

Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17 January 2024 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall

Present: Cllr L Randall, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr H Edwards, Cllr Sangan, the clerk Kathryn Manchee and Ward Cllr McCabe

1. Receive the declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Parish Council Chair

The acceptance of office was signed and witnessed by the clerk.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Hutton and Cllr West.

3. Declarations of Interests

None.

4. Dispensations

None.

5 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

5.1 Consideration of Approving Cllr Collins taking a leave of absence from the parish council. Cllr Collins leave of absence was unanimously approved.

5.2 Parishioners Matters The parish council continues to receive complaints about the graffiti at Travis Perkins. The parish council has previously attempted to get this removed via different routes 3 times.

5.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1 November 2023 Approved and signed by the chair.

5.4 Update on Parish Sweeper Job Description, Training, Equipment and Recruitment Process A report on this was circulated by the clerk. The exact nature of the role still needs addressing. It was agreed to hold this over to the next meeting when more councillors will be in attendance.

5.5 Consideration of the Nature of the CBLNR Future Relationship with the Forest of Avon Trust Following Cllr Collins leave of absence Cllr Randall has written to the Forest of Avon Trust to introduce himself and ask for a progress report but not yet heard back. Cllr Randall to chase.

5.6 Update on Defibrillator Installation x 2 in the parish. This continues to be progressed.

5.7 Update on Repair to the Bus Stop at Meadgate A possible supplier visited the bus shelter. Following this it doesn't need a repair as there isn't a leak in the roof but just a good clean up. This to be undertaken later in the year.

5.8 Consideration of Nominations for the Chelwood Bridge Rotary Award At the invitation of the Rotary it was unanimously resolved to submit two previous nominees after the win last year.

5.9 Internal Communications. It was agreed how the clerk would contact councillors when an urgent response is required.

5.10 Consideration of Requesting Additional Stops in Camerton for the mobile library It was unanimously resolved to enquire if there could be an additional stop in Camerton.

5.9 6 FINANCE

6.1 Payments for Approval.

Payments to Ratify

30 November	Standing Order	Net Nov clerk salary	£701.56
20 December	Bank Transfer	New Cllr Training	£40.00
20 December	Bank Transfer	SLCC Membership	£112.80
20 December	Bank Transfer	Green Tree Gardens Step Work	£1,059
20 December	Bank Transfer	Green Tree Gardens Noticeboards	£535.20
20 December	Bank Transfer	Winter Newsletter Editor's Expenses	£50.00
20 December	Bank Transfer	Winter Newsletter Printing	£272.00
20 December	Bank Transfer	George Coombs Award	£25.00
31 December	Standing Order	Net Dec clerk salary	£701.56
31 December	Bank Fee	Service Charge	£18.00

Payments for Approval

17 January Bank Transfer Clerks Expenses Oct Nov £109.77

Plus an additional payment (to be ratified at the next meeting) for 6 months payroll administration for £66.00 Unanimously approved.

6.2 Financial Report including 3rd qtr forecast The balance of funds as at 17 January is £20,264.69.

3rd quarter forecast against Budget for 2023 2024. After the first six months of the year total receipts forecast to be down year end £513 compared to the budget and total expenditure forecast down £8439 compared to the budget. Year end deficit was budgeted to be £3,836. Based on the third quarter forecast there will be a surplus of £4,090. A report on the key variances was circulated prior to this meeting.

6.3 Approval of George Coombs Charity Award It was unanimously resolved to make the award to the person nominated at the November 2023 meeting.

6.4 Approval of the Precept and Budget for 2024 2025 Four versions of the budget were prepared based on different increases in the precept – 0, 5,10 and 21% (the latter to achieve a balanced budget). While it produces a deficit the clerk and RFO recommended a 5% increase as the 3rd quarter forecast now produces a surplus. This would increase the cost of the precept to a Band D household by £4.71 a year – an increase of 9p a week. The 5% increase was unanimously approved.

6.5 Consideration of Awarding a £60 Grant to Midsomer Norton Dial A Ride. It was unanimously resolved to award this grant.

6.6 Consideration of Increasing the Clerk's Salary as per the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023 and the Annual Uplift following Appraisal It was unanimously resolved to award the clerk the pay deal and the uplift to SCP20.

6.7 Consideration of adding an additional signatory to the bank account This to be carried over to the February meeting.

6.8 Approval of Updated Asset Register with the addition of the Metal Miner. The updated asset register was unanimously approved.

6.9 Consideration of Switching the CBLNR Maintenance to Another Supplier It was unanimously resolved to switch suppliers to the company that already undertakes repair work on the Batch for the parish council. As they already provide quality work and they are cheaper than the existing supplier it was decided to switch to them without requiring alternative quotes.

6.10 Consideration of Action Following Fire at Garage provided by Curo Before any steps taken it was agreed to get access to the garage to assess the damage and get a cost from Curo of clearance.

6.5 7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

7.1 Speeding On Red Hill and Other Highway Related Matters. The parish council has received another complaint about speeding on Red Hill. This is a police matter so enforcement to be requested.

7.2 Public Rights of Way Nothing to report.

8 PLANNING

8.1 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 Application REF 23/02825/FUL Parcel 1172, Radford Hill, Radford Paulton Change of use of the land to a single caravan pitch for a gypsy and traveller family including the siting of one static caravan, 1 touring caravan and dayroom and associated access and hard surfacing (Part Retrospective). PENDING CONSIDERATION

Planning Application REF 23/03089/FUL and 23/03090/LBA Cheddar House, Tunley Farm, Tunley Hill. Replacement of the existing porch doors and repair of porch roof, renovation of the existing utility, with new door added and existing openings infilled, new conservation roof lights to utility room and repairs to roof, existing window opening enlarged to create doorway, removal of internal wall to create larger kitchen/dining room, reinstatement of chimney and repointing of walls. PENDING CONSIDERATION

Planning Application REF 23/04130/FUL Hedgerows Parkway Lane Camerton Conversion of main house loft to create three additional bedrooms to the first floor. Conversion of existing garage structure to form new pool house.

Replacement of existing workshop to create new double garage with bedroom accommodation above. PENDING DECISION

8.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters The new local plan options document is being consulted on next month. The parish council's response will be on the agenda for the February meeting.

8.3 Consideration of a Response to the Consultation on Planning Application REF 23/04604/FUL Brenroy Durcott Lane Camerton Erection of wooden featheredge fencing adjacent to highway, replace pre-existing gate with set of new wooden gates and erection of wooden featheredge fencing which is adjoining new wooden gates (Retrospective). Change of use (to a portion of existing land only) from agricultural to domestic use. The parish council unanimously resolved to support this application.

8.4 Consideration of a Response to the Consultation on Planning Application REF 23/04703/FUL 38 The Daglands Erection of single storey rear extension The parish council unanimously resolved to support this application.

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

The reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

10 Reports by Clerk including correspondence/Councillors and District Councillors

Cllr B Edwards requested an update on the rerouting of the 522. Clerk to circulate a report from Ward Cllr Gourley on the latest news re this and other bus information. Will report the problem with water ingress into the hall entrance with BANES drainage team.

Cllr Sangan – requested that a review of the traffic calming scheme on Red Hill to be put on the next parish council meeting agenda. Raised the issue of the proposed parking charges at MSN with Ward Cllr McCabe.

The meeting closed 9.15 pm Next meeting Wednesday 28 February 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall

Date: Signature: Chair