

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAMELEY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm 11th MARCH 2015
IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were six members of the public present. A resident asked about four trees that had been planted on the green space on the Goldney estate. Since Curo was responsible for this space he was advised to ask Curo however the Clerk would also investigate.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Dando, Mrs Parfitt, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hutchinson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: In response to a question from the chair the councillors present confirmed no Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council discussed a letter from the owner of the part of the footpath separating the road in Meadway from the proposed development site in which he asked for the Parish Councils support for safe access across his land. The Clerk was asked to thank him for his letter and explain that the appeal wasn't scheduled until the end of June when a new Parish Council would be in place.

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

A) Payments	£	Vat
(1) Clerks wages	303.83	
(2) Sweeper wages	428.49	
(3) Garage rent	37.97	7.59
(4) Planter Group	98.55	
(5) J D Contractors Bus Shelter	690.00	
(6) Tax J/F/M	210.60	

B) Payments received

(1) Parish Sweeper	298.01
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6. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

The meeting was told that the doors for the lobby area in the Village Hall were in hand. It was reported that there was a technical problem with the fire alarm and it was agreed to ask the Fire Brigade to carry out a routine inspection. The meeting asked the Clerk to obtain copies of up to date accounts from the village hall.

7. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS and ROADSWEeping

In terms of the inconsiderate parking on Temple Inn at its junction with Meadway, the meeting was told that Highways were looking at the possibility of double yellow lines.

The Council agreed that the flashing speed signs that had been installed for a three week period on the A37 had had a noticeable effect on slowing traffic down. It was also reported that there was a very good chance that the speed camera would return to the main Road.

8. TO CONSIDER PAPERLESS MEETINGS

The meeting then discussed Paperless Meetings and in principle all agreed that it was something to be considered. It was agreed that research would be done to look at costs and how easy it would be to set up. The Clerk was asked to contact Clutton Clerk to ascertain how Clutton Parish had gone about setting it up and how easy it was to obtain a grant.

9. LOCAL ELECTIONS

The forthcoming Parish Council Election was discussed and the Clerk informed the meeting that he had nomination packs for distribution to those wishing to stand. He also had these in electronic form for e mailing. Anyone who would like a pack in either form should contact the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk would put up notices about becoming a Councillor.

10. TO HEAR A REPORT ON A WORKSHOP ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Cllr Tony Hooper took the meeting through the Workshop on Neighbourhood Plans (NP) that he attended on behalf of the Parish Council. The first speaker was Steven Williams MP a Minister in the Department of Communities and Local Government whose main message was the need to involve the whole community in the process of formulating the plan, as they would have a chance to vote on it in a referendum before it was accepted. He was followed by Mick Duggan, a senior civil servant and a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Team. He said 62% of Local Authorities (LA) had designated NP areas. To date all referenda held had been successful with an average turnout of 33% and an average Yes vote of 88%. 6.1 million people now lived in a designated area. Financial assistance was available of some £22.5 million for each of the next 3 years. The basic grant was £8,000. But some priority groups received up to £14,000 although they seemed more difficult to define. In addition to the money, those going down the NP route would also receive access to technical support and it was suggested for those seeking more information the following website was recommended - planning.communityknowledgehub.org.uk and then before undertaking the NP another website should be consulted - <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk>. Then two ladies from North Somerset Councils Planning Policy Team gave an overview of the Local Authority (LA) role in aiding/monitoring councils with their NPs. In fact they said they had a duty to assist. One word of caution here, they are from neighbouring LA and what BANES may or may not do to aid councils is yet to be discovered. However, in general, LAs are to help with technical and legal matters, with both advice and assistance. They can arrange the examination, arrange and pay for the referendum and declare the result and another website was recommended reading mycommunityrights.org.uk. Then there were actual examples. Firstly from Backwell Parish Council who agreed 3 priorities: Traffic, Development and Green Space. However, when their draft plan went to the Examiner he radically altered every section. The examiner deleted from the plan those issues that constrained development and left in issues that facilitated new development. Their NP proposed a limit of 60 houses and the first application post NP adoption is for 340 houses! Application outstanding. To see their plan, go to

www.backwell-pc.gov.uk. The second example was Calne Town Council which serves a population of 14,000 and is committed to the NP concept as it was felt it would give them a degree of control over the future of their town. Their progress can be found on www.cane.gov.uk. The third and final example was Long Ashton PC where the process will take 12-18 months of hard work for all concerned. It was stressed that In Long Ashton's case it was a community plan and not a Parish Council one but the PC supported it. As part of their NP actions they set up a separate website called LA Life and can be found at www.lalife.org.uk. Cllr Hooper also passed on some other pieces of information he had gleaned as follows: - no council in the South Gloucester LA area has indicated a desire for a NP; a NP will be taken into account by law at the planning stage and have equal weight with other considerations; outside of BANES there is no such thing as Placemaking Plans!; All plans must be consistent with The LA Core Strategy.

11. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The meeting was reminded that the Parish Council election, the election for B&NES Council and the General Election would all take place on May 7th.

It was noted that the Headmaster of Cameley Primary was leaving in July after 11 years. It was agreed that the Council would discuss the matter of a suitable gift at the May or June meeting. The Police reported an increase in the thefts and break-ins across our region. These included planters being stolen from gardens/streets and garden sheds being targeted. There was an increase in Church break-ins also. The Clerk had circulated an e mail informing the PC that Clutton's proposed Neighbourhood Plan was available to view on line. It was noted that despite the requirement for a Parish Council to consult with neighbouring councils, Clutton had not done so. The Clerk would point this out to B&NES. The meeting was told that there are expansion plans at Gillards on the Marsh lane site. District Councillor Tim Warren told the meeting that he was involved with a proposed Chew Valley Neighbourhood Plan which covered an area with its own identity which makes good sense in coordinating an overall strategy. He suggested perhaps thoughts should be given to looking at such an enterprise to cover the A37 corridor. It was agreed to discuss Assets of Community Interest at the next meeting and Councillors were asked to come along with their ideas on suitable properties. The Clerk was also asked to find out if the determination of Housing Development Boundaries in Cameley could be delayed until after the result of the appeal on land on Temple Inn lane is known.

11. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 8th April.

The meeting closed at 8.27