

Draft Camerton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 5 April 2017 Minutes

1. Welcome

The Parish Council Chairman Cllr C Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

2. Attendance

A total of 30 people attended the meeting consisting of parishioners, councillors including the District Councillor, the clerk and the guest speaker.

3. Apologies

None.

4. Guest Speaker

Gerard Coles gave a very interesting and well received talk on cider made by the local firm Honey's Midford Cider

5. Matters Arising from the 2016 APM

The chairman reported on the parishioners' issues raised at the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting.

Siting of the bus stop opposite the Old Post Office - Raised with BANES but they were happy with position.

Positioning of sign indicating traffic has to give way to traffic coming down into Camerton in the original traffic calming by the school and Siting of 20 mph VAS - A recent meeting held with BANES highways to review all signage in the parish.

Blocked access to one of the footpaths - All PROWs being checked subject to enough volunteers coming forward and all problems to be reported to BANES PROW team.

Speed humps near road junctions leading to near accidents at night as traffic waiting to emerge from the side roads believe they are being flashed. - Independent safety audit of the scheme was completed by BANES. Hopefully now the scheme has been in place for a year this now no longer an issue. If still causing problems we will pass your comments onto highways.

Could we request a police speed check - 2 have recently been undertaken in Durcott lane. Now waiting for speed checks to be undertaken as requested for other parts of the parish.

Lack of community support for Camerton Parish Hall - Following the recent EGM this is certainly not the case now with several new committee members from the parish.

When will the road works associated with the two new live work properties being built in Tunley happen - The technical appraisal of the work to be done believed to be completed recently and

then a contractor will be or has been appointed to carry out the work. The applicant knows that the houses cannot be occupied until this highway work is complete.

6. Chairman's Report

The chairman talked about some of the key events of the year and then thanked the current clerk, the Vice chair and fellow councillors for all their hard work. The most significant development in 2016 2017 was the installation of the Tunley Overdale footpath. After a very long wait we finally got this completed – a big thank you to District Cllr Veale as without his help this would never have been achieved. The parish council is now starting to work on now linking Meadgate with the rest of the parish by the installation of a footpath up Red Hill. This would then make walking most of the parish much safer for pedestrians. Hopefully we do not have to wait as many years as we did for the Tunley Overdale footpath.

The chairman then reminded attendees of the resurfacing work the following week on Camerton Road & Red Hill from the roundabout junction with Meadgate West to a point approx. 550m South on Red Hill. Work will be carried out under a road closure of Camerton Road & Red Hill between 7am & 7pm and is anticipated to take up to one week to complete. A diversion route will be in place. Where possible BANES will try to maintain access for residents with private frontages within the works area. This will be only when safe to do so and as site operations allow with access being controlled by Traffic Marshalls.

The chairman then thanked all those wonderful volunteers who responded to the call for new committee members for the hall. While the hall committee does have some councillors on it the hall is separate from the parish council. The parish council has a councillor representative on the committee – Cllr Heather Edwards - and we are very keen to help and support the new committee in any way we are asked.

Thanks were then given to the clerk Kathryn for taking on the newsletter while the editor is on maternity leave.

BANES Council planning department has just started working with us on the review of their local plan. As part of this work BANES has to produce an evidence base comprising identifying possible locations for future housing. This work will involve the parish council being involved in reviewing any sites that are proposed for development. However this work will be much less onerous last time – the work that was undertaken by our volunteers last time will be used again and the process has been changed so we only get involved on any sites that are not sifted out at the first stage by BANES as being not suitable. We will keep you posted on this work.

7 Finance Report

Copies of the accounts were made available to all attendees for scrutiny. The clerk then reported on the key variances between the expenditure in 2016 2017 as compared to 2015 2016.

8 Camerton Community Hall.

The chairman of the new committee updated attendees on progress at the hall in terms of membership, finance and activities. He encouraged people to get involved.

9. Ward Councillor Report

David Veale reported on the mayoral election, Virgin Care Contract, library move and the recent relatively small council tax increase.

10. Suggestions/Issues raised by Parishioners

Tunley Overdale footpath – replacement signage and why is there is a chicane. The clerk explained that the damaged signs were being replaced with new ones which were on order. The chairman reported that we needed traffic control on this scheme because of the footpath.

Speeding traffic – The chair reported that speed counts will be undertaken and all signage in the parish to be reviewed.

David Veale reported starting work on a Red Hill footpath.

The chairman thanked all for their attendance and formally closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.