

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 16th May 2011 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public

1. A resident reported an accumulation of litter around the bus stop by the Old Coal Yard on Upper Bristol Road.
2. A resident reported excavations on the plot adjacent to the play area and raised the question of the old right of way which crosses the play area towards Station Road; as well as obstruction to the badger setts in this area. The **Clerk** undertook to report the badger matter to the PCSO.
3. A visitor enquired about the nature of Cllr. Withers' declaration of interest during the March meeting. The **Clerk** undertook to clarify the matter at the next meeting.
4. A resident raised the matter of vehicle speeds in Station Road and asked the Council to consider pressing B&NES for the installation of bollards. Cllr. Veale reported the partial success of the speed reduction measures in Tunley.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Item	Action
58/11 Present: Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), V. Adie, A. Hillier, I. Myatt, A. Parfitt, A. Starr, D. Veale, M. Williams; Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 18 members of the public.	
59/11 Apologies and Absences: No apologies were received. The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Parish Councillors Adie and Myatt, and also the newly elected Ward Councillor Jeremy Sparkes. The Chairman also recognised the years of service performed by the outgoing Ward Councillor Stephen Willcox.	
60/11 Declarations of Interest: Each member of the Council signed – or had already signed their Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interests.	
61/11 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th April 2011 were approved	
62/11 Election of Chairman: The Clerk took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Tony Marwood was proposed and seconded, and there being no other nominations, was duly declared elected Chairman for the coming year. Cllr. Marwood resumed the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr. David Veale was proposed and seconded, and there being no other nominations, was duly declared elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.	
63/11 The Report from the Clerk was accepted . Amended finance figures: It was proposed and seconded that the amended figures in the Clerk's report be agreed, and this was agreed . Grit bin at Maypole Close. The Clerk undertook to put proposals and costs to the next meeting.	Clerk

- 64/11 **Other matters** arising from the minutes of the last meeting:
Item 55.11, 4. Cllr. Parfitt reported that he was chasing both the missing tarmac by the entrance to the Church car park and the pothole up Clutton Hill.
Item 56/11, 2. Defective bushes to the cradle swings in the Play Area: The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting a response from the B&NES play area inspector.
It was agreed that the matter of the lorries mistakenly using Church lane would be deferred to the next meeting.

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- 65/11 **Co-options:** the following persons were all nominated to be so-opted into membership of the Council:
Diane Adlington was proposed by Cllr. Adie and seconded by Cllr. Williams and this co-option was agreed unanimously.
Brian Bailey was proposed by Cllr. Veale and seconded by Cllr. Parfitt and this co-option was agreed unanimously.
Kit Kettel was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Hillier and this co-option was agreed with one dissenting vote.
Caroline Mead was proposed by Cllr. Hillier and seconded by Cllr. Parfitt and this co-option was agreed unanimously.
David Phillips was proposed by Cllr. Hillier and seconded by Cllr. Williams and this co-option was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman enquired about training opportunities for new and returning members of the Council and the Clerk undertook to circulate relevant information.

Clerk

- 66/11 **Finance:**
The Clerk introduced his Finance report and explained the absence of a
- Bank reconciliation
 - Monitoring report
- owing to the continued failure of the bank to send an end of March statement.
The Council **approved** the report.

- 67/11 **Planning Sub-Committee Report:**
The Clerk reported that he had received notification from B&NES of the following decision: *39 Maynard Terrace*: Permit
The Chairman reported that the B&NES website notes that the application in respect of new dwellings at *Clovelly, Greensbrook*, has been withdrawn.

The Clerk also reported that he had received a development application in respect of the Lo Cost Vans operation at the *Old Coal Yard, Upper Bristol Road*.

This is an application for retrospective consent to change of use to B1/B8, permitting the maintenance and repair of vehicles. The Chairman reported that the recommendation of the Planning Sub-Committee was that the Council not object to this development on condition that it be limited to the maintenance and repair of the operator's own vehicles, in support of the business of selling them, and not extended to the a general public service of vehicle maintenance and repair.

The Sub-Committee also wanted to see the Parish Council press the B&NES Enforcement staff to ensure that the escalation of the activities at this site into the sale of snacks and drink, spare parts, tyres, and accessories is not permitted, in response to the operator's proven track record for operating outside the terms of current planning consents.

The Sub-Committee's recommendations were **agreed**.

68/11 **Requisition for Parish Poll**

The Clerk reported that he had received a petition or requisition for a Parish Poll on the subject of speculative housing development, signed by ten residents. He explained that the conditions precedent to a Parish Poll did not exist and that the Council need not therefore consider this request.

69/11 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that he had received no other correspondence that he need to bring to the attention of the Council.

70/11 **Oral reports on Highways matters**

1. It was reported that a car had ended up in a field adjacent to the A37 at Red Hill – but no-one was able to shed any light on this matter.
2. Cllr. Adie enquired about how to find out about proposed road maintenance and repairs. The Clerk undertook to forward the current B&NES Highways Capital Programme to him.
3. The Clerk undertook to chase Trina Cummings about the surface repairs by the Church and up Clutton Hill.

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71/11 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

1. **Leisure Area:** The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting the draft lease.
2. **School:** The Clerk reported that the Governors had unanimously appointed a candidate to replace Gary Williams at the beginning of the next school year.
3. **Recreation field:** It was agreed that the Council should await the end of the season before considering what if anything can be done about the areas by the goal posts.

72/11 **Agenda for the next meeting**

Cllr. Williams requested that the composition of Sub-Committees and representatives of the Council on other bodies should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Cllr. Adie requested that a discussion of how to matter the Council and its policies more widely known be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Cllr. Williams asked that the possibility of installing a microphone at the Council table be reported to the next meeting.

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Close: The meeting ended at 8.45p.m