

## Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 26 July 7.30 pm at Purbeck Stables

**Present:** **Councillors:** C Taylor (Chairman), M Hutton (Vice Chair) B Edwards, H Edwards, C Sangan, T Fry and C Turner.  
**Clerk:** Kathryn Manchee and 1 parishioner

### 1. Acceptance of Office by Vice Chair

As approved at the APCM the vice chair signed the acceptance of office witnessed by the clerk.

### 2. Apologies for absence

District Cllr David Veale and Cllr R Lithgo.

### 3. Declarations of Interests

None.

### 4. Dispensations

None.

### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 21 June 2017

The minutes of the meeting held 21 June 2017 having been previously circulated were proposed Cllr B Edwards, seconded Cllr T Fry as a true record of the meeting. Approved and signed by the Chair.

## 6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### 6.1 Parishioners' Matters

Enforcement issue raised to be reported to BANES. Letters to landowners and householders where hedges need trimming to improve motorist and pedestrian safety to be sent by the clerk. All highway signage issues to be raised by the chair with BANES highways. As the detailed traffic count information remains confidential outside of the parish council a summary of the traffic count information that can be released to parishioners to be produced but the findings indicate that the 20 mph limit has reduced motorists' speeds.

### 6.2 Community Engagement.

This activity now primarily channelled through the hall with the new committee making great progress on improvements to the hall, its finances and its publicity. The hall committee would like to thank the parish council for its support. The checking of the footpaths is nearly complete thanks to the 2 fantastic volunteers undertaking this for the parish council.

## 7 FINANCE

### 7.1 Payments for Approval.

Payments to Ratify

None

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26 July	Cheque No 1129	Camerton Community Hall	£2,000.00
26 July	Cheque No 1130	Summer Planters	£180.00
26 July	Cheque No 1131	BANES Salaries	£2896.29

Proposed Cllr B Edwards, Seconded Cllr T Fry. Approved.

### 7.2 Financial Report

The balance of funds as at 26 July is £14,839.66. The clerk compared the forecast with budget at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Total receipts forecast to be up £15 at year end as compared to budget. Total Payments forecast to be up by £2586. Overall this means that the deficit is forecast to be £2903 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. Without this expenditure funded from reserves a small surplus would be forecast (as compared to the budget which resulted in a small deficit).

### 7.3 New Internal Auditor

While a new internal auditor is not required until next April suggest we look to appoint as soon as possible.

## 7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

### 8.1 Highway Related Matters

The parish council to contact District Cllr David Veale on his return regarding a footpath for Red Hill.

### 7.2 Public Rights of Way Matters

The chairman to meet with the PROW officer to discuss the blocked footpath. Also the chairman to address the footpath up Skinners Hill that is very overgrown.

## 9 PLANNING

### 9.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

Planning Application 17/01044/LBA Meadgate House 17 Meadgate West Internal and external alterations for conversion of part of garage to bedroom with en-suite. Internal alterations to create bathroom at first floor. Remove bathroom fittings at ground floor and create utility room. Erection of glazed link and porch PENDING DECISION  
 Planning Application Ref 17/00299/OUT Land between Homelands and 10 Camerton Hill Outline Planning Application for the erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling (Resubmission). APPROVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Planning Application REF 17/02631/FUL: 4 Orchard Cottages Wick Lane Camerton Erection of single storey garden building. Associated works to include removal of existing log store, reposition existing garden shed, cut into existing bank to expand the footprint of the lower garden at existing level. APPROVED

### 9.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters

Clerk to contact new Cabinet member for planning re an outstanding enforcement issue.

Clerk to contact BANES planning re an update on the Priston Lane exit.

Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) - the work with parish councils on sites proposed for housing has been delayed. Therefore the overall new local plan timetable has been amended to reflect this.

Workshops will be held in September to outline our involvement in this work. It shouldn't be as onerous as last time with the first round of site assessment involvement from parish councils related to fact checking and the provision of additional knowledge.

The Placemaking Plan has now been adopted. Confirms that while the parish meets the Core strategy criteria of a RA2 settlement there are no proposed site allocations within Camerton due to landscape, highways and conservation issues that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. Also includes our Designated Local Green Spaces giving them protection against development

9.3 Planning Application REF 17/03234/FUL New View Red Hill Camerton Erection of detached garage. While the parish council approves the principle of a detached garage it unanimously objects to its proposed location on the grounds of highway safety.

9.4 Planning Application REF 17/02588/EFUL Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane, Combe Hay, Erection of 173 residential units, open space, allotments, green infrastructure, landscaping and associated works including provision of vehicular access from Combe Hay Lane. While the parish council supports the need for new housing it objects to the proposed access to the development because the impact on parishioners travelling to from Bath and the Park and Ride.

## 10 Parish Council Representative Reports

The reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Brian Edwards as school governor reported that as pupil numbers are now down to seven the school is now no longer viable. Therefore the existing seven pupils will be attending Shoscombe school from September with Camerton school remaining in existence but with no pupils. BANES will be running a consultation on the future of the school. This consultation will commence in September 2017 and will be expected to be completed by the end of April 2018. If the decision was made to close the school, the school would close at the end of the summer term in July 2018.

## 11 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Cllr B Edwards – speed of traffic on Tunley Hill. Clerk to request a speed check.

Cllr H Edwards – motorbike driving dangerously through Meadgate. Clerk to report to police. With regard to the future of the summer planters we will need to find more people to water them. This could be mitigated by planting more drought tolerant plants as well as planting more wild flowers in the parish.

Cllr Taylor – reminded councillors that Norman Swain's funeral is this Friday 2.15 pm at the church. Congratulations to Carl and Caroline Sangan on the birth of their son Maxwell.

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed following a letter from BANES Cabinet member Paul Myers that the parish council would apply for the £330 community empowerment fund towards the cost of the new steps at the east end of the Batch.

The meeting Closed at 9.35 pm. Date of next parish council meeting Wednesday September 27 7.30pm at Purbeck Stables.

Date: ..... Signature: ..... Cllr Taylor (Chairman)