

# Clutton Parish Council

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the Village Hall

## Submissions from members of the public

- A resident introduced himself as the litter picker and road sweeper.
- A resident introduced herself as an unofficial litter picker on Clutton Hill.
- Karen Warrington the Tory ward candidate urged the council to consult with neighbouring parish councils on matters of joint interest and mutual support. She also recommended that the council investigate rural broadband for the area.
- A resident reinforced the previous statement about rural broadband, but also urged the Parish Council to reconsider its previous stance on not commenting on planning applications in neighbouring parishes with particular regard for the solar farm application. The resident is not affected by the application directly but would like the parish council to oppose the application because it is in the greenbelt and the proposed scheme does not overcome this issue. If this application is approved it would set a dangerous precedent. The wider community is affected as many people enjoy the footpaths and visual amenity of the area. It is Grade 3 agricultural land. The proposed screening strategy is ineffective and will take 10 years to grow. The resident made a plea that those not affected should support their fellow residents. The community investment opportunity inviting residents to invest in the scheme for profit at the expense of their neighbours is divisive.

## Approved Minutes of the meeting of the Council

**Present:** Councillors R. Naish (Chairperson), V. Adie, S. Dagger, J. Fletcher, A. Hillier, P. Mullins, I. Myatt, S. Piddock; Cllr. J. Sparks (District Councillor); Mrs H Richardson (Clerk); Mr S Barren (RFO) and 16 members of the public.

Item	Action
49/14	<b>Apologies, absences and declarations of interest</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey, Cllr Veale, Cllr Phillips and Cllr Starr.  Cllrs Piddock, Mullins and Naish declared an interest in item 6 (Planning Application 14/01420/FUL 23 Maynard Terrace) as residents of Maynard Terrace.
50/14	The <b>minutes</b> of the meeting held on <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b> were <b>approved</b> .
51/14	<b>Clerk's Report</b> , which was previously circulated, was accepted.  Cllr Dagger volunteered to join the rural sounding board.  The clerk is setting up a Dropbox in order to share correspondence with councillors and reduce the number of emails that are forwarded to

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councillors. Invitations to share will be issued shortly.

It was agreed that a new printer should be purchased as the old printer is not working and to repair would not be cost effective. Out of two quotes, option 2 was agreed. Clerk to purchase new printer.

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The Clerk reported that she had received a detailed inspection report from the BaNES play inspector and that urgent maintenance issues needed to be attended to straight away, but that the larger issues should be considered by the services working group. The clerk undertook to arrange a meeting of the services working group to discuss.

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52/14 Other correspondence received included:

- A resident concerned about the planning application for the new access onto the Upper Bristol Road.
- A resident concerned about road safety on Station Road
- A resident urging the council to object to the solar farm and bringing their attention to the new strategy of putting solar panel on buildings as opposed to green fields.
- A letter from BaNES confirming that they are attending to the road signage around the Mead.
- A letter from the horticultural society thanking the parish council for the grant and confirming that this will be listed as a sponsorship in the schedule, that there is Clutton Parish Council Cup, space will be made available in the main tent and that the Parish Council grants a prize to the best kept allotment and that the council is asked to take responsibility of the shield and its engraving.

53/14 **Matters arising from the decisions at the last meeting.**

**Notice Boards** – As soon as BaNES development control confirm that planning permission is not required payment will be sent to purchase the 2 new external notice boards.

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**Lighting at the Leisure Area** – Site visit required between electrician, Southern Electric and Western Power to progress. Electrician has been recommended by the youth club.

**Co-options** - It was confirmed that there is no limit to the number of co-options that can be made at one time.

54/14 **Planning Working Group Report**

Cllr. Myatt reported that the Working Group had discussed the following applications:

**14/01021/FUL Parcel 8545, Upper Bristol Road: New vehicular access.** The working party recommended that the council should support the application as the proposed entrance would be safer than the existing entrance. The council agreed that the application should be **supported**.

**14/01510/FUL Parcel 0074, Flatts Lane, Farmborough: Solar Park.** After some discussion as to whether the Council should comment or make a recommendation on this application as it lies in a neighbouring parish it was decided that as it directly affects the residents of Clutton Hill the council had a legitimate interest in this application. The council agreed that this application should be **opposed** as it is a development on greenbelt land and it is detrimental to the amenity of the residents on Clutton Hill.

**14/00779/FUL Ingledene cottage, Upper Bristol Road: Erection of Detached Dorma Bungalow and garage.** The working party recommended that the council should support this application as it is infill, there is already an entrance and it follows the building line. The council agreed that this application should be **supported**.

**14/01227/FUL Tynemore Farmhouse, Stowey Road: Erection of a 5 Bedroom House following demolition of existing.** The working party recommended that the council should support this application. The council agreed that this application should be **supported**, but that there should be a condition that the materials used should match the surrounding properties.

**14/001056/FUL The Glen 49 Upper Bristol Road: Erection of a steel portal frame agricultural building.** The working group reported that it had concerns over this applications size and location. It is outside the housing development boundary and is too large for its setting. It was also noted that the former Methodist chapel had not been notified and that the council should do so out of courtesy. The Council agreed that the application should be **opposed**.

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**14/01344/HPD Southview, Cooks Hill. Prior approval request for single story rear extention.** This is for information only.

**14/01420/FUL 23 Maynard Terrace: replacement garden room extension and re-rendering of rear elevation.** The working party had no objection. The council agreed that the application should be **supported**.

#### **Other planning issues**

Cllr Myatt reported that he had been notified of the following planning decisions:

14/00389/FUL 1 Sunnyside had been refused  
14/00039/OUT parcel 0006 Maynard Terrace had been refused  
14/00041/OUT parcel 1300 Maynard Terrace had been refused  
14/00612/FUL Southways, 152 Clutton Hill had been permitted  
14/00549/OUT Churchlands, Greensbrook had been refused.

The ward councillor was asked to raise the inconsistency of these planning decisions with BaNES. Southways – a new build in the greenbelt was allowed in retrospect, when Sunnyside – replacement of a porch within its original footprint was refused. Clerk to forward application referenced to the ward councillor.

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55/14 **Progress Report on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr. Naish reported that the consultation event was booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12noon and would display the potential policies that will be included.

56/14 **Emailing the draft minutes**

The council **agreed** to the additional cost of £5 per month to email the minutes out to the subscription list generated by the new website. This would be for a trial period and reassessed in 6 months and a decision would be made then whether to continue or not depending on the number of subscribers. The clerk was asked to make sure that there was no cap on the number of subscribers and therefore no increase in this cost as more people subscribed to this service.

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57/14 **Traffic Calming**

Cllr Naish reported that Cllr Myatt, the Ward Councillor, the Clerk and the Chair met with Tom Haywood and Tasos Papaloucas of BaNES Highways Dept on 2 April to consider traffic calming measures that should be taken along the route through the village from Station Road up to the Mead. The highway dept will now conduct a speed/volume check, using radar and wires across the road to get accurate data and will then draw up a scheme. This could take up to 3 months. A proposed scheme will then have to be assessed against other proposals to see when it could be done. It was also reported that they are investigating the proposed footpath at the Sidings.

58/14 There were no other oral reports from representatives of the council

59/14 **Report from the Ward Councillor**

Ward Councillor Sparks reported that;

- The Application for a footpath opposite Maynard Terrace has been turned down.
- The current sewerage arrangements at the Sidings was about to be breached with the 3 additional houses being built. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to BaNES to raise this issue and to ask them to ensure that they will take action by withholding the habitation order until appropriate sewerage facilities are arranged. There is already a problem and this will only get worse when people move into the three additional houses.

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60/14 **Finance**

The Clerk and RFO introduced, and the Council approved, the Finance Report.

**Close: The meeting ended at 21.07 pm**