

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 15th February 2016, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Public submission: A resident reported a street light not working at the junction of Moorsfield and Venus Lane. A resident urged all residents to vote in the Mayoral referendum and spoke in favour of the 'no' vote.

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors R Naish(Chair), B. Bailey, J. Bush, S Dagger, A Hillier, I Myatt, D. Phillips, S Piddock, and; K Warrington (District Councillor); Mrs H Richardson (Clerk); and 4 members of the public.

Item	Action
16/16	Apologies were received and accepted from D Veale, and D Worskett.
17/16	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 th January 2016 were approved.
18/16	Matters arising from last month's minutes: We are still waiting for response from the landowner regarding the grit path in the Avenue (144/15) Electrician has been asked to carry out electricity test on the phone kiosk (149/15) - Still waiting, but if it has not been completed by 26/2 another electrician will be instructed. The Clerk reported on the progress of addressing issues raised in the Venus Lane Play park annual inspection.
19/16	a) 15/05438/VAR: Development Site Adj The Sidings, Var of Condition 18. It was reported that the planning working group had considered this application and recommend that there was no need to comment as it was mainly internal layouts of the dwellings. The Parish Council agreed. b) 16/00458/FUL: 71 Lower Bristol Road: The planning working group reported that this was an amendment to a previously approved Scheme, and the extension would now be two storey and stated that they had no objection to this change. It was agreed that this application would be supported.
20/16	The monthly finance reports were tabled and accepted.
21/16	The five year improvement plan for the Leisure Area was approved in principle, and a working party was formed to take the project forward and arrange consultations. Initial work to clear undergrowth was approved for the current financial year. Installation of a kissing gate, firepit and seating, Wildflower/bulb planting and some tree work was approved for 2016/17.
22/16	It was reported that B&NES had taken the decision to remove the build-out from the traffic calming scheme which had been planned for outside the school. This has been done following a safety audit to encourage pedestrians to stay on the northern side of the road. The Traffic regulation order is likely to be advertised at the end of March and therefore implementation for the

scheme is scheduled for April/May. The School Crossing Patrol will be extended until the new scheme is in place, but B&NES will not fund the position beyond that.

- 23/16 The B&NES Consultation on Tenders for supported bus services was considered and it was agreed that only one of the services was relevant to Clutton Residents – Service 42: Odd Down Park & Ride to the RUH. It was agreed that this was a valued service and that the Parish Council would support the decision to increase the fare slightly to be in line with the other Park and Ride Services. Clerk
- 24/16 The date for the Village Clean Up day was set as Saturday 19th March. This is part of the National Campaign – ‘Clean for the Queen’ scheduled two weeks earlier, but the decision was taken to defer our event so as not to clash with the Pantomime or the Spring Flower Show.
- 25/16 It was agreed that tap locks would be put on the taps in the allotments and keys would be issued to allotment holders for a £5 deposit. This was as a result of a large water bill, possibly caused by a tap being left on.
- 26/16 It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had contacted several builders to address the urgent remedial works that had been identified in the recent survey and that the cost would be met by the Social Club. A plan would be put in place for the more expensive jobs over the next 2-5 years. Copies of the inspection certificates were requested.
- 27/16 Expenditure was approved for maintenance work in the Venus Lane Play park, some of which was required by the recent inspection. The work includes replacing the retaining board by the toddler multiplay, clearing the weeds from the surface under the spider and topping up the bark, returfing and reseeding the goal mouths and trimming the shrubs and hedges around the park.
- 28/16 The Ward Councillor reported that she would be attending a full council meeting on the Budget and that it was likely to result in a rise in Council Tax.
- 29/16 a)The Parish Council had received correspondence regarding the lighting of Beacons on the 21st April for the Queen’s Birthday and how Parish Councils can be involved. Rosemary Naish offered to look into it to see if we should have a beacon in Clutton.
b)It was reported that Councillors David Phillips and Rosemary Naish had been selected to represent Clutton and ALCA at the Royal Garden Party and that ALCA had requested that they write a report for the ALCA Website.
c)Notification of the Notice of Referendum for the Mayoral Election had been received and advertised on the Parish Noticeboards.
d)It was reported that grants were available from the LEADER rural grant fund to help support the development of rural businesses in B&NES and anyone interested should contact the Clerk for more information.
d)A resident had contacted the Clerk regarding cars using the track to the Leisure Area, as she had felt unsafe using the track with her toddler due to the speed of some of the cars dropping children off at the Cabin. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact B&NES to see if they could provide a sign to slow vehicles and if they wouldn’t the Parish Council would consider funding one. The staff at the Cabin have written to parents asking them to be

more considerate of pedestrians.

e)The Parish Council had been contacted regarding the empty shop premises in Venus Lane asking whether a fish & Chip shop would be a welcome business in the Village. While the Parish Council are unable to comment on individual planning applications until they are officially consulted, the policies in the Neighbourhood plan could be passed on.

30/16 There were no updates from the members of the representative bodies that had not already been given in the meeting

31/16 The Clerk reported that she had had problems with her laptop and had to visit repair shop 4 times before problem identifies as a recent update of Windows 10.

Rospa had quoted £66.50 to carry out the annual play inspection (as opposed to £320 as quoted by B&NES).

The area manager of Sustrans has said that there are no short or medium term plans to create a cycle track along the old railway, but if there was substantial support for the project it could be considered but it would need to be community led.

Progress is being made on the subleases for the Leisure Area and should be distributed shortly.

Communication Stats:113 Newsletter Subscribers, 125 Facebook Likes.
Website: 839 pageviews, 362 sessions, 273 users, 1.36 Ave time on page.

Close: The meeting ended at 9.49pm