

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 19th April 2010 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public.

1. The developer of the field by Maynard Terrace stated that he would contact the Council again once current investigations and consultations had been concluded, possibly in June.
2. A resident expressed concern about what press reporting of parish council meetings. The Clerk undertook to supply him with the minutes of the meetings of the Council held between December 2009 and March 2010.
3. A resident urged the Council to respond positively to the request of the Clutton Horticultural Society to support the Summer Flower Show, which would be discussed during the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Item		Action
40/10	Present: Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), B. Bailey, E. Healey, A. Hillier, S. Marwood, C. Mead, A. Parfitt, D. Phillips, E. Pickman, A. Starr, M. Williams, D. Withers; Mr. S. Willcox (Ward Councillor); Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); Mr. M. Brimble (Village Sweeper); Mr. P. Willcox (Play Area supervisor); 5 members of the public.	
41/10	Apologies and Absences: Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Veale.	
42/10	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th March 2010 were approved .	
43/10	Report from the Clerk The Council accepted the report previously circulated by the Clerk. Re: item 4, it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange to meet with the TPO officer to identify clearly all the trees in the parish which are subject to preservation orders. Re: Item 6, Cllr. Willcox reported that the tree on the allotment would be pruned within the next week. Re: Item 8, it was agreed that the Clerk would chase the question of whether the Railway Inn is listed, and the identification of the listed Cloud Hill Farm.	Clerk Clerk
44/10	Other matters arising from the minutes: 125/09 (4) Cllr. Willcox reported that he had himself cut the hedges to both Frank Senogles' field and the field below. He had not cut further because the owner of the latter was anxious to inhibit traffic speeds on Clutton Hill. It was further reported that the hedge along North End Road opposite Maypole Farm needs cutting. The Clerk undertook to contact the owner. 38/10 (4): Cllr. Willcox reported that the improvements to Marsh Lane are not included in programme for 2010-11, but that Stefan Chiffers had expressed the belief that he would be able to get them implemented.	Clerk
45/10	Finance: Subject to amendments reported by the Clerk, to the salary cheques for Mr. Brimble and Mr. Willcox (£254.00 and £162.54 respectively), the Council accepted the following reports previously circulated by the Clerk: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Monitoring report• Bank reconciliation• Finance Report The Clerk reported that it may be necessary to add £85.00 to the reported expenditure on administration, in respect of stationery.	
46/10	Planning Sub-Committee Report: Cllr. Marwood reported that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An application had been received in respect of The Old School House,	

in Station Road. This was a resubmission, seeking to deal with the B&NES refusal on the grounds of inadequate parking space for the proposed larger dwelling. The Sub-Committee recommendation was that the Council should object to this application on the grounds that there would be insufficient space to drive in and turn round within the cartilage of the property and that vehicles reversing out of the property onto the footpath would pose a threat to both adults and children who use this footpath frequently to walk to and from school and to and from the play area, recreation field and Village Hall, as well as to the dwellings in Venus Lane and Valley View, as well as the footpath along Station Road itself close to the school. The Recommendation was **approved** with one opposed and one abstention.

2. The smoking shelter at the Railway Inn has been dismantled.

47/10 Development of a Parish Plan

Cllr. Pickman reported that the draft Plan will probably need some amendment or additions following the proposed meeting of the working group with the Chairman and Clerk, and that a further report would be made to the next meeting. It was noted that the Plan should not be adopted until the issue of the accuracy of some of the mapped information supplied by B&NES has been resolved.

48/10 The Development of the B&NES Core Strategy.

The Chairman reported that it had been agreed that he and the Clerk would meet shortly with the Parish Plan working group to discuss what response the Council should give to the questions posed by B&NES in relation to the future development of the village, and to prepare a proposal to put to the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Willcox reported that the West of England Partnership Transport Plan (LTPF3) 2011-2026 would be published within the week and that the Council should consider the implications of a proposed new 'link' between Clutton and High Littleton. The Clerk undertook to secure a copy of the report.

Clerk

49/10 Parish Agency Scheme

Cllr. S. Marwood drew attention to the fact that there would be a two-year preparatory period before any handover of responsibilities, during which B&NES would carry out any heavy work necessary to put the 31 miles of footpaths in the parish into good condition, and that they would retain responsibility for heavy work into the future. It was recognised that the scheme would require the Council to purchase some equipment, such as a strimmer, secateurs, bill hook, and protective clothing; and to find and retain someone to do the work; and possibly to increase its insurance cover. A proposal that the Council should ask B&NES for a formal proposal was **agreed** by 9 votes to 2. The Clerk was asked to inform B&NES.

Clerk

50/10 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:

1. **The Clutton Horticultural Society**, seeking a financial contribution towards the costs of mounting the Summer Flower Show. It was proposed that the Council should make a donation of £150.00 in addition to the £25.00 'best allotment' prize and £12.50 dinner costs already approved.
2. **ALCA**, re. Councillor Training events. The Chairman urged members of the Council to take the opportunity.

51/10 Highways

1. Cllr. Parfitt reported that he had sent a detailed letter to B&NES identifying the **potholes** which need repairing.
2. It was reported that the Neighbourhood Watch sign on the A37 southbound

had been turned round, and the other (northbound) is very dirty. Cllr. Hillier undertook to ask at the NW meeting on April 29th what the arrangements are for remedying such details.

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3. It was reported that the post for the sign at the end of Maynard Terrace is still lying there. The Clerk undertook to chase this matter.

Clerk

4. Two accidents have recently occurred on Red Hill – in one, a car left the road and ended in Steve Dagger's field; the other involved a number of vehicles, of which one ended up in Colin Parsons' garden. Cllr. Parfitt undertook to let the Clerk know details of the latter event.

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52/10 Reports of Sub-Committees

The following reports were received:

1. **Allotments:** Councillor Bailey reported that he was aware of people who wished to take on an allotment. He undertook to let them know they should contact the Clerk.

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2. **Leisure Area:** There was to be a meeting with officers from B&NES about the draft lease.

3. **Village Hall:** instructions about the safe use of the building were being drafted and would be made available to all users.

4. **Parish Cluster Meeting:** the Chairman reported that the Clerk had submitted 3 questions on behalf of the Council. The first concerned the definition of a 'pothole worth repairing'; the second concerned the outstanding enforcements issues in relation to the Clutton Hill 'Industrial Estate', on which the Council is still pressing the reluctant B&NES officers for a meeting; and third sought answers from B&NES about what information they propose to put on the new Parish Mapping tool – without which it is virtually useless.

Cllr. Willcox reported that High Littleton had installed an electronic 'speed sign', and undertook to find out what it had cost and who paid for it.

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Close: The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.