

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 April 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall

Present: Cllr Hutton (Acting Chair), Cllr H Edwards, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr Randall, Cllr Collins, and the clerk Kathryn Manchee

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Dispensations

None.

4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

4.1 Parishioners Matters The parish council has just received an email about the lack of parking by the Red Hill build outs. The clerk to respond with a copy of the results of the recent speed check by BANES Council which will also be sent to the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

4.2 Approval of the Minutes of 15 March 2023 Parish Council Meeting Approved and signed by the chair.

4.3 Update on Newsletter Distribution Volunteer Recruitment This to be carried over to the next meeting.

4.4 Consideration of the Installation of a Metal Miner in Camerton The parish council has received a request to site a metal miner near the Batch. The parish council decided to respond suggesting that Coke Oven Copse would be a more suitable site as the metal miner would be seen by more people at this location.

5 FINANCE

5.1 Payments for Approval.

Payments to Ratify

31 March	Standing Order	Net February salaries for clerk and sweeper	£1107.76
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Payments for Approval

19 April Bank Transfer	Clerks Expenses Feb March	£81.74
19 April Bank Transfer	ALCA Subscription 2023 2024	£176.08

Plus another payment of £36.00 to Cllr H Edwards for the flower boxes to be ratified at the next meeting.

Unanimously approved.

5.2 Financial Report including report on actual expenditure and income vs budget 2022 2023 The balance of funds as at 19 April is £23,714.84. **Actual Expenditure/Income against Budget at Year End for 2022 2023** Total receipts forecast to be up at year end £2,663 compared to the budget and total expenditure forecast up £139 compared to the budget. Year end deficit was budgeted to be £746. At year end there is actually a surplus of £1,778.

5.3 Report on Transfer of Funds to the new 2 Savings Accounts

The majority of parish council funds have been transferred to the savings account. Once the mandate form change of bank has been processed by CCLA the G Coombs charity funds to be transferred to the new Unity bank account for the charity.

5.4 Signing of CCLA Mandate Form with Amended Bank Account Details This form which is needed so that future dividend payments will be paid into the Unity G Coombs charity account was signed by two trustees.

5.5 Completion of CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP Form This is a new requirement by the new external auditor and will be submitted by the clerk following its completion.

5.6 Approval of Appointing Green Trees to Undertake Repair Missing Boards on CBLNR Central Steps Subject to Quotation Subject to the quote this work approved. Other quotes not obtained as the parish council has had issues with previous suppliers quality of work whereas Green Trees work is good and provided at a reasonable cost.

5.7 Consideration of Joint Purchase with the Hall of a Defibrillator Subject to Cost. Subject to more research especially regarding ongoing costs this approved in principle.

6 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

6.1 Highway Related Matters. None

6.1.1 Report on the results of the Red Hill traffic count conducted by BANES Council Previous speed data shows that northbound 85th percentile (this is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers travel on a road) speeds at the top of the hill was 37.4mph and mean average speeds were 31.1mph. Since the inception of the scheme, new speed data shows that there has been a reduction of 12% in 85th percentile speed to 32.8mph and a 9% reduction of mean speeds, which are now an average of 28.3mph. (7 day average speed taken from the speed survey). Similarly at the south location at the bottom of the hill, the northbound 85th percentile speed has reduced by

2.6mph to 32.3mph and the mean speed to 27.4mph. The southbound 85th percentile speed has reduced by 3.5mph to 30.7mph and the mean speed to 26.0mph. While driver behaviour continues to be the main cause of speeding issues, the scheme has achieved benefits to the community by reducing all speeds on the Red Hill section. Clerk to write an article about these results for the June parish newsletter.

6.2 Public Rights of Way None

7 PLANNING

7.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions

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 PENDING DECISION

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 REFUSED

Planning Application REF 22/04787/FUL Parcel 2065 Meadgate East Camerton Construction of an agricultural access off Camerton Road, to include erection of a gate (Partially retrospective) APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Application REF 23/00414/FUL Fieldview House Bath Road Tunley Erection of new double garage on existing drive of house PENDING DECISION

Planning Application REF 23/00651/FUL 6 Orchard Cottages Wick Lane Camerton Erection of single storey garden studio PENDING DECISION

Planning Application REF 22/04172/CLEU Parcel 8408 Wick Lane Erection of garage (Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use). LAWFUL

Planning Application REF 22/04173/FUL Parcel 8408 Wick Lane Camerton Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden land PENDING CONSIDERATION

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

7.3 Consideration of a Response to Planning Application REF 23/01114/FUL Densley View Bath Road Tunley Erection of single storey side extension and front porch following the demolition of existing garage.

Like the previous applications for extensions for this property the parish council support this application.

7.4 Consideration of a Response to Planning Application REF 23/01117/FUL The Court Rooms Camerton Hill Camerton Erection of 2no. detached family dwellings following demolition of existing school block Due to the quality and lack of detail with regard to the planning drawings the parish council was unable to come to a decision on this application.

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 H Edwards – the parish council happy to support requesting the previous supplier to plant the large truck.

Cllr B Edwards – the VAS sign is not working. Clerk to report via Fix My Street.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17 May 7.30 pm

Meeting closed 8.36 pm.

Date: Signature: Cllr Hutton