

**Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 November 2024 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr L Randall, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr H Edwards, Cllr Hutton, Cllr Sangan from agenda item 4.5, Ward Cllr M McCabe, clerk Kathryn Manchee and 2 parishioners

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Sangan for late arrival.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

None.

**3. Dispensations**

None.

**4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**4.1 Parishioners Matters**

**4.1.1 Concerns about Speeding and Closure of the Camerton Community Speedwatch Group due to lack of new volunteers.** Despite the efforts of all concerned speeding remains an issue in the parish. With reference to the recent 3 accidents at Meadgate a site meeting was held with BANES and Timsbury Parish Council. It was agreed that the parish council will work with Timsbury Parish Council to progress the longer term solution of a mini roundabout and in the short term other measures. These including improving the road signs e.g. a yellow backing to the Give Way Sign approaching the junction along Weekesley Lane to improve its visibility and road markings with hatch lines across the roads approaching the junction and extending the 20mph limit down Weekesley Lane to include Meadgate Cafe and Meadgate Farmhouse opposite. Clerk to write to Timsbury Parish Council to this effect.

**4.1.2 Concern about Drainage Issues.** The parishioners attending explained how problems with the drainage at Meadgate had resulted in their property being flooded. A BANES Council officer is meeting with the parishioners to discuss the situation and after this meeting if required the parish council will offer assistance to resolve this issue.

**4.1.3 Concern about Unrepaired Street Lights.** These to be reported again via Fix My Street.

**4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16 October 2024** Approved and signed.

**4.3 CBLNR**

**4.3.1 Progress Report on Forest of Avon assistance with the CBLNR and Consideration of Working with Avon Wildlife Trust on their Pollinator Pathways Project** Nothing new to report re the Forest of Avon. Following a meeting with Avon Wildlife Trust they will be producing some ideas including management of the site to present to the council.

**4.4 Update on Diverting Existing or New Bus Services to serve the main part of Camerton** Nothing new to report.

**4.5 Consideration of Nomination for the Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club Community Award 2025.** A nomination will not be submitted this year.

**4.6 Consideration of Salary Range, Job Description and Recruitment Process for New Clerk and RFO** The current clerk will finalise and circulate a recruitment pack before the next meeting.

**5 FINANCE**

**5.1 Consideration of George Coombs Charity Award.** A recipient was agreed.

**5.2 Approval of Award of Pay Settlement to Clerk and RFO 2024 2025.** It was resolved to approve the award of the pay increase.

**5.3 Financial Report** The balance of funds as at 20 November is £33,287.90 and without Batch reserved funds is £31,883.45.

**5.4 Consideration of Items to be included in the Budget for 2025 2026** The budget will be drafted including the level of next year's precept to be approved at the December meeting. Items for possible inclusion in the budget to be submitted to the clerk and RFO by no later than the December 6.

**5.5 Payments for Approval.**

**Payments for Ratification**

15 October	Bank Transfer	Tax due to HMRC July to Sep	£219.26
16 October	Bank Transfer	Fence Tree Work Deposit	£348.00
31 October	Standing Order	Clerks Net October Pay	£754.40
31 October	Bank Charge	Bank Admin Fee October	£5.40

**Payments for Approval**

20 November	Bank Transfer	Share of Clerk's SLCC Membership	£50.00
20 November	Bank Transfer	Back pay April to November	£257.92

This is the gross amount so actual back pay may be lower after tax and will be paid after December payroll run. Salary standing order to be amended for January payroll run when increase amount without back pay known. Unanimously approved.

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

**6.1 Highway Related Matters** Nothing to report over and above that already addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

**6.2 Public Rights of Way Matters** Nothing to report.

## **7 PLANNING**

### **7.1 Reports of BANES Planning Decisions**

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 DECISION

Planning Application REF 24/01659/CLEU Development Site Opposite Woodview, New Pit Cottages Conversion of outbuilding to 1no. dwelling (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Development). PENDING DECISION

Planning Application REF 24/03502/FUL Cam View 3 Meadgate West Camerton Erection of two-storey rear extension, internal alterations to separate the existing building into two dwellings and rear landscaping to provide gardens for both. PENDING DECISION

Planning Application REF 24/02468/VAR Application for Variation of Condition Hedgerows Parkway Lane Camerton Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) of application 23/04130/FUL (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). APPROVED

**7.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters** The clerk attended the planning policy webinar on the local plan earlier this month.

**7.3 Consideration of a Response to the Consultation on Planning Application REF 24/04071/FUL Hedgerows Parkway Lane Camerton Erection of additional storey to create first floor and erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.** The parish council unanimously voted to object to this planning application as the addition of an extra storey in this location would be detrimental to the adjacent Green Belt, the public realm and local landscape.

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

Apart from items already elsewhere on the agenda nothing new to report and reports circulated prior to the meeting.

## **9 Reports by Clerk including correspondence/Councillors and District Councillors**

Nothing to report.

## **10 Date of Next Meeting**

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18 December 7.30 pm The meeting closed 8.51 pm.

Date: ..... Signature: ..... Chair