

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 December 7.30 pm at Purbeck Stables

Present: Councillors: C Taylor, M Hutton, T Fry, B Edwards, H Edwards, C Sangan, C Turner, R Lithgo, District Cllr D Veale
Clerk: Kathryn Manchee

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Fry in agenda item 8.2 and Cllr Taylor in agenda item 6.2.

3. Dispensations

None

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 1 November

The minutes of the meeting held 1 November 2107 having been previously circulated were proposed Cllr B Edwards, seconded Cllr Fry as a true record of the meeting. Approved and signed by the Chair.

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

A parishioner has raised the issue of a felled tree being a flood risk in the Cam Brook. Clerk to raise with BANES. A parishioner would like it noted that the bollards outside Travis Perkins do not belong to BANES council. Therefore the parish council will not be pursuing any improvement to the bollards with BANES council.

5.2 Draft recommendation ward boundaries for Bath and North East Somerset Consultation

It was agreed that the parish council would respond stating that following the abolition of the Bathavon West ward Camerton would rather be in Bathavon South ward than Radstock due to its similar interests to the parishes proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for inclusion in Bathavon South.

6 FINANCE**6.1 Approval of George Coombs Annual Award**

By a majority vote one of the two candidates was approved as the recipient.

Cllr Taylor left the meeting

6.2 Payments for Approval

Payments to Ratify

1 November	Cheque No 1142 Batch Annual Maintenance	£550.00
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Payments for Approval

20 December	Cheque No 1143 Clerk's Expenses October/November	£75.12
20 December	Cheque No 1144 George Coombs Award	£25.00
20 December	Cheque No 1145 H Edwards for Poppy Appeal	£18.00
20 December	Cheque No 1146 Newsletter Editor Expenses	£25.00
20 December	cheque No 1147 SLCC Membership Share	£70.00
20 December	Cheque No 1148 Meeting Room Hire Costs	£425.00
20 December	Cheque No 1149 Winter Planting	£180.00

.Proposed Cllr Sangan, Seconded Cllr Fry. Approved.

Two additional cheques for winter newsletter printing and environment enhancement expense. These to be ratified at the January meeting.

Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting

6.3 Financial Report

The balance of funds as at 20 December is £16,339.28

6.4 Items for 2018 2019 Budget – Final Reminder

The clerk requested any final submissions for the budget by Christmas.

6.5 Approval to take up Black Rock ID Requirements with our MP

After not hearing from them for over 13 months Black Rock has again written to us requesting certified ID from approved signatories for Coombs Charity. Deadline for documentation is 8 January. It was agreed that before the parish council responds to this request we contact our MP to see if he intervene so that Black Rock accept our original ID submission. This is against a background of our holding with Black Rock being £36 with an annual dividend last year of £1.44.

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

Water is running down Red Hill so clerk to report to BANES.

7.2 Public Rights of Way Matters

Some people being deterred from using one of the PROW in the parish due to the presence of livestock. The parish council doesn't believe the livestock is dangerous but will look at this on an informal basis to see how this perception can be addressed.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

Planning Application REF 17/04036/FUL and 17/04035/LBA Abbey Farmhouse Camerton Hill New garage, boundary alterations and house restoration, retrospective and proposed in part (resubmission) APPROVED

Planning Application Tree Works subject to TPO REF 17/04944/TPO Redhill House Red Hill 1x Cherry T1 - fell. 3x Sycamore T2, T3 and T4 - crown lift to 8 m to increase light into garden. 1x Beech T5 - crown lift to 8 m and reduce limbs over garden side by up to 4 m. 1x Sycamore T6 - crown lift over road to 8 m all the above to increase levels of light into garden. 1x Black Pine T7 - fell. 1x Sycamore T8 - reduce 2 x rubbing limbs by up to 6 m to stabilize and crown lift over sauna to 8 - 10 m REFUSED

Planning Application REF 17/04997/FUL 10 Overdale Tunley Erection of single storey side extension PERMIT

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

Cllr Fry left the meeting

8.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters

Planning Application REF 17/06062/FUL 2 Sunnyvale Erection of first floor rear extension and construction of 2no. front dormer windows. The parish council voted unanimously to object to this application because of the design's impact on the Limestone Link and the public realm, a possible resulting increase in on street parking and the overdevelopment by volume.

Cllr Fry returned to the meeting

8.3 Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) Consultation and new Local Plan Consultation

The parish council will be responding to both these consultations. The parish council's response to the JSP consultation is that it is legally compliant, sound and compliant with the duty to co-operate. The parish council's response to the new local plan will be made only to the part that is relevant to the parish i.e. the options for the non-strategic development of 700 homes. By a majority vote the parish council support the option of a dispersed approach so that the development load is shared throughout the BANES area.

9 Parish Council Representative Reports

Apart from the Batch all reports circulated prior to the meeting. With reference to the school BANES is moving to the next stage of the closure process by publication of a statutory notice proposing the closure of Camerton Church School which will allow a further four week consultation period to take place.

Batch – after some debate about the future of the Batch and the current dangerous state it is in it was agreed that the Batch would be closed until remedial health and safety work to be completed. A warning sign to be erected. The parish council will support the essential work needed to make the site safe and the parish council will apply for a grant. The future of the Batch to be on the agenda for next year's Annual Parish Meeting.

10 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Cllr Lithgo – the two telephone boxes in the parish that have had their telephones removed are in a disgusting state. It was unanimously agreed that the parish council would request their removal.

Cllr Taylor – clerk has been requested to get information on the number of road accidents in the parish. Once this information has been obtained the chairman will meet with BANES highways with a view to changing the speed limit down Skinners Hill so that it doesn't go straight from 60 mph to 20 mph.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

The meeting Closed at 9.46 pm. Date of next parish council meeting Wednesday January 31 7.30pm at Purbeck Stables.

Date: Signature: Cllr Taylor (Chairman)