

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 3 April 7.30 pm at Purbeck Stables

Present: **Councillors:** C Taylor, M Hutton, T Fry, B Edwards, H Edwards, C Sagan, R Lithgo, District Cllr D Veale and 2 guests (candidates for Bathavon South Ward in 2019 local elections)
Clerk: Kathryn Manchee

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interests

None

3. Dispensations

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 27 February

The minutes of the meeting held 27 February having been previously circulated were proposed Cllr B Edwards seconded Cllr Sagan 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 with one of the candidates for the Bathavon South Ward the recent spate of thefts from vans and the lack of a police response. The chairman explained that the police had been in the parish at several locations at the weekend dealing with several matters.

5.2 Report from the Community Bus Steering Group Representative

With reference to the Rural Bus Service 179 discussions being held between B&NES' Transport department and bus company officials. Discussions are based on a shuttle bus arrangement to the Park and Ride or rerouting of the bus serving Peasedown and Paulton. Cllr B Edwards reported on an update from the other parish bus group representative

5.3 APM Arrangements

Final arrangements were agreed and it was noted that Truespeed would also be speaking at the event to provide an update on the latest news on installation in Camerton.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Payments for Approval

Payments to Ratify

27 February	Cheque no 1194	Newsletter and APM Flyer Printing	£234.00
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Payments for Approval

3 April	Cheque No 1195	ALCA Membership 2019 2020	£125.09
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To be ratified at the next meeting is an additional cheque for BANES Council for the salary run January to March for £3031.77.

Proposed Cllr Hutton, Seconded Cllr Fry. Approved.

6.2 Financial Report

The balance of funds as at 3 April is £12.852. The first of the two instalments of the precept will be reported in the financial update at the next meeting.

6.3 Approval of Financing Summer Planting.

It was proposed Cllr Hutton, seconded Cllr Lithgo that the parish council finance the summer planting now that some more volunteers have been recruited. Unanimously approved.

6.4 Approval of Exemption Certificate for Exemption from External Audit

As we are internally audited and both payments and receipts for the financial year 2018 2019 are less than £25k it was proposed Cllr B Edwards, seconded Cllr Hutton that the parish council exempts itself from external audit.

Unanimously approved. The exemption certificate signed by the responsible financial officer and the chairman.

7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

7.1 Highway Related Matters

Clerk to chase results of the police speed check in relation to setting up a Community Speedwatch including requesting one for Durcott Lane.

The forthcoming Truespeed work at Meadgate doesn't involve closing the road but will be using multi way traffic lights.

7.2 Public Rights of Way Matters

Vegetation clearance requested from Bath Ramblers via the PROW team at BANES. However they are looking for more substantial work such as replacing stiles with kissing gates.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

REF 18/03544/FUL Redhill House Red Hill Camerton Erection of fence along part of the boundary of the property. (Retrospective). PENDING DECISION. Revised plans showing a reduction in the height of the fence have been submitted and these are on the agenda for this meeting.

Planning Application REF 19/00059/FUL Woodview New Pit Cottages Camerton Erection of 3 bed dwelling and double garage following demolition of existing property PENDING DECISION

Planning Application 19/00528/FUL Camerton Church School Conversion of the Old School into 7 dwellings. PENDING DECISION. Revised plans have been submitted and these are on the agenda for this meeting.

8.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters

Nothing to Report.

8.3 Planning Application 19/00528/FUL Camerton Church School Conversion of the Old School into 7 dwellings.

The parish council voted to object to this application as there were concerns about the size and layout of the car park and lack of information on the remaining information requested in the parish council's previous response to this application.

8.4 Planning Application REF 18/03544/FUL Redhill House Red Hill Camerton Erection of fence along part of the boundary of the property. (Retrospective).

The parish council voted to object to this application as the additional information submitted did not address the parish council's concerns.

9 Parish Council Representative Reports – Camerton Community Hall, Environment Enhancement, CBLNR and Neighbourhood Watch

Full parish representative reports circulated prior to the meeting. Neighbourhood Watch – sadly there has been a distraction burglary in the parish to which the police attended.

10 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Cllr Hutton wanted to know more detail about the £17,000 worth of lighting promised in an election leaflet.

Cllr Fry – the annual maintenance work needs to begin. Cllr Fry to contact the contractor that we use for this work.

Cllr B Edwards asked what had happened about the request for parking at Wick Lane. Clerk reported that she had put the parishioner in touch with the relevant departments at BANES Council.

Cllr Taylor – warned of a recent trespasser on his property and advised others to keep their outbuildings securely locked.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

The meeting Closed 20.38 pm. Date of next parish council meeting Wednesday May 8 7.30pm at Purbeck Stables with the Annual Parish Meeting at Camerton Community Hall 25 April 7.30 pm.

Date: Signature: Cllr Taylor (Chairman)