

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 20th September 2010 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public.

1. A representative of the Scouts notified the Council that the Scouts are keen to replace the current scout hut, and urged the Council to hasten discussions with B&NES about a longer lease for the Leisure Area.
2. The owner of land adjacent to the Leisure Area drew the Council's attention to the behaviour of young people who congregate there, light fires, leave litter, use drugs, and ride motor bikes with often quite young passengers. He called for more adequate fencing to the site. Councillor Mead undertook to speak to the PCSO.
3. A representative of the youth club informed the Council that the bike ramps at the Leisure Area had recently been removed, which might reduce the problems raised by the previous speaker, but noted that these ramps had been extremely popular with young people, and urged the Council to support the provision of some such facility somewhere in the village, in view of the generally very poor provision of activities for young people.
4. The Council was informed about problems – particularly for the elderly and disabled – arising from the parking of large vans along Roger's Close, and the failure of many Rogers Close residents to use their parking areas to the rear of their houses, thus increasing parking congestion on Roger Close.
5. The resident of Mow Barton, Lower Bristol Road, drew the Council's attention to his application for renewal of consent to an extension to the property and urged the Council to support it.
6. A representative of the Horticultural Society drew the Council's attention to the forthcoming Autumn Show at the Village Hall, and expressed concern about the consent given by the Council to a film-maker to film on the same day.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Item	Action
94/10	Present: Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), D. Phillips (Vice-Chairman) B. Bailey, E. Healey, A. Hillier, C. Mead, E. Pickman, D. Veale; Mr. S. Willcox (Ward Councillor); Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 9 members of the public.
95/10	Apologies and Absences: Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Marwood. A. Parfitt, A. Starr, M. Williams and D. Withers.
96/10	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th July 2010 were approved , subject to the following: Cllr. Willcox was present but sat among the members of the public
97/10	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
98/10	Report from the Clerk The Council accepted the report previously circulated by the Clerk. Re: item 2: Cllr. Veale urged the Council to be vigilant in relation to the avenue of trees behind the Church, which is a valuable amenity and part of the charm of the village and which will be lost if not maintained. The Clerk added that he had omitted to report that he and the Chairman had visited the Land Registry in Plymouth and ascertained that <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. the deeds were in order in relation to the Council's role as Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall, and could be registeredb. The deeds were in order in relation to the Council's ownership of the Recreation Field and Allotments, and could be registeredc. The deeds were in order in relation to the Council's ownership of the car park by the church, and could be registered

- d. The triangle of green by the church at the junction of Venus Lane and Church Lane is already registered as owned by B&NES.

99/10 **Other matters arising from the minutes:**

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

100/10 **Finance:**

The Clerk introduced the following reports previously circulated:

- Bank reconciliation
- Finance Report
- Monitoring report
- Finance Sub-Committee report

The Council approved the reports.

101/10 **Planning Sub-Committee Report:**

The Clerk undertook to report to the next meeting on any planning decisions which had been received since the July meeting.

Cllr. Marwood reported that:

1. An application had been received for the renewal of a consent granted by the planning inspectorate on appeal, for an extension to The Mow Barton, Lower Bristol Road. It was reported that the Council had objected to this proposal previously on the grounds that it was an overdevelopment in the green belt and would result in an unacceptable volume of traffic, and that B&NES had also opposed it on the grounds of the proposed materials. The Planning Sub-Committee recommended that the renewal be **opposed** on the same grounds since there was no evidence that the proposal had been amended. The recommendation was **approved** unanimously.
2. An application had been received for an extension at Smallwood House, Cuckoo Lane. The Planning Sub-Committee recommended that the Council **not object** to this application, **subject to** B&NES confirming that there would be sufficient parking space for the number of cars likely to be generated by the resulting dwelling size. This is particularly important in view of the impossibility of parking in Cuckoo Lane. The recommendation was **approved** unanimously.
3. An application had been received for a further three dwellings at The Wharf, Greensbrook. The Planning Sub-Committee recommended that the Council **not object** to the application, **subject to** satisfactory information about how foul sewage is to be disposed of from these dwellings. The recommendation was **approved** unanimously.
4. An application had been received for the removal of an agricultural tie on the dwelling house and farm buildings at Somersby Orchard, High Littleton. The Planning Sub-Committee recommended that the Council **not object** to the application, **subject to a condition** that no further development be allowed at the site. The recommendation was **approved** unanimously.

102/10 **Development of a Parish Plan**

Cllr. Pickman reported that the Sub-Group had met and considered at the comments that had been received, and that the Plan was almost ready, but that there were some late submissions of comment which still needed to be addressed. One or two comments had reflected on the picture on the front: she explained that the Sub-Group was keen to show the Parish as more than just a location within the village, and would welcome any other suggested pictures (e.g. aerial photographs) which would do this better than the image they had chosen.

LP

103/10 **Risk Assessment**

The Clerk tabled a redrafted Risk Assessment, based on the advice from Cllr. Pickman, and sought the approval of the Council. It was pointed out that an

additional risk should be added, relating to the potential inability of the Clerk to perform his duties. Subject to this addition, the Assessment was approved.

Clerk

104/10 **Footpaths Agency Scheme**

Cllr. Veale proposed and Cllr. Phillips seconded a motion that the Council should join the Footpaths Agency Scheme proposed by B&NES. The motion was carried, with one vote against and one abstention.

It was reported that the footpath between Broomhill Lane and the A37 has been blocked with debris and the clerk undertook to investigate.

Clerk

105/10 **Nomination to the B&NES Chairman's awards**

There were no nominations.

106/10 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:

1. the Clutton and Camely Parochial Church Council, thanking the Council for its grant towards the cost of grass-cutting at the church.
2. ALCA, notifying the Council of the AGM, and drawing attention to the items which proposed a 16% increase in fees next year, and measures to dissolve the Association and put in place alternative arrangements for the support of parish councils in the area.
3. The School, notifying the Council of the vacancies on the Governing Body and inviting nominations.
4. A resident whose garden wall abuts the Play Area, raising concerns about safety issues. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident, and to chase the safety inspection report from B&NES, and to correspond with HAGS about the safety of the roof on the climbing frame. It was noted that the planting in the play area along the resident's garden wall should help to reduce the risk of children climbing up the wall.

Clerk

Highways

1. The Chairman reported that he has been seeking details of the road speed survey carried out in September 2009, and information about why nothing has happened since that survey was carried out and why the Council was not informed of its contents. He is arranging a meeting with Stefan Chiffers
2. It was reported that nothing has been done in the year since Stefan Chiffers gave an undertaking to ward councillors that he would get improvements made in Marsh Lane.
3. With regard to the parking problems in Rogers Close raised in public submissions, it was agreed that the Clerk should
 - a. contact the PCSO to ask for assistance in getting vans off the pavements
 - b. contact B&NES to raise the question of parking on the other side of Rogers Close, including disabled parking bays there, and requiring those who have parking areas to the rear of their houses to use these instead of parking on Rogers Close.
4. It was reported that the road markings at the top of Clutton Hill have still not been restored, and that those outside the school were also obliterated by the recent road patching work. It was agreed that the Clerk should chase B&NES about these.
5. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Tricia Cummings to ask when the next inspection is to take place and to raise the question of the potholes in Marsh Lane.

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107/10 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

The following reports were received:

Village Hall: Cllr. Bailey reported that the curtains to the windows and the stage (made by the WI) are to be replaced since it has been discovered that

they are not fireproofed. Also that the projector is now up and running and in the care of the Linda Hanham of the Social Club. The projector has to be moved for 20 minutes after use. The problem about the clash between filming and the Autumn Show is being addressed.

Allotments: The Clerk undertook to speak to Cllr. Bailey about water supplies to the allotments after the meeting, and to pursue the hedge damage problem to a conclusion. **Clerk**

Leisure Area: The Clerk was asked to

- a. write to all the users about locking the gate after use, and to seek suggestions about the better management of the area
- b. investigate measures to make it harder to bring motor bikes up from Burchill Close and along the railway embankment
- c. add the leisure area risks to the risk assessment
- d. seek advice from Thatcher and Hallam regarding the Council's liability in relation to the Leisure Area and the steps it could take to mitigate that liability. **Clerk**

Cllr. Mead undertook to send an e-mail to PC Stuart Peart, copy to PCSO regarding the behaviour of young people at the site. **CM**

Play Area: The Chairman reported that he is still chasing the matter of the extra bin at the Play Area. **TM**

Close: The meeting ended at 9.58p.m