

# Camerton Parish Meeting

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BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

**[APPROVED MINUTES] ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

held on

**Wednesday 14 May 2025**

Meeting started immediately after the annual parish meeting at 18:00

in **Camerton Community Hall**

W.Shepherd, Clerk, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Councillors present: Ward Cllr M.McCabe, L.Randal (Chair), H.Edwards, B.Edwards,

In attendance: W.Shepherd (Clerk), Parishioners

## 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (All)

## 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR & 4) PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

After expenditure on parish council activities, the remaining funds from 2024-25 were approximately 7% of the total budget provided via the precept and other grants. The Council also has sufficient contingency going into 2025/26 to cover a limited amount of unexpected expenditure – which meets local council budget guidelines.

One of the largest areas expenditure remains ongoing maintenance and management of the Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve (CBLNR), which in 2024/25 had storm damage and also an ongoing ash dieback related to some trees. The conservation, public access and safety of this area will remain one of the main focus areas of the Council in 2025/2026.

## 3. RESIDENTS WELCOME TO RAISE ANY LOCAL ISSUES OR ASK QUESTIONS.

Issues raised by parishioners included:

- **The coal truck and miner statue at The Daglands** - an issues was raised that there is a potential risk of harm due to people climbing or playing on the infrastructure in this area. The Council will review liabilities associated with this area.
- **Missing section of pavement on Skinners hill** - the pavement in this area is in a generally poor state, but there is a section where the pavement is missing, potentially exposing vulnerable road users to vehicle traffic. The Council will raise this issue with Highways.
- **Steep drop from the pavement from The Daglands** going up on Camerton hill – the pavement on left hand side has a very steep drop into the adjacent field with no pedestrian railing. The Council will raise this issue with Highways.
- **Speeding** – Unfortunately, there is no Camerton neighborhood speed watch presently in operation. Parishioners have experienced examples of speeding and dangerous driving. The Police and Council are aware of this situation as it is brought to the Parish Council meetings on other occasions. We encourage all residence to report any illegal road traffic behaviours directly to the police, via the online reporting form on Avon & Somerset Police website, preferably with vehicle registration and description to help the police follow up on each incident. The key links are:

- Avon & Somerset Police Website: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/>

- Speeding: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/rsr>
- Antisocial driving or riding: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/anti-social-driving/anti-social-driving-form/>
- **Signage Redhill ‘build-out’ traffic calming.** The signage for this area of traffic calming via ‘build-outs’ was raised as an issue by a parishioner due to it being confusing to road traffic users. This is causing traffic congestion in the area. The Council will raise this issue with Highways.
- **Increase interest and awareness of the council activities** and attract new councilors – several ideas were discussed including: a) Camerton welcome pack for new home owners / businesses in the community, b) Monthly Camerton Community Coffee mornings in the Camerton Community Hall. c) Councilor co-opting information on notice boards and Camerton web site.
- **The Somerset Coal Canal local plan option HD/SCCW.** A parishioner representing a wider group in the Parish raised the following issues:
  - 1) There has been limited communication from the council about what is happening to this part of the local plan, has the information available to the Parish council being made available to the local community; 2) The previous option regarding HD/SCCW is presently being revised and should be published in September 2025– what should the affected group do to ensure that their points are included for consideration in these local plans.

There were three areas the Council will focus on:

- 1) Ensure any relevant information that the council has on this topic, is made available to the community.
- 2) As the latest option detail become available – socialize this information and understand main changes from the last local plan iteration.
- 3) Check the process going forward by which parishioners can engage with BANES local planning and input their observations about the local plans.

Parishioners can sign-up to receive information regarding the local planning policy updates via this link. <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sign-planning-policy-email-updates>.

The Council will update the Camerton Web site with the most recent document describing these proposals.

A link has been added to the Camerton Website to provide Local Plan updates and information for residence: <https://camertonparishcouncil.co.uk/a-guide-to-the-local-plan/>

Some of these issues and others have already been on the agenda for the parish council meeting (speeding, road traffic signage, the local plan etc). The Local Plan with reference to the Somerset Coal Canal, road signage and the pavement issues will be added to the next Camerton Parish Council meeting agenda.

#### 4. KEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES (Lloyd Randall)

The Key dates for your diary are:

Month	Meeting Date	Meeting
June	11 June 2025	Parish Council meeting
July	2 July 2025	Parish Council meeting
Sept.	17 Sept. 2025	Parish Council meeting
Nov.	12 Nov. 2025	Parish Council meeting
Meeting Start time :6:30 pm   Venue: Camerton Community Hall		

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