

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 21st July 2014 in the Village Hall

Presentation from Evan Weinburg – Wansdyke Telecom

Wansdyke Telecom can bring superfast broadband to Clutton if it can be demonstrated that there is a significant level of interest (around 20% of the village). Fibreoptic cables can be brought from High Littleton via overland cables that would run alongside the existing electricity cables into our homes.

They are currently fundraising, but once necessary funds are secured it would take about 18months to build the network.

Parishioners would pay a connection charge of around £150 and then a monthly fee of around £30 per month.

Submissions from members of the public

- A resident commented that the footpath from the Venus Lane play area up to the post office was very overgrown.
- A resident of Hallatrow urged the council to object to the planning application(discharge of 6 conditions) at Gillards Print services. The resident lived in the neighbouring property and raised the following points:
 - Surface water – there is currently a leaking pipe, seeping into her field
 - This is a retrospective application as the building is already up
 - Contamination will affect her livestock
 - If the condition on parking is removed – where will people park?
 - The Building has moved 2.5m to the west of the plans.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Present: Councillors R. Naish (Chairperson), V. Adie, B. Bailey, S. Dagger, J. Fletcher, A. Hillier, P. Mullins, D. Phillips, S. Piddock, D. Veale, D Worskett, Cllr. J. Sparks (District Councillor); Mrs H. Richardson(Clerk); 8 members of the public.

Item		Action
96/14	Apologies, absences and declarations of interest Councillors A. Starr and I. Myatt sent their apologies and Councillor S. Dagger noted that, re 106/14, he used the scout hut on a weekly basis.	
97/14	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014 and Monday 16th June were approved .	
98/14	The Clerk reported on matters arising from the decisions of the last meeting. Re:84/14 (66/14) The notice boards should be in place by the end of the month. Re:89/14. The council insurance will be transferred to AON. Zurich did send a revised offer but it was not as competitive as AON's.	
	Communications	
99/14	The Council agreed that Wansdyke Telecoms vision was very interesting and that once they had more definite plans, timeframes and prices they should be invited	Clerk

back to present them.

- 100/14 The **Communication working group** reported that they would be meeting the following week.

Finance

- 101/14 The **monthly finance reports** were tabled and accepted
- 102/14 The **finance working group** reported that they were currently investigating the usefulness and cost effectiveness of accounting systems and would report back with their recommendation.

Parish Council Review

- 103/14 The **Parish Council Review working group** reported that they had looked at the results of the councillor questionnaire and identified areas that they would recommend to change. The working group will arrange to meet up to draw up some recommendations to present to the council.

Services

- 104/14 It was reported that Councillor T Starr had spent a 12 hour day digging a trench at the allotments and installed 4 new taps at no cost to the council. It was noted that the demarcation of the allotment plots needed improving and that the plots were very large. It was **agreed** that as plots come available each plot would be divided into two and that the council would purchase additional posts to mark either side of each plot. It was noted that many allotment holders had asked for fires to be allowed at the allotments. Due to the large amount of clearing required to improve the appearance of the allotments, it was **agreed** that bonfires would be allowed in order to assist with the clear up, but that the situation would be reviewed in 6 months. Restrictions would be placed on the lighting of fires so that they were only allowed 2 hrs before sunset, that only green allotment waste would be permitted on the fires and that only allotment tenants could light the fires.

- 105/14 **Leisure area lighting**- It was reported that a an additional cost has been Identified for installing clocks to enable the lights to be switched off at 9.30pm (the proposed system would see the lights turning off at midnight). The two lights connected to the Cabin supply can have a clock installed at the source so that they will switch off at 9.30pm, but needs to go into the actual column. It was **agreed** that the work should proceed as originally quoted, with the lights turning off at midnight and the situation would be reassessed in the Autumn.

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Play Area Repairs – It was **agreed** that the Clerk should instruct the BaNES Play manager to go ahead with the work quoted for the Pedestrian Gates, The Rocker Fish, The Toddler Multiplay and the swings (including fixing an additional flat swing that has broken since the quote) and that the services working group would consider what is required to fix the goals and to make good the goal mouth.

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Planning

- 106/14 **14/02707/FUL; 47 Rogers Close: Erection of two storey rear extension:** The Council **agreed to support** the application as it is proportion to the existing

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premises and it doesn't appear to impact on its neighbours.

14/02860/FUL: Ryecroft, Upper Bristol Road: Erection of Conservatory to the rear. The Council **agreed to support** the application as it is a relatively small size and does not affect the number of people that can live in the property.

12/03438/REN: Gillard Print Services, Trident Works: Discharge of Conditions. Even though no comments are invited for this type of application the council **agreed to object** to the removal of these conditions. The parish council was very concerned that as far as the council were aware, there had been no substantive change to the material conditions since they were put on this application. The council felt very strongly that they should not be removed.

14/01761/VAR: Scout Hall, Station Road: Variation of condition 1 of application 11/00431/VAR. (Variation of condition 1 of application 06/00171/REN (Retention of scout hut (Renewal of temporary planning permission 00/02398/REN)) The Parish Council **agreed to support** this application .

Tree Preservation Order 2014 – Tynemore Farmhouse, Stowey Road, Clutton No10. The parish Council **agreed to support** that the Tree preservation order should be made permanent.

14/02746/FUL: 34 Maynard Terrace: Erection of double storey rear extension with adjoining single extension. The Parish Council **agreed to support** this application as it was in proportion to the size of the property and in keeping with other extensions along the road

Highways

107/14 It was **reported** that although the TMO for Harts Lane, Hallatrow was due on the 12th July it is now due on the 7th August.

Other

108/14 The Ward Councillor **reported** that:

- The environment agency had confirmed that Chew Valley homes had been instructed to apply for a permit for 9 houses to use their sewage system at the Sidings.
- The potholes in Church Lane had been repaired
- Clutton Hill will be shut soon for resurfacing.

Correspondence

109/14 **a)Discontinuation of the Bus Route 768** – It was reported that other bus routes were being amended through the centre of Clutton to compensate. As soon as the timetables are available they will be publicised via the noticeboards, website, and enews.

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b)Overgrown hedges on Broomhill Lane – The land owner had previously stated that he will cut these hedges in August once danger to wildlife had subsided.

c) Requested litter bin in the layby at the top of Clutton. The matter

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would be referred to BaNES.

d)Curo – Proposed Road Junction at Clutton Hill/Maynard Terrace – The **Clerk** Clerk was instructed to respond to say that Parish Council would like to thank Curo for sharing its plans for the junction, but felt unable to comment at this stage because the drawings had no dimensions.

e)Legal Team at NALC – Offensive anonymous communication - As the Council is taking legal advice on the matter, no comment can be made.

110/14 The **Neighbourhood plan steering group reported** that officers at BaNES were currently reviewing the first draft of the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan and that they would recommend amendments as necessary. The draft policies had previously been shared with the rest of the Parish Council and councillors were invited to make their own recommendations.

111/14 The **Recruitment working Group** reported that the Clerk had completed her 3 month trial period and the Parish Council **agreed** to make the position permanent. It was also reported that the Clerk was regularly working between 20-30 hours per week. The Parish Council **agreed** to allow the Clerk to claim up to 13 hours overtime per month on top of the 12 contracted hours per week, if and when required.

112/14 The Clerk **reported** that the Horticultural Society and Dial a ride had written to say thank you for this year's grant. The Clerk would start advertising for grant applications for the next financial year. **Clerk**

The Clerk **reported** that she would start advertising for parishioners to submit proposals for items they would like to be included in next year's budget, to be considered by the Council in October. **Clerk**

As is customary there will be no meeting in August.

Close: The meeting ended at 9.33pm