

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 20th December 2010 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public

1. The owner of the field to the south of Maynard Terrace alleged that there were large numbers of residents of the village who appeared to be unaware of his proposals for the development of this field, and that these proposals if implemented would bring benefits to the village. He asserted that numbers of residents were in favour of these proposals, that the Council is unrepresentative of the views of residents, and that the Council had failed to publicise the proposals.
2. The developer working for the owner of the field posed some questions which he undertook to let the Clerk have in writing.
3. A resident asked the Council to press B&NES Council to install a grit bin at Maypole Close. Cllr. Willcox stated that he is pursuing this matter.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Item		Action
136/10	Present: Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), D. Phillips (Vice -Chairman), B. Bailey, E. Healey, S. Marwood, C. Mead, A. Parfitt; Cllr. S. Willcox; Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 6 members of the public.	
137/10	Apologies and Absences: Apologies were received from Cllrs. E. Pickman, D.Veale, M. Williams, and D. Withers. Cllrs. Hillier and Starr were absent.	
138/10	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
139/10	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th November 2010 were Approved.	
140/10	The Report from the Clerk was accepted. The Clerk added that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. He had failed to check whether the new bins had been installed at the entrance to the Leisure area and in the Play Area.2. He had written to the contractor who offered a grass-cutting tender3. He had failed to get the catch fixed on the gate into the area from the playing field4. He had written to tenants of the allotments regarding bonfires.5. He had spoken to the sweeper about the leaves outside the school6. He had written to several people about the bus shelter without response. Cllr. Willcox undertook to speak to Charles Gerrish about this.7. He had put the Parish Plan on the website but had not made arrangements for the printing of further copies. It was agreed that further copies should be made only when it becomes clear how many are called for.	Clerk Clerk SW
141/10	Other matters arising from the minutes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Re: Item 134/10 4. Cllr. reported that he has not yet completed his survey of the drains in the village.	AP
142/10	Finance: The Clerk introduced the following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank reconciliation• Finance Report• Monitoring report	

- Finance Sub-Committee report
The Council **approved** the reports.

143/10 **Budget for the year 2011-2012**

The Clerk explained the detail of the budget previously circulated, which had been agreed at a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee. The Council **approved** the draft budget without amendment.

144/10 **Planning Sub-Committee Report:**

The Clerk reported that since June 1st 2010, he had received following notifications of a decision made by B&NES:

29 Maynard Terrace: Decision: Permit.

Smallwood House, Cuckoo Lane: Decision: Permit

The Chairman reported that applications had been submitted in respect of

1. A two-storey rear extension at **26 The Mead**, together with a request for retrospective consent for a porch. The Planning Sub-Committee recommendation was that the rear extension not be opposed, and this recommendation was **approved**. It was proposed that the consent for the porch should be opposed, on the grounds that previous applications for such development along the fronts of dwellings in The Mead had been refused, and that consent was likely to lead to a variety of developments along the frontage of this street and that this would be unwelcome. The Council **agreed** that consent for this application should be supported with regards to the main structure, with the proviso that B&NES were asked to clarify their policy on allowing Porches in this particular location.
2. The development of six light industrial units at the Old Coal Yard, Marsh Lane. The Planning Sub-Committee recommendation was that, despite the fact that the site is near an area identified as appropriate for business development, in view of the recent survey of goods vehicle movements along Marsh Lane, any further commercial development at this site should be opposed until the road infrastructure is improved to support such increased activity, and that therefore this application should be opposed. The recommendation to object was **agreed**. It was further **agreed** that B&NES should be informed that, contrary to a statement in the application, there is reason to believe that there is contamination at the site; **and** that there is a water-course along one side of the site and that the applications appears to contain no provisions for the protection of this water-course from contamination.

Cllr. Willcox reported that the Full B&NES Council had recently approved the **Draft Core Strategy** for public consultation; that he had at that meeting opposed the view adopted by Clutton Parish Council with regard to future housing development in the village; that he believed that without further housing expansion, and in particular without more affordable housing, the village would 'die' and lose more facilities and jobs than have already been lost over the last generation; and that since he believed that the Council is not representing the views of the residents of the village in this respect he intended to conduct a postal survey of all residents. The Chairman outlined the history of the Council's deliberations on this subject, both through the period of development of the Parish Plan and specifically in relation to the Core Strategy. It was proposed that provision should be made in the agenda for the next meeting for a full discussion of the publicised draft Core Strategy.

Clerk

145/10 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:

1. The Parochial Church Council requesting that the Council make

provision in its budget for next year for a contribution towards the estimated £2,430 cost of cutting the grass at the churchyard.

2. A resident, seeking the support of the Council in getting Lower Bristol Road put back on the list of roads to be gritted during severe weather. **Clerk**
3. Somerset Playing Fields Association, inviting the Council to become a member, and outlining the advantages to be gained from doing so. The Clerk was asked to investigate further and report back to the Council. **Clerk**

146/10 **Highways matters**

1. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the relevant officer at B&NES regarding the gritting of roads that are designated HGV roads, especially along Marsh Lane to prevent roads getting blocked by HGVs. **Clerk**
2. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the owner of the vehicle which regularly parks opposite the top of Church Lane, causing vehicles turning right out of Church Lane to turn directly into the path of oncoming vehicles. **Clerk**
3. Potholes were reported at
 - a. Marsh Lane, on the left before the junction with Temple Inn Lane coming from Bendall's Bridge;
 - b. Church Lane by Church Farm – recently filled in and now potholed again.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk should contact the highways inspector to find out when last the roads were inspected and when next they would be. **Clerk**

147/10 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

1. **Village Hall:** The curtains are being made at the moment
2. **Play area:** nothing to report
3. **School:** nothing to report
4. **Police:** It was reported that someone had been seen wandering about "looking for work" and walking into people's houses in Warwick Gardens.
5. **Footpaths:** The Chairman reported that styles have been replaced with kissing gates on either side of Clutton Hill near Southway; that improvements are being carried out to the footpath between the rear of Maynard Terrace and Clutton Hill, and that efforts have been made by the B&NES Footpaths officer to get the footpath between Venus Lane and Charlton Close cleared of the earth that has been piled up there..

At this point the meeting agreed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

- 148/10 **Leisure Area:** It was **agreed** that discussion of B&NES's proposals for a new lease for the Leisure area should be deferred until the next meeting in the hope that a greater number of councillors might be present. **Clerk**

Close: The meeting ended at 9.40p.m