

Draft Minutes of Camerton Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 5 March 2025 7.30 pm Camerton Community Hall

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

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Dispensations

None.

4 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

4.1 Parishioners Matters

Cllr Gourley gave update on the following issues: Somer Valley Links consultation, buses and the increase in houses needed under the new local plan. Cllr B Edwards raised the issue of Emmets Field and the 2 further accidents at the Weekesley Lane/Meadgate Junction. Cllr Gourley reported that improvements at the junction were being progressed. Cllr Gourley thanked the clerk for her work for the council over the last ten years.

4.1.1 Update on Recruitment of New Clerk and RFO. There have been no applicants for the vacancy so the parish council has requested assistance from ALCA in recruiting a locum clerk and RFO. Clerk to chase ALCA re the locum.

4.2 Consideration of a Response to the Somer Valley Links Consultation The clerk to submit a response requesting the infrastructure changes required including a pavement and bus service for parishioners to benefit from the proposed improvements

4.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 18 December 2024 Approved and signed.

4.4 CBLNR

4.4.1 Update on the Pollinator Pathways Project Assistance with the Batch Avon Wildlife Trust will visit the site in late March to begin the Woodland Assessment and will return in May to survey the woodland ground flora. Then they will get the Management Plan written up.

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

5 FINANCE

5.1 Financial Report including 3 qtr forecast The balance of funds as at 5 March is £24,425.71. **3rd quarter forecast against Budget for 2024 2025.** After the first nine months of the year total receipts forecast to be down year end £1,353 compared to the budget and total expenditure forecast down £5,945 compared to the budget. Year end deficit was budgeted to be £3,768. Based on the third quarter forecast the budget will achieve a surplus of £824.

5.2 Payments for Approval.

Payments for Ratification

18 December	Bank Transfer	Green Trees Maintenance	£480.00
31 December	Standing Order	Clerks Net December Pay	£754.40
31 December	Bank Charge	Bank Administration Fee Dec	£6.00
8 January	Bank Transfer	Tax Due October to Dec	£331.38
29 January	Bank Transfer	Payroll Administration	£66.00
29 January	Bank Transfer	Green Tree Batch Fence Work	£3,432.00
31 January	Standing Order	Clerks Net January Pay	£782.08
31 January	Bank Charge	Bank Administration Fee Jan	£6.00
19 February	Bank Transfer	Urgent Tree Work on the Batch	£780.00
28 February	Standing Order	Clerks Net February Pay	£782.08
28 February	Bank Charge	Bank Administration Fee Feb	£6.00

Payments for Approval

5 March	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Expenses Dec Jan	£72.74
5 March	Bank Transfer	Spring Newsletter Ed Expenses	£50.00

And another payment to be made for hall hire 2024 2025 for £135.00.

Unanimously approved.

5.3 Consideration of Awarding a Grant of £60.00 to Midsomer Norton Dial A Ride for the financial year April 2025 - March 2026 to help towards operating costs The parish council has received the usual request for a grant from Dial A Ride. This is in the budget for this year and was paid out last year.

5.4 Consideration of Approval of Work on 10 Trees Requiring Attention Following Visit by our appointed Tree Surgeon During the urgent work undertaken by the parish council's new cost effective and very reputable supplier of tree surgery and management a quick survey was undertaken. This indicated 10 more trees needing work. Based on the forecast reported on under agenda item 5.1 the parish council can afford the suggested work on the other 10 trees this financial year. Cllr Randall to chase for a quote as the parish council unanimously resolved to approve this work going ahead. Only one supplier contacted due to the tree surgeon used previously excellent and cost effective.

6 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

6.1 Highway Related Matters

6.1.1 Update on Weekesley Lane/Meadgate Junction Improvements Nothing to report.

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). REFUSED

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

Planning Application REF 24/04402/FUL Land Between Homelands And 10 Camerton Hill Camerton Erection of 1no. single storey dwelling with detached garage and landscaping. PENDING DECISION

Planning Application REF 25/00325/FUL Rose Cottage 7 Camerton Hill Erection of single storey shed following demolition of current shed. PENDING DECISION

7.2 Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters A site meeting with residents was held on 25 Feb and another meeting is being held Wednesday 19th March in the hall regarding the Somersetshire Coal Canal and the related policy in the new local plan.

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 B Edwards – railings at the Daglands broken again. Clerk to report via Fix My Street.

Clerk reported that she is on annual leave next week and will be leaving on 27 March.

10 Date of Next Meeting and Meeting Dates 2025 2026

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2 April 7.30 pm

The meeting closed 8.40 pm.

Date: Signature: Chair