

**Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 December 2024 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall**

**Present:** Cllr L Randall, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr H Edwards, Cllr Hutton, Cllr Sangan Ward Cllr F Gourley, clerk Kathryn Manchee

**1. Apologies for absence**

Ward Cllr M McCabe.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

None.

**3. Dispensations**

None.

**4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**4.1 Parishioners Matters**

Nothing to report.

**4.1.1 Update on Recruitment of New Clerk and RFO.** As the parish council has had no response from the parish newsletter advertisement the current clerk will contact ALCA about advertising the vacancy.

**4.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20 November 2024** Approved and signed.

**4.3 CBLNR**

**4.3.1 Consideration of Next Steps following the Receipt of the Pollinator Pathways Initial Site Report from Avon Wildlife Trust** Subject to clarification of costs the detailed assessment and management plan work to be requested from the trust. In the meantime commission existing tree surgeon supplier to undertake an assessment of any urgent tree work required.

**4.4 Update on Diverting Existing or New Bus Services to serve the main part of Camerton** Meetings being held including a productive meeting with the new executive at WECA responsible for buses.

**5 FINANCE**

**5.1 Financial Report.** The balance of funds at 18 December is £31,846.03 and without Batch reserved funds is £30,441.58.

**5.2 Approval of the Budget and Precept for 2025 2026** The parish council unanimously resolved to approve a budget with no increase in the precept.

**5.3 Payments for Approval.**

**Payments for Ratification**

30 November	Standing Order	Clerks Net November	Pay	£754.40
30 November	Bank Charge	Bank Admin Fee	November	£6.00

**Payments for Approval**

18 December	Bank Transfer	Winter Newsletter	£295.00
18 December	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Expenses Oct Nov	£68.60
18 December	Bank Transfer	Editor's Expenses Winter Newsletter	£50.00
18 December	Bank Transfer	G Coombs Award	£25.00
18 December	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Net Back pay April to Nov	£242.87

Standing order to be amended after January payroll run

Plus an additional payment for Batch maintenance visit by Green Trees for £480.00.

Unanimously approved.

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

**6.1 Highway Related Matters**

**6.1.1 Update on Weekesley Lane/Meadgate Junction Improvements** The parish council has now heard back from Timsbury Parish Council who has stated that it would be sensible to work alongside us in coming to a suitable resolution.

**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 1 no. 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. WITHDRAWN

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 PENDING DECISION

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

**7.3 Consideration of a Response to the Consultation on Planning Application REF 24/04402/FUL Land Between Homelands And 10 Camerton Hill Camerton Erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling with detached garage and landscaping.** The parish council unanimously resolved to object to this application as there were concerns over its visibility at this location being detrimental to the landscape character, public realm, The Batch and the PROWs.

#### **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**

Cllr Gourley advised that the consultation on Bath active travel has been extended and reminded the parish council of the Ward Cllrs Fund.

Cllr Hutton – a tree at the end of Durcott Lane is at a 45% angle. Already reported to Fix My Street with issue closed with no further action so to be reported again. Community Speedwatch co-ordinator finally received her Rotary Club nomination certificate.

Clerk – Cllr Randall to prepare and hand over G Coombs certificate. Once this complete payment will be arranged.

Cllr B Edwards – as its Cllr Hutton's last meeting and two more of us likely to be leaving what is the way ahead for the parish council. Clerk reported that if needed BANES will step in and co-opt ward cllrs to the parish council until they co-opt new parish councillors. An article to be in the next newsletter to recruit new parish councillors. Cllr Edwards and Cllr Randall then thanked Cllr Hutton for all her work over the years.

#### **10 Date of Next Meeting and Meeting Dates 2025 2026**

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 29 January 7.30 pm, Remaining dates

5 March  
2 April  
23 April  
14 May  
18 June  
23 July  
3 September  
15 October  
26 November  
7 January 2026

The meeting closed 8.56 pm.

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