

**Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 July 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Taylor, Cllr Hutton, Cllr H Edwards, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr Collins, Cllr Sangan, Cllr Randall and the clerk Kathryn Manchee

**1. Apologies for absence**

None.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

None.

**3. Dispensations**

As part of his ongoing dispensation Cllr Taylor in agenda item 7.4.

**4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**4.1 Parishioners Matters** None

**4.2 Appointment of Second Parish Council Representative to CBLNR Heritage Committee** Cllr Randall was unanimously appointed.

**4.3 Approval of the Minutes of 22 June Parish Council Meeting** Approved and signed by the chair.

**4.4 CBLNR** Green Tree has completed their work on the steps and the noticeboard to an excellent standard. The walkway has been removed but doesn't need replacing. Fine hard-core to be put down where required.

**4.4.1 Consideration of MTL report on trees adjacent to Bridge Place Road and consideration of resulting expenditure on recommended work.** MTL has undertaken a site inspection and identified one dead tree that needs removing as soon as possible. There are also about 30 ash trees plus a couple of other trees that will need to be dealt with at some point in other areas of the Batch. Over 5 years the potential cost of removing the dead trees will be between £20 to 30k. Cllr Collins is contacting the Forest of Avon to see how they can help with this and other required work such as coppicing. If grant funding not obtained the clerk and responsible financial officer stated that the parish council should consider raising the precept next year to cover the annual cost of this work. MTL recommended that the parish council commission a new full tree assessment report independent from them.

**4.4.2 Consideration of Proposal received by the Parish Council to relocate the Jolly Miner statue** The parish council considered the suggestion that the Jolly Miner be moved but unanimously resolved that it stay on the Batch.

**4.5 Bench on Camerton Hill** As the view from the bench is no longer visible due to vegetation growth the clerk to request the hedge to be cut via Fix My Street.

**4.6 Consideration of Update of Camerton** Welcome to Camerton and approval of production costs This work approved. Clerk to commence work on the update.

**4.7 Consideration of Participation in BANES Let's Get Buzzing Scheme** In light of existing areas in the parish already supporting wildlife it was unanimously resolved not to take part.

**5 FINANCE**

**5.1 Payments for Approval.**

**Payments to Ratify**

22 June	Cheque No 1281	Green Tree Work Deposit	£305.00
30 June	Standing Order	Net June Salaries for clerk and sweeper	£1142.52

**Payments for Approval**

22 June	Cheque No 1282	Hall Hire April to June	£47.00
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**Unanimously approved.**

**5.2 Financial Report including 1st quarter forecast 2022 2023** The balance of funds as at 20 July is £17,266.00. After the first three months of the year total receipts forecast to be up at year end £1,677 compared to the budget and total expenditure forecast up £1,273 compared to the budget. Year end deficit was budgeted to be £746. Based on the first quarter forecast the deficit will now be £342.

**6 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS**

**6.1 Highway Related Matters** Nothing to report

**6.1.1 Update on Red Hill Build Outs** Cllr Taylor to get an update from Cllr McCabe.

**6.1.2 Consideration of Approval Repair of Fingerpost at Junction of Whitebrook Lane/Wick Lane based on quote received.** As a quote not yet received this to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**6.1.3 Consideration of Purchase and Installation of Mobile Units to Collect Data on Speeding Vehicles**

Following further research by the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator it appears that some of the issues relating to

data protection and ability of the police to support these not yet resolved. When these have been addressed the parish council will consider this matter again.

6.2 **Public Rights of Way** Complaints about an overgrown footpath on Facebook. It was agreed that a request for residents whose properties adjacent to PROW be reminded of their responsibility to trim vegetation if it's obstructing the PROW.

## 7 PLANNING

### 7.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

Planning Application REF 22/02135/FUL Bengrove House Bengrove Camerton Erection of 2 storey side extension PENDING DECISION.

7.2 **Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters. Nothing to report.**

7.3 **Consideration of a Response to Consultation on Planning Application REF 22/02169/EOUT Parcel 4234 Combe Hay Lane Combe Hay Outline application for Phases 3 and 4 for up to 300 dwellings; landscaping; drainage; open space; footpaths and emergency access; all matters reserved, except access from Coombe Hay Lane via the approved Phase 1 spine road (details of internal roads and footpaths reserved); (ii) Detailed application for the continuation of the spine road (from Phase 1), to and through Sulis Manor and associated works comprising: the demolition of existing dilapidated buildings and tree removal; drainage; landscaping; lighting; and boundary treatment; to enable construction of the spine road, and (iii) Detailed application for landscaping; mitigation works; allotments; including access; on the field known as Derrymans** The parish council unanimously resolved to object to this application as it has a detrimental impact on the Park and Ride, will increase rat running, lead to more traffic on the A367, it is overdevelopment, detracts from the setting of the World Heritage Site, and is against the Bathscape remit.

7.4 **Consideration of a Response to Consultation on Planning Applications REF 22/01768/FUL and 22/01769/LBA Cheddar House Tunley Farm Tunley Hill Camerton Extend existing kitchen/utility room, convert existing store to habitable rooms, minor works to porch & other internal rooms** The parish council unanimously supported this application as it was an improvement to the property.

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

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

## 9 Reports by Clerk/Councillors

Cllr Collins – Bridge Place Road work finished a day early.

Cllr H Edwards – issues remain with watering trucks and flower boxes. It was agreed to extend the flyer distribution re Curo funded water butts to Cam Brook Close and to be delivered with the September newsletter.

Cllr B Edwards – raised the moving of the BANES bin at the hall. It is believed that the people who installed the pillars moved the bin. Clerk to advise BANES.

Cllr Taylor – he has been contacted about some trouble on the New Batch where people using their bikes have been threatened and their ramps have been dangerously tampered with. The clerk suggested that the person who contacted Cllr Taylor should report this to the Coal Authority and the police.

## 10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting Wednesday 31 August 7.30 pm meeting room Camerton Community Hall

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.

Date: ..... Signature: ..... Cllr Taylor