

# Camerton Parish Council

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BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

**[APPROVED MINUTES] PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held on

**Wednesday 2nd July 2025**

Start 6:30pm

in **Camerton Community Hall.**

Councillors present: Ward Cllr F. Gourley; L.Randal (Chair), H.Edwards, B.Edwards, C.Sangan.

Residents: were in attendance.

In attendance: W.Shepherd (Clerk).

Start / Finish time: 18:30 – 21:00.

## 1.7.25 Apologies

Ward Cllrs Matt McCabe

## 2.7.25 Declaration of Interests

Non Declared

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the press and public have the right to attend and may address the Council on matters of local concerns. Three-minute slot is allocated for each question. Questions may also be submitted to the Clerk in advance.

## 3.7.25 Minutes

a) To APPROVE and SIGN the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## 4.7.25 CBLNR (Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve)

- a) **Avon Wildlife Trust** – CBLNR nature survey report is ongoing
- b) **Planned Tree work** - Recent work at the CBLNR (6 trees) has been completed in June. A resident has contacted the council regarding some further trees leaning over a garden which is logged and will be looked at shortly.

## 5.7.25 Camerton Bus service

- a) Ward Cllr Fiona Gourley updated the meeting members following discussions with the WECA mayor and her team looking at funding options for bus transport options to support Camerton residence. Funding is very tight but she was cautiously optimistic that some improvements may be possible. There will be able to provide a further update after these discussions are concluded in Autumn 2025.

## 6.7.25 The Local Plan and HD SCCW (Diversion Options / Somerset Coal Canal and the Wansdyke)

- a) Following the raising of a number of residence's concerns in May, the council sent a letter to BANES Local Plan Development team – requesting clarification on a number of points regarding the use of 'diversions' in the Camerton Parish associated with the HD/SCCW and a meeting to allow discussion. During the 2 July meeting, the Council APPROVED a further five questions and AGREED to send a 2nd letter to BANES sent on 07 Jul 2025.

## 7.7.25 Planning Applications

- a) No new planning applications have been received since the last meeting:
- b) Update of open planning applications and recent application decisions (since last meeting):

Planning application	Application submission	Notes	BANES Status / decision
<b>Ref: 25/01976/EODPA</b> Location: Hedgerows Parkway Lane, Camerton, Bath, BA2 0NJ. LB Grade: N/A	Reg. 21st May 2025	Application for prior approval of a proposed enlargement of a dwellinghouse by construction of an additional storey. <b>Camerton Parish Council have submitted comments</b>	PENDING

<p><b>Ref: 25/01901/FUL</b></p> <p>Location: Sellars Stile Bengrove Camerton Bath BA2 OPH. LB Grade: N/A</p>	<p>Reg. 15th May 2025</p>	<p>Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension, side extension and porch. <b>Camerton Parish Council have submitted comments</b></p>	<p>PENDING</p>
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### 8.7.25 Highways and Rights of Ways

- a) **Speeding** The Council discussed a number of options to try and control speeding especially in known problem areas including B3115/Tunley hill. The Council is currently exploring three areas of focus
1. **Enforcement** with Avon & Somerset Police, can this be increased and focused at peak time.
  2. **'Autospeed watch' camera** – the council AGREED to explore the associated cost to install this type of device, which records the speed of each car and captures a photograph of cars breaking the speed limit. This type of device has been useful for managing speeding in other nearby Parishes, but requires investment.
  3. **Durcott lane speed / volume data** was captured by BANES highways and the council will request this information.
- a) **Highways outstanding issues**
1. **Skidders Hill Missing Pavement** – a section of pavement from Rectory drive to Paulton turning – Logged with Highways (fixmystreet Ref.7810428), however adding pavement at this location will require prioritising this area vs other needs across the BANES area.
  2. **Skidders Hill Poor pavement surface** uphill from Paulton turning is degraded. This has been logged with Highways (fixmystreet Ref.781007).
  3. **Steep drop and no railing on Camerton Hill** going uphill from 'The Daglands'. Logged with Highways to look at either replacing / reinstate pedestrian guardrails, extra photos information sent, (fixmystreet Ref.7810337).
  4. **School road signage** - two signs at the Camerton Rd / B3115 roundabout in the Mead Gate area. Logged with Highways. These signs will be removed in due course.
  5. **Overgrown footpath entrance** from the pavement to public foot path (B3115 in Camerton/Mead Gate. Logged with Highways and fixmystreet.
  6. **Pothole** Camerton Road near to Meadgat East roundabout (fixmystreet Ref.7810337)

### 9.7.25 Environment

- a) **Flowerboxes** - The council is presently mapping the flowerbox location and will be exploring ways to ensure these continue to be maintained for the village by existing residents and additional maintenance support.
- b) **Community Energy Network** - At the recent Bathavon Area Forum event held in Camerton village hall, the Community Energy network team shared information about the scheme and invited local groups to register their interest in learning more about community-owned renewables funded through the [Community Energy Network](#). They are looking to work with three new communities across B&NES to explore the potential for community owned renewable projects in their local areas. The registration form is now live until 1st August, you can access it at the link [here](#). These details and the information pack has been added to the Camerton website. In the meantime please contact *Ellena Bryant, Sustainable Economy Service, BANES, Phone: 01225 477615, email: Ellena\_Bryant@bathnes.gov.uk*

### 10.7.25 Financial aspects for 1 April - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025

- a) External Audit 2024/25, is with BDO and report expected towards the end of Jul.
- b) Update on financial position for the previous period Qtr1 (1 Apr 25 to 30 June 2025):
- Receipts £15,199, Payments £6,460, Bank statements (Current and Savings) closing balance £32,338.
  - Budget vs Actuals: On track - spend is at 25% of budget, receipts are at 55% budget.
  - There is sufficient reserves for the year to cover at least an additional 50% unexpected expenditure.
  - The Council already has a savings account and the Clerk will provide options to moving additional funds into higher rate savings account(s).
- c) Public Inspection notice has published on the Camerton website and the four notice boards. Dates for the inspection rights are 3rd June 2024 to 14th Jul 2025.
- d) The following payments were APPROVED:

Payment	Total amount
Content editor Camerton Newsletter	c.£50
Printing c.350 copies of Camerton Newsletter	c.£350
Clerks Salary (June) via S/O	Amount available to Councillors
Clerks NI / Tax for Qtr 1 (via Direct Debit)	Amount available to Councillors
Clerk’s Expenses travel for Parish council business (June)	£18.20
Clerk Home Office (June) via S/O	£24.00
Garden Green maintenance work on the Batch	£480.00

e) Clerk Pension – the autoenrollment process is ongoing and will be completed in the next month or so.

**11.7.25 – Review standing orders**

a) A draft new set of standing orders embodying recent ALCA changes will be reviewed at the Next Council meeting.

**12.7.25 Newsletter**

a) Target for next hardcopy newsletter publication is September 2025, copy has started to be received albeit slowly. There was a discussion about how valuable the newsletter is as a source of information and how residents prefer to receive local news as the newsletter publication process lags events by a few months. There was a feeling in the meeting that it may not be the best use for valuable funds (there is a cost to editing and publishing the newsletter to c. 350 houses). The council would welcome any thoughts from residents on this topic – please email your views to any of the council members or to the Clerk at [Camertonparishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:Camertonparishclerk@hotmail.com).

**13.7.25 Social media**

- a) Social Media – different social media options were discussed, in the short term the council has decided to enhance the existing Camerton web site with additional general information pages focused on local interest topics.
- b) Camerton Logo refresh will be launched on the Website and the Next Newsletter.

**14.7.25 Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting**

a) To discuss agenda items to be included in next parish council meeting on 17th Sept 2025

**15.7.25 Proposed dates of future meetings:**

a) The next meeting date is 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 2 additional dates were added to the future meetings list:

2025	Meeting Date	Meeting
July	2 July 2025	Parish Council meeting
Sept.	17 Sept. 2025	Parish Council meeting
Nov.	12 Nov. 2025	Parish Council meeting
2026	Meeting Date	Meeting
Jan	7 Jan. 2026	Parish Council meeting
Feb	11 Feb 2026	Parish Council meeting

Meeting Start time: 6:30 pm | Venue: Camerton Community Hall  
 All Camerton residents are Welcome to attend.

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