

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 16th March 2015, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public

- A member of the public commented on the recent planning application for a new farm shop on the A37. The application had been supported by the Parish Council, but recently refused by B&NES and now the village will lose the village butchers as it cannot continue in its current position and the applicant is not going to appeal as it all costs money.
- A member of the public stated that other parishes have raised the issue of planning decisions going against the Parish Council's recommendation and are planning to join forces to confront B&NES.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Present: Councillors R. Naish (Chairperson), B. Bailey, S. Dagger, A Hillier, P Mullins, D. Phillips A. Starr and D Worskett; Mrs H Richardson (Clerk); 4 members of the public.

Item	Action
32/15 Apologies, absences and declarations of interest Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Adie, Fletcher, Piddock, Myatt, Veale and J Sparks (District Councillor). No Declarations of Interest	
33/15 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 th February 2015 and were approved.	
34/15 The Clerk reported that the insurance company had said that any bollards placed by the wall of the village car park should be done in consultation with B&NES highways and their advice should be taken on any extra measures to protect the wall. (31/15)	
35/15 The following planning applications were considered: a)15/00861/FUL: Broomhill House, Broomhill Lane. Erection of extension to existing garage to form additional living space and erection of new detached garage. The Parish Council agreed that this application should be supported as it is within the Housing Development Boundary, and not in the Greenbelt. b) 15/00795/AGRN: Somersby Orchard, The Gug, High Littleton. Erection of open fronted agricultural store. It was agreed that there was no need to comment.	Clerk
36/15 The Finance Reports were tabled and accepted	
37/15 The Asset Register was reviewed and three changes recommended and accepted, to be presented for approval at the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.	
38/15 Further to last months report on the traffic calming scheme (25/15) and	

confirmation that the scheme had been brought forward and now scheduled for 2015/16 as agreed by committee, it now appears that no-one had informed the officers implementing the scheme, who are still under the impression this is scheduled for 2017/18. Once the situation is clarified, a presentation to parents at school pick up time will be arranged and a presentation at the Annual Village Meeting for all residents in April.

Further to the latest report on the junction at Maynard Terrace and Clutton Hill (26/15), B&NES traffic engineers agreed that sufficient safety audits had not taken place on the proposed junction and B&NES officers had requested that Curo commission an independent Stage 2 safety audit in line with best practice. The Parish Council were extremely disappointed to learn that Curo have refused to comply. Therefore B&NES have agreed to run the scheme through their own safety experts.

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| 39/15 | The Councils Risk assessment was reviewed and Councillor Rosemary Naish agreed to consider this in more detail and present it again in time for approval at the Annual meeting of the Parish Council in May. | RN |
| 40/15 | Options for repairing and replacing the benches on the Village Green were considered and it was agreed to approve the quote from Primrose Garden Maintenance Ltd. | Clerk |
| 41/15 | Options for pruning the vegetation in the children's playground were considered and it was agreed to approve the quote from Primrose Garden Maintenance Ltd on the proviso that they would remove all the debris. | Clerk |
| 42/15 | The agenda for the Annual Village Meeting in April was considered and it was agreed that in addition to the standard items and as long as the scheduling had been confirmed, the traffic calming scheme would be displayed and discussed with residents. | |
| 43/15 | As Councillor Sophie Piddock was not present the item on the Parish Councils complaints procedure would be adjourned until a future meeting. | Clerk |
| 44/15 | The Ward Councillor was not present. | |
| 45/15 | Correspondence since the last meeting: | |
| | a) A grant application from the horticultural society was considered and it was agreed that the horticultural society should be asked to submit a financial statement in line with the Parish Council's grants policy and the application would be considered again at the next meeting. It was also suggested that the grants policy should be reconsidered with regards to requests for small amounts, however as the policy is in place it should be adhered to. | Clerk |
| | b) An invitation from the horticultural society to participate in the flower show 2015. It was agreed that the decision should be delayed until after | Clerk |

the May elections.

c) It was reported that the pavement on Maynard Terrace has now finally been cut, however it is still unusable as the pavement has been out of use for so long it has been taken over by vegetation and the hedge cuttings have been left on the pavement forcing pedestrians onto the road on a blind corner. This has been reported – case no 80651

d) A resident has requested a litter bin at the end of Maynard Terrace as this is a route regularly used by dog walkers. It was agreed that a request for a bin should be made to B&NES. Clerk

e) The school has confirmed that it has officially converted to academy status and become part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership.

f) B&NES have requested a nomination for a flood representative to represent Clutton and provide a communication channel between the councils Drainage and Flooding team and the community. Nominations should be received by 30th April 2015 Clerk

g) The polling day for Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 7th May. Anyone wishing to stand should complete and hand deliver their nomination forms to the Guildhall by 4pm on Thursday 9th April All

h) A complaint was received regarding the green box which has appeared outside the Post Office without prior warning or consultation. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had not received prior notification either however although the positioning was regrettable there was little that could be done unless it was impeding the pavement.

46/15 It was reported that the draft Clutton Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to B&NES. There is a publicity period ending 5pm Friday 17th April when representation can be made. The plan will then be submitted to an independent examiner. It is expected the examination will be completed by the end of April and if it passes a referendum will be held by the end of June.

47/15 The Clerk reported on other activity since the last meeting including:
Allotments plot holders would be contacted shortly regarding renewal;
Street light (Clutton Hill 006) has been reported as not working;
Primrose Garden Machinery will be re-turfing parts of the football pitch as soon as the ground dries up a bit;
The driver of the car that damaged the village car park wall has been in touch about repairing it;
An extension has been requested for the planning application for the Railway Inn so that it can be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting;
Further concerns regarding activity at Honey Gaston has been reported to enforcement.

Close: The meeting ended at 8.57pm