

# Clutton Parish Council

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Village Hall**

## **Submissions from members of the public.**

A member of the public questioned why the proceedings of the Council are not reported in the local papers. It was affirmed that a report is usually printed in the parish magazine, but that the Chew Valley Gazette no longer sends a reporter to the meetings.

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Council**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>109/09</b>	<b>Present:</b> Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), D. Phillips (Vice-Chairman), B. Bailey, A. Hillier, A. Parfitt, L. Pickman, M. Williams, D. Withers; Mr. S. Willcox (Ward Councillor); Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 5 members of the public.	
<b>110/09</b>	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> The Council accepted apologies from Councillors S. Marwood, and Veale; Councillors Glover, Starr and Withers were absent.	
<b>111/09</b>	<b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting held on <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009</b> were <b>approved</b> .	
<b>112/09</b>	<b>Report from the Clerk</b> The Council accepted the report previously circulated by the Clerk.	
<b>113/09</b>	<b>Other matters arising from the minutes:</b> <b>94/09</b> It was <b>agreed</b> that in future, where the Council decides to contradict a recommendation from the Planning Sub-Committee, reasons given for doing so will be included in the minutes.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>114/09</b>	<b>Co-option to the vacancy on the Council</b> The Clerk reported that one of the two nominees had withdrawn his nomination. Following a brief discussion, cooption of the other nominee, Mr. Ted Healey, was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Hillier. The proposal was <b>agreed</b> and the Clerk undertook to be in touch with Mr. Healey.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>115/09</b>	<b>Finance:</b> 1. The Council <b>accepted</b> the following reports previously circulated by the Clerk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget Monitoring report</li><li>• Bank reconciliation</li><li>• Finance Report</li><li>• Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting</li></ul>	
<b>116/09</b>	<b>Planning Sub-Committee Report:</b> Cllr. Marwood reported that: 1. An application had been received for an extension to 26 The Mead. Cllr. Bailey declared an interest on the grounds that he is involved in the application. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be opposed on the grounds that <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The development would create 2 extra bedrooms without any increase in off-road parking; and</li><li>b. The extension would project beyond the existing building line.</li></ul> The recommendation of the Sub-Committee was <b>accepted</b> 2. With regard to enforcement matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Dando had visited the 'Booze Inn' site twice, and reported that he does not intend to pursue the issue of skips</li></ul>	

outside the building on the site, as he noticed no significant infringement of the planning consent condition. Members were asked to keep an eye on the site.

- At the Parish Liaison meeting attended by the Chairman, David Trigwell had presented figures for enforcement action in B&NES: of 811 cases during the past year, 733 had been closed. Less information was forthcoming about the outstanding open cases, of which seven or eight are in our parish. The Chairman had written again to Glenn Chipp with details of some of these.

#### **117/09 Development of a Parish Plan**

Cllr Pickman reported that the Sub-Committee had met and

1. discussed whether it would be worth hiring a tent at the Summer Flower Show next year, given the relatively low response this year; and were clear that if a tent was hired, much more work should go into promoting it.
2. noted the few further comments which were gathered at the Flower Show, mainly on issues that are already being addressed;
3. noted that the Plan will not have statutory force unless (after a great deal of effort) it is adopted as a Supplementary Planning document;
4. discussed possibly promoting another event in the Village Hall to consult with residents.

It was suggested that the school might be useful as a means of generating interest among parents via the children. Also possibly contacting other organisations in the Village to generate ideas and interest.

#### **118/09 Proposal to create a BMX track at the Leisure Area**

The Clerk reported a request from the Youth Club for permission to create a BMX track next to the Cabin at the Leisure Area. Following discussion of concerns about public liability, impact on local residents, noise at unsocial hours, and control over access (e.g. fencing), it was **agreed** that the Clerk should request the Youth Club to provide a more detailed proposal which addressed these matters and includes a proper diagram or plan of the proposed works. And that the Clerk should also contact Pensford and Stanton Drew Parish Councils for information about how they have dealt with these concerns. It was noted that anything which the council wished to allow on its ground would have to be discussed and sanctioned as well by B&NES.

**Clerk**

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#### **119/09 Proposal from the Clutton Play Park Association**

Cllr. Phillips reported that the Play Park Association is still awaiting news of its application to B&NES for funding, and that meanwhile other fundraising had continued including a 70s night. He tabled a note stating that once funds had been raised and equipment installed, the equipment would be handed over to the Council; and that the Council would be closely involved in all stages of the design and installation of any equipment and the removal of any existing equipment.

**DP**

#### **120/09 Report from the Parish Cluster meeting.**

The Council accepted a report of the meeting tabled by the Clerk, who had been attended together with the Chairman.

Cllr. Willcox reported that a meeting had been arranged for the local councillors for wards affected by the HGV study.

Cllr. Parfitt reported that he had been contacted by Trina Cummings to involve the Council in next month's safety/condition audit of the roads in the parish. He would inform the Clerk when a date is agreed.

**AP**

- 121/09 Parish Liaison Meeting**  
 The Chairman reported from the meeting. The Core Strategy had been emphasised. Cllr. Willcox urged members to examine this document, in particular the proposals for housing development in Clutton.  
 It is not certain when the 'Government Connect' internet project will go live, nor how far access by councillors to B&NES documents and departments will extend when it does.  
 It was stated that in planning decisions where there is a conflict between the views of the officers and those of the parish council, a report will be needed which explains the B&NES approach to the conflict of views.
- 122/09 Cam Valley Wildlife Group**  
 It was **agreed** that the Council's subscription be renewed. **Clerk**
- 123/09 Nomination to the B&NES Chairman's Community Awards**  
 It was proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Hillier, that Cllr. Williams be nominated, in view of his many years of service to the work of the Council and other organisations in the village. The proposal was **agreed** unanimously. **Clerk**
- 124/09 Correspondence**  
 The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:  
 1. Chew Magna Surgery regarding a meeting to explain their proposals for a new surgery on another site  
 2. Great Western Ambulance Service enclosing an annual report.
- 125/09 Highways**  
 1. Cllr. Williams reported that the hedge outside 44 Roger's Close may need attention. The Clerk agreed to look at it. **Clerk**  
 2. Cllr. Willcox reported that Dan Norris had sent a petition to B&NES, about HGV traffic in Temple Inn Lane; but had been willing only to share the last sheet, with 6 of the 500 names on it, so it was hard to know what weight to give it.  
 3. Cllr. Willcox agreed to speak to David Salter about the possibility of building a new road from High Littleton to the Trident works, which would take all the HGV traffic. **SW**  
 4. Cllr. Willcox agreed to speak to the owner of the field below Frank Senogles about having his hedge cut back, and to pursue the cutting of Frank's hedge as well. **SW**
- 126/09 Reports of Sub-Committees**  
 1. **School:** No report. Cllr. Williams asked about the Council's notice board at the school. The Clerk agreed to speak to the Head Teacher. **Clerk**  
 2. **Village Hall:** Cllr Bailey reported that the Council has not paid rent for hiring the hall. However, no invoice had been received, and he was asked if the bill had been sent to Frank Senogles by mistake.  
 3. **Footpaths:** The Chairman reported that Colin Hudson had said that a new way mark has been put up at Maynard Terrace, and materials have been removed which were blocking the path; and that he will take up with the landowner the issues about accessibility. Also that he is hoping to get work done in relation to the footpath from North End to Poacher's Pocket before the winter set in. It was noted that no progress has been made with clearing the growth around the stile by the A37 across the road from Featherbed Lane.  
 4. **Leisure Area:** Cllr. Phillips reported that the Dog Warden has visited the Leisure Area before and will visit again, but does not believe it is a serious problem. However, if the Council wishes, a litter bin could be installed (Dog bins are no longer used). The **Clerk**

Council **agreed** that a litter bin should be requested (via Joanna Brain).

**Play area:** It was **agreed** that Cllr. Phillips should put the No Dogs sign up at a location of his choice. The Chairman reported on the efforts he has made to get the spider problem resolved, and Cllr. Phillips that Pensford's new wooden structure is also already falling apart.

- 5. Flood Warden:** It was reported that the roadway outside Cllr. Withers' farm is often flooded.
- 6. Councillor's Award money.** It was confirmed that the Council wished this money to be used to create a footpath between the Village Hall and Moorsfield.

**Close: The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.**