

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Monday 26 September 7.30 pm at Purbeck Stables

Present: **Councillors:** C Taylor, T Fry, B Edwards (agenda item 8.5 onwards), H Edwards, District Cllr D Veale (agenda item 8.5 onwards)
Clerk: Kathryn Manchee

1. Apologies for absence

M Hutton, R Lithgo and C Sagan. Also B Edwards for late arrival.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Dispensations

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 16 July

The minutes of the meeting held 16 July having been previously circulated were proposed Cllr Fry, seconded Cllr H Edwards as a true record of the meeting. Approved and signed by the Chair.

5 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

5.1 Parishioners' Matters

5.1.1 Bus Service Cuts

A parishioner has raised the loss of an evening bus service to and from Bath following the changes to the BANES supported contracts. In addition due to a commercial decision by First Bus the 179 service will be reduced from 28 October. This change to the 179 service is not related to funding cuts by BANES. Cllr B Edwards and the clerk will ensure the bus cuts are featured in the various discussions on rural transport at the Cam Valley Forum and the parish liaison meetings they attend.

5.1.2 Mobile Phone Signal in the Parish

A parishioner has raised the issue of the lack of a mobile phone signal in the parish and has suggested the parish council conducts a survey of mobile phone coverage. However following desk research there already exists information from Ofcom that shows that Camerton parish will lack good indoor coverage from any mobile operator at the time of the 700 MHz auction. This auction will take place in the latter half of 2019. These new 5G contracts will include conditions to hopefully remedy this poor coverage.

Removal of Equipment from Play Park

The shelter and wooden benches have been removed as they were rotten. We are not alone as extreme weather this year has led to this problem in a few locations. At present BANES has no budget for replacing the equipment. Clerk to report recent vandalism of the remaining equipment to BANES.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Payments for Approval

Payments to Ratify

13 June	Cheque No 1166	Batch Steps Grant	£4662.00
31 July	Cheque No 1168	Summer Planting	£91.75
Payments for Approval			
26 September	Cheque No 1169	Clerk's Expenses June July	£78.28
26 September	Cheque No 1170	CPRE Membership	£36.00
26 September	Cheque No 1171	BANES Salaries April to June replacement cheque	£2,997.21
26 September	Cheque No 1172	Balance of Batch steps work following repairs completion	£518.00
26 September	Cheque No 1173	Editor's Expenses Autumn Newsletter	£25.00
26 September	Cheque No 1174	Website Hosting	£60.00
26 September	Cheque No 1175	Autumn Newsletter Printing	£200.00

Proposed Cllr H Edwards, Seconded Cllr Taylor. Approved.

6.2 Financial Report

The balance of funds is £12,632.13.

6.3 Approval of the Updated Asset Register

The asset register has been updated with the new Batch steps. The updated asset register proposed Cllr H Edwards, seconded Cllr Taylor. Approved.

7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

7.1 Speeding in the Parish

A parishioner has raised this issue following two speed related crashes in the Tunley/Meadgate area of the parish. They have requested traffic calming measures are implemented at Meadgate. The clerk has requested that the issue of speeding be on the agenda for a future Cam Valley Forum meeting. Also there has been a change of tack from the police on Community Speedwatch. It is now being heavily promoted and will be backed by mobile police enforcement. The clerk will be attending a meeting with the police and BANES council next month to discuss ways of tackling speeding.

7.2 Other Highway Related Matters

BT is reported to be closing Bridge Place Road next month but we haven't receive any notification from BANES as yet.

Lack of white line at Meadgate to be raised with BANES parking department.

7.3 Public Rights of Way Matters

Nothing to report.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

Nothing to report

8.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters

Clerk updated the parish council on an enforcement related issue.

8.3 HEELA Site Assessment

This has now been completed and submitted to BANES planning policy team.

8.4 Report on Planning Policy Briefing Event

Information on this already circulated. At this stage information remains confidential but there will be an options consultation later this year.

8.5 Planning Application Reference 18/03984/CLPU Woodview, New Pit Cottages, Camerton Erection of side extension to dwelling and erection of detached garage/outbuilding. While the parish council isn't consulted on these types of applications the parish council will be submitting a comment to say that they would prefer a single storey building with a pitch roof.

9 POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

The parish council to respond stating that the existing election arrangements should stay the same in Camerton parish.

10 Parish Council Representative Reports

It was proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Fry to plant up the 3 largest boxes for the winter/spring seasons. Expenditure approved.

11 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Cllr Taylor reported that the school has now been sold for commercial use. Unfortunately the Sporting Family Change Foundation was unsuccessful in their bid. Clerk to write to the diocese to express their disappointment about this charity not being able to acquire the building.

Cllr B Edwards reported that St Julian's School Wellow has just had an Ofsted inspection.

Cllr H Edwards raised the issue of the Meadgate bus shelter improvement. Cllr Taylor reported still trying to get a donation of timber.

Cllr Fry reported that the Batch will have to purchase a new 5 bar gate as the bottom rail broken. However there are insufficient funds to purchase a new gate at present.

Cllr Veale reported on the latest developments at BANES Council.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

The meeting Closed 9.12 pm. Date of next parish council meeting Wednesday November 7 7.30pm at Purbeck Stables.

Date: Signature: Cllr Taylor (Chairman)