

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 15th November 2010 in the Village Hall

There were no submissions from members of the public.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Item		Action
123/10	Present: Councillors A. Marwood (Chairman), D. Phillips (Vice-Chairman), E. Healey, A. Hillier, C. Mead, A. Parfitt, E. Pickman, M. Williams, D. Withers; Mr. S. Barran (Clerk); 2 members of the public.	
124/10	Apologies and Absences: Apologies were received from Cllrs. A. Starr and D.Veale. Cllr. Bailey was absent.	
125/10	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
126/10	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th October 2010 were Approved.	
127/10	Report from the Clerk The Clerk explained that the special meeting of the Council to discuss the future of the Leisure had not been arranged because the situation seems to be developing positively and it seemed wise to await the conclusion of these developments.	
128/10	Other matters arising from the minutes: Re: Item 114/10 The Clerk undertook to check whether the new bins have been installed at the entrance to the Leisure area and in the Play Area. Re: Item 121/10, 2 it was reported that : <ol style="list-style-type: none">parking on pavements must amount to 'more than a trifling obstruction'.Parking on pavements is not in itself an offence, but 'driving on a pavement' and 'obstructing the pavement' are offences.The practical test is whether you can get a double buggy or a wheelchair through the space remainingThere is also an offence of parking a heaving commercial vehicle on the footpath.	
129/10	Finance: The Clerk introduced the following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bank reconciliationFinance ReportMonitoring reportFinance Sub-Committee report The Council approved the reports.	
130/10	Planning Sub-Committee Report: The Clerk reported that since June 1 st 2010, he had received the following notifications of decisions made by B&NES: <i>The Wharf, Greensbrook:</i> Decision: Permit. <i>Smallwood House, Cuckoo Lane:</i> Decision: Permit The Chairman reported that an application had been submitted in respect of a two-storey rear extension at 29 Maynard Terrace. The Planning Sub-Committee recommendation was that this application not be opposed, and the	

recommendation was **approved**.

The Chairman and the Clerk reported that they had not managed to experiment with the operation of the projector at the Village Hall, but that they would do so before the next meeting.

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131/10 **Highways matters**

1. It was reported there had been an accident at the Flat on the A37, but no details were known
2. There was an inconclusive discussion about large lorries getting stuck trying to drive up Church Lane. Cllr. Mead agreed to raise with the School the possibility of getting the Railway Tavern to agree once again that parents delivering children to the school might park in its car park, to reduce the need for cars to stop opposite the top of Church Lane.
3. The improvements to Marsh Lane have been completed.
4. There are still a number of potholes on Clutton Hill.
5. The drain in Scumbrum Lane/Cuckoo Lane, and several gulleys in Clutton Hill are blocked.
6. The drain from the Clutton Hill Industrial Estate is not now smelling.

CM

132/10 **Policy regarding bonfires on the allotments**

The Clerk presented a proposed policy permitting bonfires on the allotments, subject to specific constraints. It was **agreed** that the policy should be amended as follows:

- a. That the period during which bonfires are permitted would be November 1st to March 31st.
- b. That the time before which bonfires are not permitted should be amended from 12.00pm to 2.00pm.
- c. That this policy should be adopted on a trial basis for one year and should then be reconsidered in the light of experience.

The Clerk was asked to write to tenant to inform them that this is a trial, and to remind them that leaves can be composted in plastic bags with holes in them for air.

Clerk

133/10 **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received correspondence from:

1. Cam Valley Wildlife Group enclosing a newsletter. The Clerk was asked to inform them that hard copy was not now necessary since it is circulated by e-mail, and suggesting a link to the parish website.
2. A gardening contractor, offering to bid for the grass-cutting contract. The Clerk undertook to respond inviting a tender.
3. B&NES Finance Director inviting a Precept request to be submitted by February 7th 2011.
4. ALCA enclosing a newsletter.

Clerk

134/10 **Reports from Sub-Committees**

1. **Village Hall:** A report was made at the recent PACT meeting about youths playing in the car park on motorcycles. It was unclear what the situation about the fireproof curtains is. It was agreed that Cllr. Bailey should be asked to raise with the Committee the possibility of installing more fans when large dinners are held since the hall becomes very hot.
2. **Play area:** The supervisor had reported problems with dog mess in the play area. The Clerk undertook to get the catch fixed on the gate into the area from the playing field
3. **Road Sweeper:** The Clerk was asked to speak to the sweeper about clearing the leaves from the footpath outside the school.
4. **Flood Warden:** Cllr. Parfitt report that he is to conduct a survey of the

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drains in the village to map those which are blocked. There is occasional flooding by the triangle of grass by the Royal Oak.

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- 5. Bus Stop:** The Clerk was asked to chase the matter of the installation of a bus shelter at the bus stop opposite the Stowey Road depot on the A37.

Clerk

135/10 **The Parish Plan**

Cllr. Pickman reported that B&NES now have a copy of the plan, and the quotes would be sought for the cost of producing more copies for those who ask for them, to be sold at cost. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the plan be put on the website, and to hold two copies of the plan to make them available to members of the public who wish to consult them.

Clerk

Close: The meeting ended at 8.50p.m