

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 15th December 2014 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public

- A resident asked for the Parish Councils support if an attempt was made to commandeer their land as part of the changes planned for the Maynard Terrace/Clutton Hill Junction.
- A member of public suggested that the Parish Council join with other Parish Councils with Parishes along the A37, to tackle issues caused by the A37.
- A planning agent speaking on behalf of Buglers Coaches who have made a planning application at the Tyne Depot (item 162/14) asked the Parish Council to support the application as the site is well screened, it is compatible with policy ET4 and has created local jobs and employment

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Present: Councillors R. Naish (Chairperson), V. Adie, S. Dagger, A. Hillier, P. Mullins, I. Myatt, D. Veale, D. Worskett, Councillor J. Sparks, Mrs H. Richardson (Clerk); and 8 member of the public.

Item		Action
159 /14	Apologies, absences and declarations of interest Councillors B. Bailey, J Fletcher, D Phillips, S Piddock and A. Starr sent their apologies. No declarations of interest.	
160/14	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th November 2014 were approved with the addition of the noting of a discussion that occurred at the end of the meeting on whether the council should pay for some grit to lay along the avenue of trees to make a path.	
161/14	The Clerk reported on matters arising from the decisions of the last meeting. B&NES are hoping to present the options for traffic calming (149/14) to us at the beginning of January. Tom Hayward has offered to present these to us personally. It was reported that the allotment leak has been fixed (153/14), and that Councillor David Phillips has lagged all the new pipes with lagging provided by Councillor Tony Starr. Councillor Vic Adie has obtained a quote for the grit for the avenue of trees which he would like to be considered for the 2015-2016 budget.	
162/14	Planning The council considered the planning application 14/05297/FUL: Tyne Depot, Stowey Road: Change of use from agricultural land and associated works to form a coach parking and turning area (retrospective). After long discussions the council agreed to not oppose the application for the following reasons: The Parish Council welcome applications that create local jobs and employment. The emerging Neighbourhood plan supports industry to the west of the A37. The level of intrusion is on the ground and is less than a	Clerk

building would be. However the Parish Council strongly disapprove that this was done retrospectively and found it much harder to support the application because of this. As a result, no environmental survey could be carried out. There had been no inspection of the site prior to commencement, building control had not been involved and any drains underneath could have been damaged. The site is also next to a Grade 2 listed building (the Methodist Chapel) who's surroundings should be protected.

The Council **agreed not to oppose** the application but would like to see the following conditions imposed:

- i) Low level lighting, that is motion activated, should be used so as to reduce the impact on the neighbours. (2007 plan saved policy BH22 External Lighting)
- ii) A survey should be carried out to identify any drainage pipes on the site. If found, steps should be taken to repair/ protect the pipes.
- iii) Trees and bushes should be planted around the site to screen the site and reduce visual harm.
- iv) As the surface is porous, a strategy should be put in place to prevent any diesel leaking into the ground from any leaks that might occur.
- v) No maintenance of vehicles should be carried out on site.

The council reiterated that they strongly disapprove that this was done retrospectively and the application lost support because of this.

It was reported that an appeal had been made for application 13/03562/OUT: Parcel 3300 Temple Inn Lane, Temple Cloud.

163/14 It was agreed that the Parish Council should take on the **2015 review of the Housing Development Boundary** as part of the Placemaking plan and that the Councillors for Planning would make a recommendation to the Parish Council at the February 2015 meeting.

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164/14 The **Temple Cloud Place making Options** were considered and although the Parish Council was hesitant about commenting on a neighbouring councils plan, it was agreed that a comment should be made as the development of SR23 would be in breach of Local Plan saved policy BH16: Village Buffers, as the potential development would be directly adjacent to the Clutton Parish Boundary. Any development would also be clearly visible from Clutton.

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Finance

165/14 The monthly finance reports were tabled and accepted

166/14 The first draft of the 2015-2016 budget was presented and would be considered by a finance working party and circulated to councillors for comment prior to the January Parish Council meeting. Other suggestions would include fixing the road in the Leisure Area and laying a gravel path through the Avenue of Trees.

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167/14 It was reported that the Parish Council facebook page was now live and

had 34 likes. More pictures and content would be added shortly.

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- 168/14 The **Ward Councillor** reported that he had a meeting with the residents of the Sidings and confirmed that the permit for the treatment plant has been granted. This should give the Environment Agency more power in regards to enforcement.

The trees have been inspected at the Sidings and so far, no damage could be seen, however the inspector has written to the owners of the site to say that they will not tolerate any damage to the trees on the site.

There has been a report of fly tipping at the Bromilows site which would be looked into further.

- 169/14 Correspondence received by the Clerk was presented:

a) Review of polling districts and polling places 2014/2015. Notices have been placed on the notice boards. The returning officer has suggested no changes to the arrangements in Clutton and the Parish Council agreed that no comment was necessary.

b) Complaints regarding motorbikes on the track between Clutton and High Littleton. As this track is in private ownership so the Parish Council have no jurisdiction. However the Clerk has written to the owners of the track asking whether they would consider dedicating it as a public bridleway.

c) The Council were informed that the scheme for the 7.5 Tonne Weight restriction and 30mph speed limit extension at Harts Lane Hallatrow, had been approved and signs were due to go up before Christmas.

d) It was reported that the new Development Project Manager from Curo had been in touch to say that they would be carrying out enabling works with B&NES approval, for the Maynard Terrace Development. For example trench digging for archaeological study, ecological surveys and commencement of off-site Highways works. Curo would be sending the Clerk updates to send out in the newsletter to keep residents informed. The Parish Council wanted more clarification regarding the stage in the process that the junction had reached as it felt there were still unanswered safety concerns following the independent stage 2 safety audit. The diagrams provided were incomplete and inaccurate, and were taken from a planning application, not created by B&NES and there is a question over land ownership. It was pointed out that B&NES have not informed us of any decisions regarding this junction, but Curo had told us it that they had an agreement in principle to proceed. A working party was set up to look further into the situation.

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e) The Councillors were informed that the Clerk has received several further complaints regarding the pavement on Maynard Terrace which is now completely overgrown and unusable. The owners had agreed to cut the hedge in September, but it still has not been done. They have now been sent a reminder and B&NES Highways have been notified.

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f) Another complaint was received via the Ward Councillor regarding the hedge belonging to No1 Moorsfield but which runs along Venus Lane next to the Village Hall. The owners have been notified.

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g) The owner of the hedge on the corner of Broomhill Lane and Station Road, who had been written to regarding their hedge, appealed to the Parish Council with reasons why they did not think they should cut the hedge. They also logged a complaint about parents parking illegally and littering when collecting children from school. The Parish upheld their original decision and agreed that the hedge encroaches over the boundary and makes a narrow path even narrower and it should be cut back as soon as possible, up to head height.

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I70/14 It was reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was now out for final consultation prior to submission to BANES in early Feb, aiming for a referendum in June 2015.

171/14 The Clerk reported on other activity since the last meeting. We have received a conditional offer for the grant from the Big Lottery Fund to buy equipment including a projector and screen so that we can have paperless meetings.

The Clerk gave updates on two enforcement cases.

The street light behind the village hall and the street light at Northend have been reported for maintenance.

Close: The meeting ended at 8.58pm