

# Clutton Parish Council

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in the Village Hall

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

1. A resident invited the Council to enter a team in the Village Quiz.
2. A resident expressed concern that the views of the School Governing Body, though submitted after the deadline, had not be reflected in the draft of the Parish Plan to be considered by the Council at this meeting.
3. A resident reported that complaints to the police about vehicles parking on the pavement in Rogers Close had been met with indifference.

### Minutes of the meeting of the Council

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
109/10	<b>Present:</b> Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), D. Phillips (Vice-Chairman) B. Bailey, E. Healey, A. Hillier, C. Mead, A. Parfitt, E. Pickman, A. Starr, D. Veale, D. Withers; Mr. S. Willcox (Ward Councillor); Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 7 members of the public.	
110/10	<b>Apologies and Absences:</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Marwood. and M. Williams. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Williams was in hospital, and he was asked to send the Council's good wishes for his speedy return home.	
111/10	<b>Minutes</b> of the meeting held on <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010</b> were <b>approved</b> , subject to the following amendments: The Clerk reported that the numbering of paragraphs should be amended so that Item 106/10 should be followed by Item 107/10 Highways, and 'Reports from Sub-Committees renumbered 108/10; and In Item 107/10 (renumbered 108/10) Village Hall, the curtains 'may be' replaced; and the projector 'should <u>not</u> be moved for 20 minutes after use'.	
112/10	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
113/10	<b>Report from the Clerk</b> The Council accepted the report previously circulated by the Clerk. Cllr. Veale expressed concern about the potential liability to the Council if matters regarding the Leisure Area were not resolved clearly very soon, and proposed that this be an item on the agenda of the next meeting. It was counter-proposed that there be a special meeting of the Council to consider this issue, and this was <b>agreed</b> with one vote against. Regarding the issue of parking in Rogers Close, the Clerk was asked to speak again to the PCSO	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>
114/10	<b>Other matters arising from the minutes:</b> Re: Item 107/10 Cllr. Mead reported the she had contacted the PCSO about The drinking etc in the Leisure Area. The Chairman reported that bases for litter bins had been installed at the far end of the play park, and by the entrance to the Leisure Area, and that the bins would be added once the concrete had set. The matter of how the bin by the Leisure area is to be emptied remains to be resolved.	
115/10	<b>Finance:</b> The Clerk introduced the following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bank reconciliation</li><li>• Finance Report</li><li>• Monitoring report</li><li>• Finance Sub-Committee report</li></ul>	

The Council approved the reports.

116/10 **Planning Sub-Committee Report:**

The Clerk reported that since June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, he had received the following notifications of decisions made by B&NES:

*7 Valley View*, two story side extension. Decision: Permit.

*Ivelhurst*, Upper Bristol Road, single story side extension. Decision: Permit

*Parcel 1266*, Fry's Bottom, Chelwood, construction of manege. Decision: Permit

*Burchell House*, Lower Bristol Road, extension and conversion of outbuilding. Decision: Permit.

The Chairman reported that an application had been resubmitted in respect of the development accommodation for a manager and grooms at the Hartley Wood Riding Centre, King Lane. The Planning Sub-Committee recommended that this be opposed on the ground that it is a further development of housing within the Green Belt. The Sub-Committee recommendation was **approved** by 6 votes to 2 with 3 abstentions.

The Chairman and the Clerk agreed to experiment with the operation of the projector at the Village Hall before the next meeting.

**TM/SB**

117/10 **Development of a Parish Plan**

Cllr. Pickman outlined the history of the development of the Plan and the consultation which had accompanied it. The Council approved the Plan by 10 votes, with one abstention. The Chairman thanked the Parish Plan working group for its labours. It was agreed that a copy of the plan should be sent to B&NES, and that it should be put on the website.

**TM  
Clerk**

118/10 **Report on the ALCA AGM**

The Clerk reported that the ALCA AGM had received a report from a working Group which had concluded that ALCA in its present state will shortly cease to be economically viable, and proposed that an EGM be called to consider two main options for the future. The AGM had agreed to the calling of an EGM and deferred to that meeting a decision about fees for the next financial year. The Council agreed that it needs the support of a viable professional body, and that its vote in the EGM should be used to help ensure such a body is still available to it.

**Clerk**

119/10 **Report of a meeting regarding Highway Safety**

The Chairman reported that together with the Clerk he had met with Nick Jeanes and Stefan Chiffers of B&NES and with Wendy Linham and Sergeant Cannon from the police. Officers clarified the speed figures in the September 2009 survey, and stated that because traffic travels at more than 40mph past the Warwick Arms and the top of Station Road they would not support a limit of 30mph because it could not be enforced. Batty, but true. Discussing the plan for a Pelican Crossing, Wendy Linham stated that the police prefer the Station Road location for the crossing to the Roger's Close location; and Nick Jeanes said that whether this project would be in the budget for 2010 would depend largely on whether support could be secured from Councillor Gerrish. The Chairman had subsequently urged Cllr. Gerrish to give this support. Discussing the need for a 20 mph limit outside the school, Nick Jeanes undertook to get a more up to date traffic speed survey carried out by the school. Regarding the failure of the contractor to restore the road markings at the top of Clutton Hill, Ms. Linham stated that this was an urgent matter as safety was involved. Regarding Marsh Lane, Nick Jeanes stated that Marsh Lane would shortly be closed for two days to allow gulleys to be cleared and hedges to be cut back.

120/10 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:

1. ALCA enclosing their newsletter.
2. The village quiz organisers regarding the Village Quiz.
3. The Mobile Library enclosing the current timetable. The Clerk was asked to see whether this can be put up on the website.

121/10 **Highways matters**

1. It was reported the chickens had been escaping from dwellings near the school. The Clerk was asked to write to nearby residents.
2. The Chairman reported that having visited Rogers Close he had concluded that parking on the east side of the street is impracticable since driveways would be blocked. He recommended that the Council seek better information about the regulations regarding parking on the pavement and then ask the police to enforce these. Cllr. Mead undertook to seek clear guidance on this matter.
3. Cllr. Willcox reported that he had agreed with Andrew Tuckerr that a ditch might be dug to carry water from the west side of Lower Bristol Road, in the dip by Burchill Close where the road regularly floods because of the inadequate and blocked gulleys, to carry surplus water off into the stream under the bridge.

**CM**

122/10 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

1. **Police Forum:** Cllr. Mead reported that Sergeant Cannon had arrived; that the detection rate was up and the crime rate down (priority crime down 12%). The current focus is on protecting vans which might be thought to have tools in. Posters about Halloween are being sent to Clerks. Distribution of the newsletters is still not being done effectively. A consultation is beginning about the effectiveness of beat surgeries.
2. **Footpaths:** The Chairman reported that the footpath across the fields from Clutton Hill to Maynard Terrace is to be cleared in the vicinity of the railway embankment; and that the rebuilding of the steps by Poachers' Pocket is still being actively considered.
3. **Village Hall:** Cllr. Bailey reported that a decision had been made to replace the curtains, but that the WI wish to keep the existing curtains and fireproof them which would be much more expensive.

**Close: The meeting ended at 9.58p.m**