and the area behind the Temple Inn subject to direct access to the A37 being built.

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

The Clerk reported that the new fence around the Play Area had been completed and that he had inspected the finished fence. It was agreed to pay the invoice submitted.

The Clerk had distributed a safety report from B&NES which had highlighted two areas to be addressed. The first concerned the state of the fence which was now sorted in that a new fence had been installed. The other concerned the fact that the shackle pins on both sets of swings do not have any locking device. It was agreed that this would be investigated and resolved. The Cllr detailed to look at the roof of the changing rooms told the meeting that the roof needs replacing professionally which would give a further 10/15 years of use.

A general discussion followed and the meeting was told that since the Parish Council owns the playing field and is responsible for the buildings there, there was a legal duty to repair the roof. It was agreed to proceed and that as the job would cost in the region of £10,000 it would go to competitive tender and that quotes would be sought. Cllr Hutchinson would write a job specification which the Clerk would circulate to prospective contractors.

A Cllr asked when the internal doors would be installed to finish the entrance hall. Cllr Atkinson agreed to look into this matter and report back.

## **6. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS and ROADSWEEPING**

The Clerk had circulated an e mail from B&NES about how Bath & North East Somerset Council has worked with Farrington Gurney Parish Council to put up new gateway signage on the three main roads into the village. The signs – which carry the Gurney crest - are designed to look like a wooden gateway but are made of a durable plastic material. This is part of a project to ‘de-clutter’ the A37, reducing unnecessary signage and replacing damaged signs. For this financial year, the project is focusing on A37 from Farrington Gurney to Whitchurch.

The Parish Council were concerned that nobody from B&NES had bothered to tell the Parish council about this and what would be put up and where it would be put up. The Clerk would respond to B&NES and District Councillor Tim Warren would personally talk to the person in charge of this project.

## **7. TO DISCUSS DONATION TO CAMELEY SCHOOL**

Cllr Cockerham told the meeting that Cameley Primary School was fundraising to help finance a new computer suite. One scheme was the use of a Secret Santa and the idea of the Parish Council sponsoring was discussed at length. There was concern expressed about backing a scheme such as this. There was however consensus about helping with the fundraising and a proposal to make a donation of £400 to the school towards the new computer suite was made by Cllr Hemmings and seconded by Cllr Welsford. The motion was discussed and was passed with six votes for and one abstention from Cllr Atkinson..

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

<b>A) Payments</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Vat</b>
(1) Clerks wages	269.53	
(2) Sweeper wages	428.49	
(3) Garage rent	37.97	7.59
(4) J D Contractors	4320.00	
(5) Cameley School	400.00	

The following were paid as previously agreed:-

(6) Planter Group	111.76
(7) Planter Group	84.45
(8) Planter Group	26.66
(9) K. Parfitt	300.00

**B) Payments received**

(1) Parish Sweeper	292.17
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## **9. CHRISTMAS TREE**

It was unanimously agreed to supply and erect a Christmas tree on the junction of Temple Inn lane with the A37 as in previous years. Cllr Hutchinson will organise. The cost is likely to be in the region of £100. Cllr Hooper will approach the owner of the Old Court and ask if he is willing to provide an electricity supply as before for which an ex gratia payment would be offered. It was agreed that the tree would be put up on 15<sup>th</sup> December and taken down on 6<sup>th</sup> January or as close to those dates as possible.

## **10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

It was reported that the owner's agents (Barton Willmore) of the Old Market Garden site on the A37 had requested a meeting with representatives of Cameley Parish Council. The Chair and Vice Chair met with a representative of Barton Willmore and had an open and frank discussion. The landowners still wish to develop the site and were looking for potential ways in which this might be done. The Parish Council did not think there was a demand for more affordable social homes, but suggested the agents might like to look at a mixture of bungalows and houses, some affordable, for locals to purchase. Barton Willmore agreed to put together various configurations for the site and come back to the Parish Council with them. The Chair told the meeting that since the site is not adjoining the current housing boundary there would be no support from B&NES under current policies for the site. It would need local support if it was to have any chance of proceeding and if it did it would be seen as a "windfall" and would not count towards the 50 dwellings required under the Core Strategy.

Cllr Welsford told the meeting that he and Cllr Cockerham were meeting with two representatives from Planning to discuss "affordable" homes in Temple Cloud and what is an appropriate number for such homes.

The Chair circulated an income and expenditure account with ideas for next year's budget which will be set, together with the precept, at the January Parish Council meeting. She asked Councillors to consider these figures.

The Clerk used the digital voice recorder provided by Cllr Cockerham to record the Council meeting.

The Parish Council have two representatives on the St. James Conservation Trust (part of the Churches Conservation Trust). Regrettably Brian Flower has had to resign. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mr Brian Flower for all his years of service as representative of the Parish Council on the Trust. Since there was no volunteer from the Parish Council a volunteer from the Parish would be appointed and current trust members were looking for volunteers. .

There was a meeting about Fracking at the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> November run by the "Frackfreesomerset" group commencing at 7.00pm.

**11. NEXT MEETING** will be at 7.30 pm on 10th December in the village hall. It will follow a meeting/presentation on the proposed Memorial Garden which starts at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm