

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 21st November 2011 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public

1. A resident complained about drivers reversing into Station Road and causing a hazard for on-coming vehicles.
2. The tenant and the owner of the field by Maynard Terrace which is the subject of the controversial planning application reported nuisance in the form of dumping of refuse and vandalism in the form of damage to fencing, and additionally vandalism at the home of the owner of the field. Several more residents expressed their disgust at this behaviour. The Chairman undertook to ensure that a strongly worded message of disapproval was submitted to the parish magazine.
3. A resident expressed concern about the proposal to instal a shelter at the bus stop opposite the Stowey Road depot, and the fact that he had not been consulted. He also complained about the way the planning system makes it difficult for ordinary people to make their voice heard.
4. A resident asked the Council to move, or remove, a street light on Lower Bristol Road near the junction with King Lane.
5. A resident urged the council to instal a grit bin at Maypole Close.
6. A resident spoke in support of housing development being located at the Bromilow site, since that is a brownfield site.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Item	Action
132/11	Present: Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), V. Adie, K. Kettel, I. Myatt, A. Parfitt, D. Phillips, A. Starr; Cllr. J. Sparks (District Councillor); Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 9 members of the public.
133/11	Apologies and Absences: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Adlington, Hillier, Mead, Veale and Williams.
134/11	Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Adie declared an interest in respect of application No. 11/04300/OUT at Agenda Item 7.
135/11	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th October 2011 were approved, subject to noting that Cllr. Sparks had been present at the meeting.
136/11	The Report from the Clerk was accepted .
137/11	Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting: The Clerk undertook to forward to Cllr. Parfitt Liz Pickman's e-mail about pollution at Clutton Hill from the industrial estate.
138/11	Finance The Clerk's introduced, and the Council approved, the Finance Report. The Council accepted the Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring report.

139/11 **Planning Committee Report**

The Chairman reported that the Planning Committee met to consider in detail the large volume of documents associated with the Maynard Terrace application, no: 11/04300/OUT and had **recommended** that the Council oppose the application, and asked the Chairman to prepare a paper setting out its detailed reasons for rejecting it, which was tabled. Cllr. Sparks reported that the application would be considered by the BN&ES Development Control Committee on December 14th. The Council **agreed** the recommendation and the document setting out the reasons for rejecting the application, with one vote against and one abstention.

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from B&NES that the following development applications had been permitted:

Rogers Close

- 11/03908/FUL erection of a single story rear extension and decking at **1 Venus Lane** (retrospective).
- 11/03443/FUL 2 single storey buildings (changing rooms) at **Clutton Football Club**, Upper Bristol Road.
- 11/03946/FUL installation of photovoltaic panels at **Trident Factory, Marsh Lane.**

Cllr. Sparks reported that he had attended a meeting with Barratts, who said they were considering reducing the scale of their proposed development, and would submit an application shortly. He had noted that many of those who had signed letters of support for the Maynard Terrace development were young people, perhaps people hoping for a solution to their own housing needs through the development. He had also met with Bromilow and learnt that he is working with Places for People to bring forward an development application for the remainder of this site. He suggested that a formal housing needs survey might help to establish facts where at present there is only opinion and anecdote. Cllr. Adie proposed that in the new year the Council should take advantage of the opening given by the Localism Bill to develop the Parish Plan into a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk explained the current situation with the examination in public of the B&NES Core Strategy, and the requirement for the Council to submit in writing by December 13th any evidence it wishes to give at the hearing in January.

140/11 **Grit bin at Maypole Close**

The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had considered the locations proposed by residents at Maypole Close and agreed a preferred location. The Council **approved** the purchase and installation of a grit bin at that location, but asked the Clerk first to consult with B&NES officers about issues relating to management and protection from theft of such bins. The Clerk also reported that he had received requests for the installation of a grit bin both at Maynard Terrace and at Broomhill Lane/Furnleaze. The Clerk was asked to consult residents of these streets before pursuing

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these requests.

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141/11 **Suggestions for the Ward Councillors' initiative money**

The Council agreed to ask the Ward Councillor to use this money to support the cost of repair to the access roadway to the Leisure Area.

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142/11 **Report from the Services Committee**

This report, which the Clerk believed he had circulated had not been received, and it was agreed that it should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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143/11 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that he had received

- a letter from Midsomer Norton Dial a Ride, seeking a grant in 2012. He was asked to bring this to the meeting of the Finance Committee.
- A reply from the Land Registry, who stated that there was no public right of way into Station Road from the end of the Council's footpath from the recreation field to the rear of 10 Moorsfield. He was asked to write to all the residents whose gardens back onto this footpath to seek their views about its re-opening.
- An invitation from B&NES to a seminar in Keynsham about Neighbourhood Planning. Cllrs. Adie and Ekttel undertook to attend.

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144/11 **Oral reports on Highways matters**

1. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO and ask her to attend at school times to consider the problems caused by cars reversing into Station Road from Broomhill Lane.
2. Cllr. Sparks reported that he had urged B&NES to repair potholes in Venus Lane and Church Lane before severe winter weather makes them worse. He had been told that these roads were likely to be in the capital programme for next year for resurfacing in the same way that Station Road had been this year.
3. Cllr. Sparks reported that he had not yet heard back from Jon King regarding the bus shelter, and would chase this. It is clear that B&NES will not move it back to where it was before.

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145/11 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

- 1. Police liaison:** The Chairman reported that the next PACT meeting would be held in Clutton Village Hall, and urged those with concerns to attend.
- 2. Parishes liaison:** The Chairman reported on the matters raised at the recent Parishes Liaison and Parish Cluster meetings, including the proposals for a pilot scheme for 'snow wardens' in villages. The Clerk was asked to submit an article to the parish magazine seeking volunteers to act as 'snow wardens'.

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Close: The meeting ended at 9.40p.m