

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 18th January 2016, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

During public submissions, Rosemary Naish presented proposals for a 5 year enhancement plan for the Leisure Area and requested that it be discussed at the February meeting

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, D Veale, D. Worskett and; K Warrington (District Councillor); Mrs H Richardson (Clerk); and 3 members of the public.

Item		Action
1/16	Apologies were received and accepted from S Piddock and A Starr.	
2/16	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 nd December 2015 were approved.	
3/16	Matters arising from last month's minutes: Waiting for response from the landowner regarding the grit path in the Avenue (144/15) – Still waiting Electrician has been asked to carry out electricity test on the phone kiosk (149/15) – Still waiting B&NES have been given the go ahead to fix the swings in the playpark. (164/15)	
4/16	The Parish Council agreed to adopt a new version of Standing Orders based on the Model Standing Orders published by NALC.	
5/16	There were no planning applications to consider. It was reported that the application to convert the Butchers Shop had been turned down despite support from the Parish Council. It was noted that the Butchers Shop will now have to close and put on the market, but it was likely that it would stand empty as there is already a retail unit available to let in the village, which has been empty for a considerable time. If the application for the farm shop is not successful the net result for the village would be the loss of the village shop facility which would be disappointing.	DW
6/16	It was agreed that a response on behalf of the Parish Council would be submitted to the West of England Joint Transport Strategy consultation, based on the principles put forward by the working group.	DW
7/16	It was agreed that a response on behalf of the Parish Council would be submitted to the placemaking plan consultation based on the principles put forward by the working group.	DW
8/16	The monthly finance reports were tabled and accepted.	
9/16	Expenditure was agreed to insert additional sockets for the goals on the football field so that their position could be moved in order to reduce the wear on the current goal mouth.	

- 10/16 The third draft of the budget was approved and the precept request for 2016-17 was set at £33,167.98. Clerk
- 11/16 It was reported that B&NES had carried out a safety audit on the plans for the proposed traffic calming scheme and had resulted in some small but sensible tweaks. It was likely that the consultation for the TRO would take place in February.
- 12/16 The Ward Councillor reported that the Parish Council could apply for the Ward Councillors initiative and that part of the proposed improvements for the Leisure Area would be likely to qualify for a grant.
- 13/16 The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from ALCA inviting nominations or 2 councillors for the Royal Garden Party. Notification has been received from B&NES of the Mayoral Referendum and the Annual Venus Lane Play Park Inspection has been received in full and some findings needed attention.
- 14/16 a)Village Hall -It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had received the results of the building survey and that the findings would be discussed at the next Committee meeting. The asbestos survey suggested that there was no asbestos present in the building although local knowledge would indicate that there was. The Treasurer is due to finish at the beginning of March and no replacement has been found.
- b) Leisure Area-nothing to report
- c) Allotments -It was suggested that locks are installed on the taps in the allotments and keys issued to allotment holders. Costings would be brought to the next meeting.
- d) Clutton United Charities -It was reported that an additional committee member had been recruited.
- e) Flood Wardens – Nothing to Report
- 15/16 The Clerk reported that following a complaint from a resident regarding overgrown trees on the Village Green, B&NES have reported that following an inspection they took the decision to remove the larger of the two sycamores growing adjacent to the Kings Oak.
- A complaint has been received regarding the construction traffic from the Sydings parking at the bottom of Station Road, forcing pedestrians onto the road near the bend into Clutton Hill. The Clerk has requested a highways inspector assesses the danger of this situation.
- The Chair reported that she had received a letter of resignation from Paul Mullins and that she thanked Paul for the time and energy he has put into his time on the Parish Council.
- Communication Stats:113 Newsletter Subscribers, 124 Facebook Likes.
Website: 773 pageviews, 430 sessions, 318 users, 1.04 Ave time on page.

BB

Close: The meeting ended at 9.47pm