

**Draft Camerton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 19 April 7.30 pm Camerton
Community Hall Minutes**

1. Welcome

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

2. Attendance

A total of 34 people attended the meeting consisting of parishioners, councillors including the District Councillor, the clerk and the guest speaker.

3. Apologies

None.

4. Guest Speaker

Jerry Coles and Ray Lithgo of the charity Water Survival Box gave a very interesting talk on their rapid response for emergencies throughout the world where families have no access to safe drinking water and have also lost their homes and possessions.

5. Matters Arising from the 2017 APM

None

6. Chairman's Report

The chairman reported on the key activities in 2017 2018 and what was planned for 2018 2019. The key events during the last twelve months were the closure of the School, the success of the hall and the closure of the Batch on safety grounds. Key areas of work for the parish council have been planning, tackling speeding and starting to progress a footway on Red Hill. The chairman thanked his fellow councillors, the clerk and the committee of the hall for all their hard work during the last twelve months.

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 2017 2018 as compared to 2016 2017.

8 Report on the Batch

Tony Fry reported on the reasons for the closure of the Batch. There are only currently 4 members of the committee and the site is unsafe – hence the closure. All the steps on site are in urgent need of repair and the cost of all the work to make the site safe is £8,000. The Batch only has at present funds of £1,200. The most important work is to repair the steps. This will cost £4,000 so the Batch committee is looking to get people to sponsor a step. Therefore the committee is hoping that more parishioners will join the 100 Club which at present is the only

source of income for the Batch. He is also looking for new people to join the committee. If you can help in any way or want to join the 100 Club please get in contact with myself or Louise Fry.

9. Ward Councillor Report

David Veale reported on the BANES job cuts, the coach park move to the Odd Down Park and Ride site, development of the Avon Street car park and Bath Quays, the closure of the school, the Red Hill footway, and the forthcoming ward changes.

10. Suggestions/Issues raised by Parishioners/Cllrs/Hall Committee

Sunday lunch at the Hall in June.

Cllr H Edwards requested help in keeping the flower planters and the village in general clean and tidy.

The chairman thanked all for their attendance and formally closed the meeting at 9.06 pm.