

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 31 January 7.30 pm at Purbeck Stables

Present: **Councillors:** C Taylor, M Hutton, T Fry, H Edwards, C Sangan, R Lithgo **Clerk:** Kathryn Manchee

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr B Edwards, Cllr Turner and District Cllr Veale.

2. Declarations of Interests

None

3. Dispensations

None

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 20 December

The minutes of the meeting held 20 December 2017 having been previously circulated were proposed Cllr H Edwards, seconded Cllr Hutton as a true record of the meeting. Approved and signed by the Chair.

5 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**5.1 Parishioners' Matters**

The bin by the school has not been emptied by BANES Council. As this bin is a parish council bin BANES won't empty it as there was a change of policy at BANES between the parish council purchasing the bin and its installation.

The parish council has received a request for speed humps through Meadgate. Clerk to discuss with highways but it is unlikely to be implemented as BANES highways budget is limited.

5.2 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The parish council will host a speaker from the Water Survival Box project and the future of the Batch to be also on the agenda. Clerk to draft a flyer.

6 FINANCE**6.1 Payments for Approval**

Payments to Ratify

20 Dec 2017 Cheque No 1150 Winter Newsletter Printing £200.00

20 Dec 2017 Cheque No 1151 Environment Enhancement Expenses £31.23

Payments for Approval

31 Jan 2018 Cheque No 1152 BANES Salaries Oct to Dec 17 £2945.58

.Proposed Cllr Sangan, Seconded Cllr Hutton. Approved.

6.2 Financial Report

The balance of funds as at 31 January is £13,188.70. Forecast against Budget 2017 2018. As we are now over nine months through the financial year the clerk compared the forecast against the budget. Total receipts forecast to be up £16 at year end as compared to budget. Total Payments forecast to be up by £2314. Overall this means that the deficit is forecast to be £2630 at year end. However this must be assessed against a background of a £3,000 contribution to the community hall (not in the budget) for essential maintenance to help secure its future and additional forecast essential health and safety expenditure on the Batch (also not in the budget). Without these two additional unbudgeted items of expenditure there would be a surplus of £1370 at year end

6.3 Approval of the 2018 2019 Budget and Precept Level

As a decision could not be made on the budget for next year until the Batch situation was debated this item was brought forward. There is now a very small committee and not enough participants in the lottery. Also need to fund the planting and repair of the steps. The wood for collection by a potential purchaser needs to be nearer the road so it can easily be accessed by the purchaser. The parish council fully supports the Batch but any funding will be subject to more information on project costs (estimated to total £8,000) and further financial information. There will be an amount of £7,000 put in the budget for the Batch steps and planting work. Half to come from an increase in the precept and half from reserves. The remaining £1,000 put in the forecast expenditure for the current financial year. The Batch will endeavour to obtain grants and hold fundraising events. How much of the budgeted amount actually spent on the Batch in 2018 2019 will be taken into account when assessing the budget and precept for 2019 2020. Therefore a budget based on an increase in the precept to £16,409 equal to an extra 27p per week for a BAND D household was proposed Cllr Hutton, seconded Cllr Lithgo. Approved.

6.4 Consideration of the Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial A Ride Grant Application

As this service is used quite a lot in the parish it was proposed Cllr Lithgo, seconded Cllr Sangan that the requested grant of £45 be awarded. Approved.

7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS**7.1 Highway Related Matters**

Chairman to chase BANES regarding the 20 mph speed limit warning signs on Skinners Hill.

7.2 Public Rights of Way Matters

The livestock near one of the parish PROWs are no danger to users of the PROW.. Another PROW in the parish still blocked.

7.3 Coaches Driving Through Camerton

Due to the way the Traffic Order was drawn up when the width restriction was introduced coaches can drive through Camerton regardless of whether they have passengers to drop off or collect. Clerk to contact highways to see if Traffic Order can be amended.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

Planning Application REF 17/04624/FUL Lammasfield Farm, Access Road To Lammas Field Farm, Erection of first storey extension and installation of photovoltaic array, solar panels and new windows and doors following demolition of existing extensions PENDING DECISION

Planning Application REF 17/06062/FUL 2 Sunnyvale Erection of first floor rear extension and construction of 2no. front dormer windows. PENDING DECISION

8.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters

Nothing to report

8.3 Planning Application REF 17/06256/TPO Tree Works subject to TPO

Redhill House Red Hill : T1.Sycamore-Remove 4 limbs with diameter no greater than 5cm to crown lift. T2 to T5. Sycamore-Crown Lift with diameter no greater than 5cm. T6.Beech-Crown lift by removing 3 limbs. Cut back overhang in garden. Cuts no greater than 6-7cm. The parish council will not be commenting on this application.

9 Parish Council Representative Reports

Reports circulated prior to the meeting. The chairman is getting prices to improve the Meadgate bus shelter and will talk to the neighbouring landowner about access to undertake the work. The noticeboard at the Community Hall has been repaired.

10 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Nothing to report.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

The meeting Closed at 9.29pm. Date of next parish council meeting Wednesday March 21 7.30pm at Purbeck Stables. If required there will be a planning meeting on Wednesday February 21.

Date: Signature: Cllr Taylor (Chairman)