

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 27 September 7.30 pm at Purbeck Stables

Present: Councillors: T Fry (Acting Chairman), B Edwards, H Edwards, C Sangan, District Cllr Veale **Clerk:** Kathryn Manchee

As both the chairman and vice chair were absent it was proposed Cllr B Edwards, seconded Cllr Sangan that Cllr T Fry be elected chairman for the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Taylor, Cllr Hutton, Cllr Turner and Cllr Lithgo.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Dispensations

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 26 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held 26 July 2017 having been previously circulated were proposed Cllr B Edwards, seconded Cllr T Sangan as a true record of the meeting. Approved and signed by the Chair.

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

Activity on the New Pit Batch. Clerk to contact Coal Authority to see if this is related to the Coal Authority work being undertaken there and if not to report it.

5.1.1 Skinner's Hill Improvement

The parish council has received a request for the potholes to be repaired and a complete footway to be installed. Clerk to progress along with vegetation clearance here and at Tunley Hill with Highways.

5.2 Cllr Lithgo's Absence

It was proposed Cllr H Edwards, seconded Cllr Fry that Cllr Lithgo's absence be approved so that if it needs to be for more than six months it will not mean automatic departure from the parish council.

5.3 Proposed revision of the ALCA constitution

A copy of the proposed new constitution has been circulated. The parish council has no comment to make.

6 FINANCE**6.1 Payments for Approval**

Payments to Ratify

None

Payments for Approval

27 Sep	Cheque No 1132 Clerk's Expenses June July	£79.56
27 Sep	Cheque No 1133 Web Hosting 2017 2018	£60.00
27 Sep	Cheque No 1134 CPRE Membership	£36.00
27 Sep	Cheque No 1135 Editor's Expenses Newsletter	£25.00
27 Sep	Cheque No 1136 Autumn Newsletter Printing	£200.00
27 Sep	Cheque No 1137 External Audit Fee	£120.00

Proposed Cllr Sangan, Seconded Cllr B Edwards. Approved.

6.2 Financial Report

The balance of funds as at 27 September is £14,335.31.

6.3 Approval of Appointment of New Internal Auditor

Marya Turner has offered to become our new internal auditor. Proposed Cllr B Edwards, seconded Cllr H Edwards. Appointment approved.

6.4 Withdrawal of AON from Local Government Insurance Market

AON is withdrawing from the local government insurance market and therefore will not be offering the parish council a policy renewal in January 2018. Instead the renewal quote will be offered by BHIB – independent insurance brokers. The parish council has been informed by our new supplier that apart from the increase in insurance premium tax the coverage and premium of our insurance will remain the same as is.

6.5 Approval of Annual Clerk's Uplift following her Appraisal

Following her annual appraisal it is recommended by the chairman and vice chair that the clerk's uplift to the next spinal column point (SCP) be approved. The clerk is currently on SCP 22 at £10.77 per hour. The proposed Increase is to SCP 23 at £11.054 per hour. This has been budgeted for. Increase to £11.054 per hour proposed Cllr Fry, seconded Cllr Sangan. Approved.

6.6 Report on the External Audit. Despite being informed by the responsible financial officer that the internal audit didn't need to include George Coombs charity due to the level of funds, the external auditor remarked that we should have included the charity funds in the internal audit. Otherwise everything fine.

6.7 Grant Request from the Camerton Churchyard Fund

The parish council has received the usual request for a £200 grant. Payment of grant proposed Cllr Fry, seconded Cllr H Edwards. Approved.

7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

7.1 Highway Related Matters

District Cllr Veale to raise with highways the rut along the D which could result in damage to cars. Gutter in Meadgate that needs clearing to be reported to BANES by the clerk.

7.2 Public Rights of Way Matters

The volunteers continue to check the parishes PROW.

8 PLANNING

8.1 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 CONSENT

8.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related

District Cllr Veale to chase Cllr Bob Goodman on the enforcement matter that the parish council wrote to him about. Two other enforcement matters to be raised with enforcement by David Veale. Clerk to report possible new unauthorised development to enforcement.

8.3 Planning Application REF 17/03728/FUL Bridge Place Farm Camerton Hill Camerton Retention of stables building approved on planning application 07/02916/FUL. Proposed Cllr Fry, seconded Cllr B Edwards that this application be supported. Approved

8.4 Planning Application REF 17/04036/FUL Abbey Farmhouse Camerton Hill

New garage, boundary alterations and house restoration, retrospective and proposed in part (resubmission)

8.5 Planning Application REF 17/04035/LBA Abbey Farmhouse Camerton Hill Internal and external alterations for new garage, boundary alterations and house restoration, retrospective and proposed in part (resubmission) As the changes made address the comments made by the parish council on the previous application the parish council supports this application and the application under agenda item 8.4.

8.6 Planning Application REF 17/03234/FUL New View Red Hill Camerton

Erection of detached garage Revised Proposal As the changes made address the comments made by the parish council on the previous application the parish council supports this application.

8.7 HELAA Sites and Factual Information on these to be submitted to BANES Planning Policy Team

At this stage only need to submit factual information on all sites proposed. In Spring of next year we will be asked to help assess sites that have been deemed suitable or potentially suitable for development. Note as the clerk is on leave she has requested that the site information also be sent to the chairman

9 Electoral Review of BANES Council Wards Consultation

The parish council will not be responding to this consultation.

10 Proposal to close Camerton Church School Consultation

BANES is running a consultation on the future of the school. This consultation will run for seven weeks from 18 September to 5 November 2017. A public consultation meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 12 October at 7pm. Note closure is not a done deal. BANES Cabinet will make a decision on the future of the school following the outcome of this initial consultation. There will also be another consultation at a later stage as part of the process.

11 Parish Council Representative Reports

The Environment Enhancement, Batch, Neighbourhood Watch and the School reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr H Edwards reported on the very successful time at the hall with more bookings and events and lots of essential maintenance being undertaken.

12 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Clerk on leave for two weeks.

District Cllr reported on the Bath Quays project and issues with HMOs in Bath.

Cllr Sangan – damaged bollards by Travis Perkins. Clerk to report these to highways along with the ones by the school.

Cllr H Edwards – requested the chairman's advice via the clerk with repainting the bus shelter at Meadgate as paint is peeling off very easily even if stabiliser is used.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

None

The meeting Closed at 9.29 pm. Date of next parish council meeting Wednesday November 1 7.30pm at Purbeck Stables.

Date: Signature: Cllr Taylor (Chairman)